

Beautiful Plains School Division
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2024

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

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Student Suspensions
 - b) Contingency Funding Request
 - c) High School Grads
 - d) Senior Admin Evaluation
 - e) Preliminary Enrolment vs Budgeted Staffing
 - f) Leave Request

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Divisional Absence Reports 2023-24
 - b) Support Staff
 - c) Land Acquisition Update
 - d) Projected June 30 Financial Statements
 - e) Former Student

3. Parent Inquiry

4. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The minutes of the September 3, 2024 Inaugural and Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of July 2024 were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
 - a) Revised Policy H.C. - Field Trip Safety was approved which included wording to match new resource documents.

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- b) Revised Policy J.G.K. – Personal Electronic Devices/Cell Phones was approved. The policy changes align with the new provincial directive regarding cell phone use in schools.
- c) Revised Policy G.M.A – Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry Checks was approved which included a minor change in wording to align with practice.
- d) Conscious Leadership – Board completed this leadership activity with a summary of the process and reflected on the impact the process provided.

5. Superintendent's Business Report

- a) 2024/25 Substitute Teachers: Dixie Friesen, Ken Friesen, Arlene Montemayor, Teresa Morrison-Meyers, Tawny Kerkowich, Gwen McCaskill, Perline Romero, Linda Boyle, Donna Christison, Melanie Burnett
- b) Jacquilyn Cadelina was employed as a part-time term educational assistant effective September 16, 2024 to June 25, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.
- c) Gemmalyn Benamer was employed as an educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.
- d) Jubeth Laurie was employed as a part-time educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 and assigned to J.M. Young School.
- e) Daniela Fast was employed as a term educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 to February 28, 2025 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School.
- f) Resignation from Desi Cameron, Educational Assistant at Neepawa Middle School was accepted effective August 30, 2024.
- g) Resignation from Carmen McPhee, Educational Assistant at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective November 15, 2024.
- h) The within division school of choice request from Joe and Jessica Leach for their son Jack Owen Leach to attend Grade 6 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 4, 2024 was approved.
- i) The within division school of choice request from Joe and Jessica Leach for their son Aiden Robert Leach to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 4, 2024 was approved.
- j) The out of division school of choice request from Chuck and Priscilla Webb who reside in Brandon School Division for their son Riel Emil Webb to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 10, 2024 was approved.
- k) The Division will support the Westman Youth Choir with a donation of \$ 250.⁰⁰.

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- l) The request for leave without pay for 1.5 days beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item f) of this date was approved.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) School fund reports for Neepawa Collegiate, Neepawa Middle School and Carberry Collegiate were received.

7. Committee Reports

- a) The Workplace Safety & Health Agenda for September 17, 2024 was circulated.
- b) PD Meeting & Divisional PD Event – was held September 16 with Allison Forsyth as the presenter. The PD session was well attended and finished the day off with a parent session in the evening.

8. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – 2024-2025 Learning Opportunities was circulated. The calendar of PD events was reviewed with key dates noted.
- b) MSBA – 2024 Nominations and Resolutions Process - Open positions were reviewed and the process for resolutions was outlined.
- c) Compliance Letter In-Service and Admin Day Follow-Up - A letter has been sent to request consideration for the existing administrative day calendar.
- d) MSBA – Provincial Collective Agreement Discussion Agenda was provided. A full day in person meeting was held September 6 and half day virtual session was held September 12 to review the new provincial collective agreement now in place for teachers.
- e) MSBA - Correspondence School Year - Copies of letters sent to various provincial Ministers were provided. These letters were sent September 5 and were from resolutions passed at the March 2024 MSBA Convention.
- f) MSBA - e-news September 11, 2024 was circulated.

9. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Article – “School Cellphone Ban Could Spur Rush for Doctor's Notes” – The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba has provided a reminder to all doctors as doctors may see an increased request for formal notes regarding cell phone use in school for medical purposes.
- b) Guidelines for Cell Phone Use in Manitoba Classrooms – Frequently Asked Questions – This FAQ document published by Manitoba Education was circulated.
- c) High School Apprenticeship Program 2023-2024 Year in Review – During the 2023 – 24 school year, 26 students have graduated. These students are eligible for tuition payable on their behalf from Apprenticeship Manitoba at qualifying colleges.

- d) Article – “Crowded Classes Lead to Hallway Education” - Author of the article is referencing the lack of space in schools has created a similarity to hallway medicine. This article also referenced West Saint Paul 2022 growth as the 10th fastest growing municipality in Canada. For reference, Neepawa was the 12th fastest growing municipality across Canada.
- e) Article – “Rural SD’s talk cellphone ban” – This article references Beautiful Plains School Division and included comments that the division will continue to work through these changes with our families.

10. Open Forum

- a) Coming Events were circulated.
- b) Board quote was approved for circulation.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Inaugural and Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the July 31, 2024 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 1,870,908.36.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

#49787 - #49896 \$ 982,574.62

Payroll Direct Deposits: #103006 - #103456 \$ 888,333.74 *Carried*

- 4. That Jacquilyn Cadelina be employed as a part-time term educational assistant effective September 16, 2024 to June 25, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*
- 5. That the revised policy be approved as presented this date:
- H.C. Field Trip Safety *Carried*
- 6. That the revised policy be approved as presented this date:
- J.G.K. Personal Electronic Devices/Cell Phones *Carried*
- 7. That the revised policy be approved as presented this date:
- G.M.A. Criminal Record and Child Abuse Registry Checks *Carried*
- 8. That Gemmalyn Benamer be employed as an educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*

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9. That Jubeth Laurie be employed as a part-time educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 and assigned to J.M. Young School. *Carried*
10. That Daniela Fast be employed as a term educational assistant effective September 3, 2024 to February 28, 2025 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School. *Carried*
11. That the within division school of choice request from Joe and Jessica Leach for their son Jack Owen Leach to attend Grade 6 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 4, 2024 be approved. *Carried*
12. That the within division school of choice request from Joe and Jessica Leach for their son Aiden Robert Leach to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 4, 2024 be approved. *Carried*
13. That the out of division school of choice request from Chuck and Priscilla Webb who reside in Brandon School Division for their son Riel Emil Webb to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 10, 2024 be approved. *Carried*
14. That the Division support the Westman Youth Choir with a donation of \$ 250.⁰⁰. *Carried*
15. That the request for leave without pay for 1.5 days beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item f) of this date be approved. *Carried*
16. That the school funds report for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for the following schools be received:
 - Neepawa Collegiate – Athletics
 - Neepawa Collegiate – General
 - Carberry Collegiate – General
 - Neepawa Middle School - General*Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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