

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2023

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, Vice Chairperson L. Biehn and Trustees K. Guillas, G. Hunter, S. Kohinski, J. McNeily, R. Toews

Also Present: J. Young, K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets:

BPTA: G. Salmon (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) New Vocational School Planning Update
 - b) Board Reflection
 - c) Leave Request
 - d) Maternity/Parental Leave Request
 - e) Student Suspension
 - f) Potential Provincial Funding Shortfalls
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Leave Request
 - b) 2023-24 Staffing Forecast update
 - c) Staffing Update
 - d) Neepawa Vocational School Property Update
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of November 2023 were approved.
4. The following revised policies were approved:
 - A.D. "Accessibility"
 - I.D. "Student Services - Appropriate Education"

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- I.D.A. "Student Services - Appropriate Education Procedures"
- I.D.B. "Student Services – Principal's Responsibilities"
- I.F. "Student Services Clinical Services"
- I.K. "Use of a Trained Service Animal in a School"

5. Superintendent's Business Report

- a) The request for 8 days unpaid leave above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was denied.
- b) The request for maternity/parental leave from February 1, 2024 to March 1, 2025 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date was approved.
- c) 2023/24 Substitute Teachers: Graeme Chapman, Naomi Plett
- d) Resignation from Perline Romero, Educational Assistant at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective December 22, 2023.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- a) The request for leave of absence without pay above what is provided for in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date was denied.
- b) The November 30, 2023 financial reports were approved.
- c) By-Law No. 306, a by-law to establish trustee annual indemnities was read a second and third time and finally passed, signed and sealed.
- d) Resignation from Greg Funk, Bus Driver for Route #17 was accepted effective January 5, 2024.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Workplace Safety & Health unapproved minutes from the December 5, 2023 meeting were circulated.

8. Other Reports

- a) MSBA e-news December 6, 2023 was circulated.
- b) MSBA call for workshop presenters and student participation - MSBA is looking for presenters for the annual convention that fit with "Leading Forward" theme. Deadline to apply is January 12, 2024.
- c) MSBA Raffle donations for 2024 annual convention – MSBA is requesting raffle donation with proceeds going to a charitable organization. The board would like to donate something.
- d) MSBA executive highlights were circulated.

- e) MSBA memo – Fall Legislature sitting December 2023 - The new provincial government has tabled several bills that could affect schools. Bill 2 – The Louis Riel Act would have an impact on curriculum. Bill 4 – Employment Standards Code for Orange Shirt Day would recognize a provincial statutory holiday on September 30 each year or the following Monday if September 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday. Bills 5 & 6 did not proceed regarding adult education.

9. Superintendent’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Letter from Arts Forward - Indigenous Culture Day 2024 - The letter was reviewed and there was a discussion regarding the division involvement in past.

10. Secretary-Treasurer’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Jordan’s Principle Funding - Board discussion was in regards to how this support integrates with the division and the benefits to our students.

11. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Coming Events were reviewed.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the November 30, 2023 expenditures be approved for a total of \$2,103,281.81.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

#47735 - #47800;
#47808 - #47879;
#47880 - #47896 VOID;
#47897 - #47929;
#47930 VOID;
#47931 - #47943;
#47945 - #48012;
#48044 - #48067 \$ 984,557.75

Payroll Direct Deposits: #97287 - #97956 \$ 1,118,724.06 *Carried*

- 4. That the following revised policies be approved as presented this date:

- A.D. Accessibility
- I.D. Student Services - Appropriate Education
- I.D.A. Student Services - Appropriate Education Procedures
- I.D.B. Student Services – Principal’s Responsibilities

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I.F. Student Services Clinical Services

I.K. Use of a Trained Service Animal in a School

Carried

5. That the request for 8 days unpaid leave above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Defeated*
6. The the request for maternity/parental leave from February 1, 2024 to March 1, 2025 as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item d) of this date be approved. *Carried*
7. That the request for leave of absence without pay above what is provided for in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Defeated*
8. That the November 30, 2023 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
9. That by-law 306, a by-law to establish trustee annual indemnities BE READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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