

Beautiful Plains School Division
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 4, 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) New Vocational School Planning Update
 - b) Letter - Neepawa and Area Pride
 - c) Student Suspensions
 - d) Student Suspension Summary
 - e) Legal Update
 - f) Contract Evaluation Senior Admin
 - g) Leave Request
 - h) Grade 12 Provincial ELA Exam

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) 12 Month Employee Vacation Carry Forward
 - b) Leave of Absence
 - c) Leave of Absence
 - d) Transportation Update
 - e) Forecast 2023-24

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the May 21, 2024 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of April 2024 were approved.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
 - a) Revised policy C.C.B. "Role and Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer" was approved.

5. Superintendent's Business Report

- a) Kyla Janz was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 3, 2024 to June 27, 2025 and assigned to R.J. Waugh School.
- b) Educational Assistant staffing for the 2024-2025 school year was approved.
- c) 2023/24 Substitute Teachers: Siri Freeman, Denise Uebersax, Anna Gervais
- d) The request for 6.5 hours leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item g) of this date was approved.
- e) Resignation from Kyra Kaspick, Educational Assistant at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 21, 2024.
- f) Resignation from Sheila Bremner, Preschool Facilitator for Beautiful Plains School Division was accepted effective June 30, 2024.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The April 30, 2024 financial reports were approved.
- b) By-law No. 307 for the purpose of establishing a line of credit for operating purposes in the amount of \$3,700,000 was read a second and third time and finally passed, signed and sealed.
- c) The Division Office summer hours from July 2 to August 23, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. were approved.
- d) Division Facilities Summer Hours. The Division facility hours were established as follows: Monday to Thursday from July 2 to August 23, 2024.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Workplace Safety and Health Committee Meeting agenda was circulated. The Division applies for a variance to allow for one Workplace Safety and Health Committee for the division rather than a committee for each site with 20 employees or more. Approval was received last week. Next committee meeting is scheduled as September 17 at 1:30 in person at the Division Office.
- b) PD Committee Report – trustee Guillas reported the speakers for the September and February PD days.

8. Other Reports

- a) MSBA Memo - Risk Management and Insurance Services — May 27 memo announced that Leonard Zdrill is the new Director of Operational Risk, Safety, Health and Liability Management effective June 3rd, 2024. Also, Janis Arnold has retired.

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- b) MSBA - Requests from Delegations (Private Citizens) to Appear/Address School Board Meetings – Memo provides guidance to school boards. Divisional Policy B.E.C, along with the procedural document were reviewed.
- c) MSBA – e-news May 29, 2024 was circulated. June is National Indigenous History Month. Resources are available to schools for in-class learning regarding school division by-elections that are happening across the province. CSBA Conference 2024 is in Toronto July 3 – 5 and the annual CSBA Conference for 2025 will be held in Winnipeg.

9. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) News Articles - "School Funding Formulas Monumental Challenge"
- "Division Sues Mom for Defamation over Facebook Posts"
Funding article author emphasized the importance of public education and indicated equity and inclusion is what needs to be focused on. There have been multiple media sources that have published articles regarding a recent social media challenge involving our Division. The Division can't speak to the details as this issue is in court currently.

10. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Track Area at Neepawa Collegiate - Work has been done over the last few years to upgrade the running track and jump areas. The final work was completed as of the beginning of June.

11. Open Forum

- a) Board Quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Coming Events were circulated.
- c) JM Young Painting Project – Final details regarding some areas to be painted were discussed.
- d) Staff Appreciation - Details were finalized for the June staff appreciation gift cards.
- e) Staff Recognition Dinner – Final number of attendees were provided. Less than half of the staff being recognized will be attending and only a small number of others have purchased tickets. The board will use this information for future staff recognition considerations.
- f) Education Matters Article to celebrate efforts and achievements across the division was discussed. A draft will be provided at the next regular board meeting.
- g) Enrolment Update was provided. At May 31, 2024 there were 2,308 students enrolled. Enrolment has increased approximately 150 students or 7 classrooms between June 2023 and June 2024. Budget for 2024 – 25 included enrolment increase of 90 students through the school year.

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DIV. OFFICE: Sonya Paterson (part time)

COLONY SCHOOLS:

Acadia:

Fairway:

Riverbend: Pam Rempel

Rolling Acres: Wendy Mah

Sprucewood: Kim Karlicki

Twilight: Jody Delaloye

Willerton: Jennifer Bell; Diane Watson

Carried

7. That the request for 6.5 hours leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item g) of this date be approved.

Carried

8. That the April 30, 2024 financial reports be approved.

Carried

9. That By-law No. 307, a by-law for the purpose of establishing a line of credit for operating purposes in the amount of \$3,700,000 BE READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED.

Carried

10. That the Division Office hours be established as follows:

Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm from July 2 to August 23, 2024

Carried

11. That facilities in the Division be allowed to have a four-day work week Monday to Thursday for the period July 2 to August 23, 2024 provided satisfactory summer work and major repairs can be accommodated and normal weekly hours worked.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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