

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, June 10, 2021
Craig M. Stahlke Board Room
Administration Office
181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

K. McMillan, S. Billingham, J. Fisher, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, G. Melnyk, C. Nachtigall,
D. Zuk

Administration:

T. Fransen, Superintendent
L. Boles, Assistant Superintendent - Divisional Support Services
E. Egan, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources
J. Tomy, Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum and Learning Services
N. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets: J. Glenat

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Treaty land acknowledgment was read by Trustee McMillan.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20210610.1001

Moved By G. Melnyk

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20210610.1002

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 27, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Resolution # BD20210610.1003

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and Other Reports be received as information and,

THAT the Teacher Contracts (Permanent and Term) as listed in the Teacher Contracts Report dated June 10, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated June 10, 2021, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2020-21 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated June 10, 2021, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated June 10, 2021.

Carried

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

10.1 South Pointe Delegation - March 25, 2021

Resolution # BD20210610.1004

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair will send a response to the Southpointe Delegation parent group, as represented by Jill Knaggs and Jennifer Shaw.

Carried

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent provided an update with respect to COVID-19 and the Pembina Trails School Division.

It was noted that graduation event guidelines are evolving and will be determined by public health directives. The Superintendent said that gatherings of celebrations are not exempt from public health directives and restrictions will need to be adhered to. He said that we are still waiting to hear about what the status of public health restrictions will be in place for September 2021 planning.

Trustee Zuk asked about an upcoming bulletin regarding graduation events. Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, provided a synopsis of what may change, but that said that it is likely a loosening will not be relevant to schools within Winnipeg (remote learning status) and that drive-by services are being planned.

Trustee Zuk asked the Superintendent to provide a description of the Trustee acknowledgement to 2021 graduates. The Superintendent and Chair of the Board represented Pembina Trails to create a professionally produced video clip bringing greetings and extending their congratulations on behalf of the Board.

Trustee McMillan shared the touching nature of the resilience and strength demonstrated by student voices that were heard for the video production.

14.2 School Naming Matter

14.2.1 Ryerson School

The Superintendent and Board discussed the correspondence received from students and administration at Ryerson School with respect to concerns about the school name. The Superintendent provided background on Egerton Ryerson, a Canadian educator and Methodist Minister and is recognized as a key influence in the design of the Canadian Indian Residential School System. He referred the Board to the attached letters of support from the community to change the name of Ryerson School.

D. Johnson spoke in favour of the motion and said that the Residential School system was certainly intended to eradicate Indigenous culture and, as a result of that, there was enormous suffering that happened. He therefore believes that it's important to look at renaming the school in light of the history of the name it is associated with.

Julie Fisher acknowledged the statements that were submitted by the student community.

Resolution # BD20210610.1005

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

WHEREAS recent events regarding Kamloops Indian Residential School has brought to the forefront the history and involvement of Egerton Ryerson in the development and establishment of the Canadian Indian Residential School System and in response to student, school and community requests;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the appointment of a School Naming Committee, to review the name of Ryerson Elementary School per Policy FF and Regulation FF-R; and further

THAT Trustee Nachtigall will serve as the representative; and further

THAT the Committee will report back to the Board on this matter as soon as possible,

Carried

14.2.2 Bison Run K-8 and 9-12

The Superintendent outlined the attached policies with respect for naming schools in Pembina Trails.

It was noted that the Waverley West area where the K-8 and 9-12 schools will be built is now called Bison Run.

It was indicated that the Board will focus attention on the process of naming the new schools, per policy FF and Regulation FF-R.

The Superintendent noted that some of the stakeholder solicitation was already undertaken through Thought Exchange.

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Trustee Zuk inquired about correspondence re: Bill C5 and how this will impact school operations.

The Superintendent indicated that the Federal bill will not impact the Province until such time as the Province adopts it under employment standards act. Until such time the statutory holiday only applies to Federal employees.

Resolution # BD20210610.1006

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By S. Billinghamurst

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated June 10, 2021, be received as information.

Carried

17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Zuk inquired about how things are going with the Alternative High School and the status of their graduation ceremonies.

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, indicated that a final count of graduates is not yet known. She said that graduation ceremonies are being held in accordance with public health directives. She indicated that in some respects, the smaller format is well received by many of the graduates of this program.

Trustee Fisher asked whether Kindergarten enrolment numbers are more in alignment to projected/expected to what was reported at the last board meeting. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported that the total has increased by approximately 120 and that a final kindergarten enrolment report will be shared with the board at the June 24 meeting.

Trustee Fisher acknowledged schools' agility for creating drive-by kindergarten orientation events.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

A member of the public inquired about the Ryerson School renaming motion and the comments of Trustee D. Johnson. Trustee Johnson reiterated his comments about Egerton Ryerson.

The Chair acknowledged the Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, Janet Tomy, and her contributions to the Pembina Trails School Division. She noted that tonight will be Janet's last board meeting, as she has been seconded to Manitoba Education's Transformation team. She wished her the best and thanked her for her contributions to the well-being of the school division and students.

19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

Resolution # BD20210610.1007

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer