

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 1, 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

BPTA: D. Swanton (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Enrolment Update
 - b) Staff Update
 - c) Contingency Funding
 - d) Policy G.A. "Staffing Guidelines"
 - e) Student Suspension
 - f) Leave
 - g) Senior Admin Evaluation
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Support Staff
 - b) Projected June 30 Financial Statements
 - c) Leave Request
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
2. The minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of August 2024 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) 2024/25 Substitute Teachers: Colleen Taylor, Caleb Wollman, Courtney Chandler, Catlyn Schafer, Caitlin Meyers, Steven Greyeyes, Robert Ferguson

- b) Marna vanWyk was employed as an educational assistant effective October 15, 2024 and assigned to J.M. Young School.
- c) Laura Cox was employed as a teacher on a part-time limited term teacher general contract effective October 1, 2024 to December 20, 2024 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) 2023-24 Financial Review - Preliminary financial statements for June 30, 2024 were reviewed. A deficit beyond budget is anticipated as wage increases for all staff for two fiscal years were more than budgeted.
- b) The request for 17.5 days leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report #2 item a) of this date was approved.

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA – e-news September 25, 2024 – Call for nominations and the new resolutions process for Manitoba School Board Association annual meeting were reviewed. Online webinar opportunity regarding board governance was provided.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Letter from Minister Altomare – In-Service and Admin Days - Approval was received to maintain the 2024 – 25 school calendar as submitted.
- b) New School Petition from Progressive Conservatives – The Progressive Conservative party has published a document launching a provincial petition to resume plans for building nine new schools to alleviate space issues for growing divisions. The board discussed concerns as the PC party indicated the nine new schools have been cancelled. As a growing division, our classrooms are nearing capacity and ancillary spaces are fully utilized.
- c) BPSD Grad Rates – High School graduation rates are tracked and compared from year to year provincially. Student-tracked high school graduation rates allows for analysis of how long it takes students to graduate from starting in Grade nine. Province of Manitoba will publish 94.7% for BPSD because we have a number of students with special needs that continue in school until age 21 as this is best for the student. BPSD graduation rate is 97.4% based on students enrolled in credits.
- d) Board/Principal Conference Update - Dates of the conference will be January 16th & 17th, 2025. The theme and agenda has been approved. The topics for the Ask the Board/Ask the Principal will be finalized in the next few weeks.

8. Open Forum

- a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

b) Coming Events were circulated.

Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
2. That the minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
3. That the August 31, 2024 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 2,078,149.91.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

#49897 - #50093 \$ 1,255,922.79

Payroll Direct Deposits: #103457 - #103825 \$ 822,227.12 *Carried*

4. That Marna vanWyk be employed as an educational assistant effective October 15, 2024 and assigned to J.M. Young School. *Carried*
5. That Laura Cox be employed as a teacher on a part-time limited term teacher general contract effective October 1, 2024 to December 20, 2024 and assigned to Hazel M Kellington School. *Carried*
6. That the request for 17.5 days leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions Provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report #2 item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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