

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2025

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

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

Regrets: K. Guillas, G. Hunter

BPTA: L. Keller (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Leave Request
 - b) Personal Leave Update
 - c) Leave Request
 - d) NACTV/Board Meetings
 - e) 2025 – 26 School Calendar
 - f) Senior Admin Evaluations

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Land Acquisition
 - b) Former Students
 - c) Support Staff
 - d) Budget 2025-26 Preparations

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Revised Policy G.D.C. "Jury Duty" was approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) John Potter was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 24, 2025 to March 21, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate

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- b) Cam Veitch was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective April 24, 2025 to June 27, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.
- c) Ashlee Plett was employed as a teacher on a .10 limited term teacher general contract effective January 27, 2025 to June 27, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M. Kellington School.
- d) 2024/25 Substitute Teachers: Audra Rainka
- e) The request for leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.
- f) The within division school of choice request from Shane and Danielle Juenke for their child Ralph Donald James Juenke to attend Grade 5 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School, effective January 27, 2025 was approved.
- g) The Division will support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2025 with a donation of \$250.00.
- h) The request for a one year leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in the Collective Agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report Item c) of this date was approved provided a suitable replacement can be hired.
- i) Resignation from Alexa Hulme, Teaching Principal at Twilight Colony School was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

5. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – January 22, 2025 – Registration for the MSBA Annual Convention is now open. Recognition awards deadlines were included. A scholarship opportunity was included. On behalf of MSBA and all school divisions in Manitoba, Sandy Nemeth, President of MSBA extended condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Minister Nello Altomare on his passing.
- b) MSBA Memo to Boards re 2025 Student Citizenship Awards – These awards recognize students throughout Manitoba who contribute to their communities and schools through outstanding citizenship, leadership, public service and voluntary endeavors. Nomination package was provided.
- c) MSBA Memo to Members - Positive Publicity Campaign - 23 Jan 2025 – MSBA campaign to promote public awareness of the good work being done in education has started. Divisions are encouraged to provide examples for MSBA to showcase. Trustees identified local divisional examples to send forward for this initiative.
- d) Speakers, Sessions and Entertainment 2025 – Professional Development sessions for the 2025 Annual MSBA Convention were circulated and Trustees indicated the sessions they would like to attend.

- e) Board/Principal Round Table Discussion – Topic 1
“Sustainable Budgeting/School Fees/Fundraising” – Feedback from round table discussions was reviewed and discussion focused on the positive things that we learned, the challenges that were presented and identified the things that are inside our control that we may have an impact on or can help us move forward.

6. Superintendent’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Division Action Plan – follow-up from Day 2 discussion at Board/Principal – The boards’ action plan is to raise public awareness and understanding to keep our relationships strong and supportive. Steps taken to date include showcasing the positive initiatives in the Division through the MSBA Positive Publicity Campaign.
- b) Article – “Keeping School Board Elections Fair for All” – This Free Press article is regarding not having provincial legislation in place to regulate financial funding for school board elections. The article requests clear and consistent criteria be put in place so that trustees can’t be put in place due to money.
- c) Article – “Neepawa Takes its Future into its Own Hands” – Brandon Sun article focuses on the growth in Neepawa and the planning done by the Town of Neepawa. The article referenced the new RCMP station, a new hospital and a new school. Immigration is outlined as the main factor in growth up until now.
- d) Ministerial questions for MSBA Convention – The board reflected on the possible topics to pose questions on. Questions will be submitted based on the topics of capital projects (new school and ongoing projects), Education Funding (formula, provincial teacher collective agreement, & nutrition initiative) and staff recruitment & retention.

7. Open Forum

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

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the following revised policy be approved as presented this date:
 - G.D.C. “Jury Duty” *Carried*
- 4. That John Potter be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 24, 2025 to March 21, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*

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5. That Cam Veitch be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective April 24, 2025 to June 27, 2025 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*
6. That Ashlee Plett be employed as a teacher on a .10 limited term teacher general contract effective January 27, 2025 to June 27, 2025 and assigned to Hazel M. Kellington School. *Carried*
7. That the request for leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*
8. That the within division school of choice request from Shane and Danielle Juenke for their child Ralph Donald James Juenke to attend Grade 5 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. Young School effective January 27, 2025 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the Division support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2025 with donation of \$250.⁰⁰. *Carried*
10. That the request for a one year leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in the Collective Agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved if a suitable replacement can be hired. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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