

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Start Time:

Board Room

Administration Office

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

J. Glenat, S. Billinghamurst, J. Fisher, D. Johnson, T. Johnson (arrived at 8:32 p.m.), K. McMillan, C. Nachtigall, D. Zuk

Administration:

T. Fransen, Superintendent

L. Boles, Assistant Superintendent - Divisional Support Services

E. Egan, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources

I. Riffel, Assistant Superintendent - Program

J. Tomy - Assistant Superintendent - Student Services

C. Stahlke - Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets: G. Melnyk

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20191212.1001

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20191212.1002

Moved By S. Billinghamurst

Seconded By K. McMillan

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 28, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20191212.1003

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By J. Fisher

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 December 12, 2019, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated December 12, 2019, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2019-20 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated December 12, 2019, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated December 12, 2019.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Pembina Trails Voices

V. Anderson, Artistic Director of Pembina Trails Voices (PTV) and M. McGinn, CPA, appeared. V. Anderson showed a video for the Board which was a performance by the PTV Singers. M. McGinn said there are 250 students involved and the PTV is the only choir of its type in the Province. He said that their choral instruction is superior and PTV is very inclusive. He said that PTV promotes teamwork. He said that students share lifelong camaraderie. He spoke

about benefits which come to the Division because of PTV. He shared some of the highlights of their achievements. He read from a testimonial from one of their former choristers. He disclosed the revenue and expenses and asked that the Board increase the current funding of \$38,000 by \$5,000. They make no contribution to the Artistic Director salary costs outside of her conductor fee.

They answered questions from Trustees and Administration. The Chair said that the board will be responding after the Budget is set.

7. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

8. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS

9. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9.1 Budget Objectives, Questions and Guidelines

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the substance of the Objectives, Questions and Guidelines. This will be placed on the Division website.

T. Johnson joined the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Resolution # BD20191212.1004

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Board approve the Budget Objectives, Questions and Guidelines.

Carried

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

11. BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

13. STANDING AND SPECIAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee

13.2 Communication and Community Relations Committee

13.3 Education Committee

13.4 Finance and Planning Committee

13.5 Human Resources and Policy Committee

13.6 Negotiations Committee

13.7 Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc.

13.8 Pembina Trails Voices

13.9 Council of Presidents

13.10 Boards/Association Council on Education (B.A.C.E)

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 Shelley Moore ThoughtExchange

The Superintendent reported with respect to this topic. The Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, detailed some of the actions being taken at the schools. She said they are examining how schools are leveraging the Division's resources to support and build teacher capacity with respect to inclusion. She said that they are using Shelley Moore's template to move this along. She said that the school leaders are committed to this work.

Resolution # BD20191212.1005

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

14.2 Learning Bond Event

The Superintendent said that an individual approached the Division to provide a venue to promote RESPs to families which was hosted at Dalhousie School. He said there is \$40,000,000 in Federal Grants to families to assist them. The Learning Bond helps parents navigate through this process. He expects that there will be two more such nights held.

Resolution # BD20191212.1006

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By S. Billingham

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

14.3 PISA 2019 Notable Highlights

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, and E. Elford, Research Officer for the Division appeared to provide some input into PISA. The information which is currently available publicly on student performance does not relate to PISA.

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that there is a connection between how a student does at one grade level and may be a predictor of future success for that student.

E. Elford said that the Pembina Trails' PISA results form a small part of Canada's results. He said that Pembina Trails is one of the strongest Divisions in the country. He said that the performance of females is still higher than males but the gap is narrowing. Female performance in sciences and math gap to males is not due to the lack of ability but, may be in part by the choice.

T. Johnson suggested that the three summary points be included on the Division website.

Resolution # BD20191212.1007

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By K. McMillan

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

14.4 School Administration Appointment - Vice-Principal Linden Meadows

Resolution # BD20191212.1008

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Frank McLean as interim Vice-Principal of Linden Meadows School effective January 6, to June 30, 2020.

Carried

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution # BD20191212.1009

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated December 6, 2019, be received as information.

Carried

17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that we are having new teams related to gaming in Charleswood and the program is popular among students.

J. Fisher asked if the documentary on methamphetamine addiction is being offered to high schools. The Superintendent said that there is an issue related to a privacy violation and dispute regarding clean needles philosophy. He said that the Social Planning Council has been encouraged to raise their concerns with MSBA.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted errors in the MSBA School Tax Backgrounder. The Board generally agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer forward a response to the MSBA

Resolution # BD20191212.1010

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Division respond to MSBA with respect to the MSBA Tax Backgrounder.

Carried

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer