

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Start Time:

Board Room

Administration Office

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

J. Glenat, J. Fisher, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, K. McMillan, G. Melnyk, 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

N. Wood - Secretary-Treasurer Designate

Regrets: S. Billingham

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # **BD20200227.1001**

Moved By G. Melnyk

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # **BD20200227.1002**

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 13, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20200227.1003

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By D. Johnson

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 February 27, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated February 27, 2020, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2019-20 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated February 27, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated February 27, 2020, and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period December 1-31, 2019 in the amount of \$5,533,507.45 be approved, and,

THAT the Disbursements List for the period January 1-30, 2020, in the amount of \$4,384,902.01 be approved.

Carried

13. STANDING AND SPECIAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.7 Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc.

13.7.1 Requests for Financial Assistance

Resolution # BD20200227.1004

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT financial awards from the Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc. be made as follows:

- Pembina Trails Voices, Performance at Podium Music Festival, Montreal, PQ, \$500, May 13-17, 2020
- Pembina Trails Voices - Chorale, Treble Tour, Gimli and surrounding area (to offset costs of transportation), \$500, April 25-27, 2020

- Linden Meadows Grade 8 Band, Moosejaw Band Festival, \$500, Moosejaw, SK, May 12-14, 2020
- Oak Park Boys Curling Team, MHSAA Curling Provincial Championship, Beausejour, MB, \$300 to offset hotel and travel expenses, February 20-23, 2020

Carried

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 Department of National Defense - Loan of Service Agreement

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reviewed the Loan of Service Agreement.

Resolution # BD20200227.1005

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Board approve the Leave Agreement between S. Tipping, the Pembina Trails School Division and the Department of National Defense effective September 1, 2020 to August 2022.

Carried

14.2 AASA National Conference on Education 2020

The Assistant Superintendent, Program gave a report on his attendance at the AASA National Conference on Education. He and G. Melnyk attended this conference which was held in San Diego, CA. The Assistant Superintendent, Program, reported with respect to a session regarding giftedness and identified giftedness. He said that many sessions focused on social/emotional learning. He said that Pembina Trails seems to be further ahead than many of the school districts which were reporting at the conference.

G. Melnyk said his focus was on social/emotional learning, students who had experience trauma and the supports needed to address these traumas. he concluded that we are very progressive compared to many districts reporting. He also attended sessions on vaping, STEM and school safety.

Resolution # BD20200227.1006

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

14.3 Request to Withdraw from Capital Reserve

Resolution # BD20200227.1007

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

WHEREAS the Pembina Trails School Division ("the Division") is required by the City of Winnipeg to replace and upgrade the HVAC dust collection system at the Division Maintenance Shop to comply with code requirements of the City of Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS the replacement and upgrade of the dust collection system qualifies as a capital project with a projected cost of \$180,000 which project enhances the features, safety and functionality of the dust collection system being replaced; and

WHEREAS the Division has a Capital Reserve for Special Projects of which all special projects have been completed yet the Capital Reserve has a remaining balance of \$172,913;

THEREFORE Be It RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the replacement of the dust collection system and, subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board ("the PSFB"), further authorizes the application, towards that replacement, of the remaining balance in the Capital Reserve for Special Projects and authorizes the application of Accumulated Surplus to fund the remaining cost of the replacement of the dust collection system.

Carried

14.4 Ecole South Pointe School 2021 Planning

The Superintendent reported as to the Public Schools Finance Board (PSFB) denial for portables at South Pointe School. This denial will lead to there being insufficient space at South Pointe to accommodate the students. Consequently, the Senior Administration is recommending that the grandfathering of French Immersion students residing in Richmond West be discontinued and the students attend Ecole St-Avila and Ecole Viscount Alexander.

J. Fisher stated that there will not be enough space at South Pointe for these out of catchment students and the projected catchment students.

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, said that there would be approximately 91 students affected. She said that this would open about two classrooms which would give us just enough room for the catchment students to attend South Pointe. She said it may be possible that some of the older students

would be able to attend through schools of choice. She said that this is step 1 of components that will be implemented in 2022-23.

The Superintendent noted that day care has been a difficult issue for South Pointe parents. He said that the Board may want to consider providing transportation to day cares for one year to assist parents. The Superintendent said that we do not provide transportation to and from private day cares. He said that the French Immersion students from Richmond West are bussed to South Pointe and they will be bussed to St. Avila and Viscount Alexander. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, said that if students and parents preferred to go to Viscount Alexander for Grade 5 instead of St. Avila, that would be permissible. She said that there would be certain transportation issues to be addressed.

It was noted that an informational supplement will accompany the Notice of Motion posted on the website and communicated to schools which sets out the details of the plan submitted by the Superintendent. It was noted that the Division, as a result of the PSFB directive, needs to take action to provide enough space at South Pointe to accommodate catchment students and this plan is the recommendation. The Superintendent said that this is a long term decision for the students immediately being affected. There will possibly be more decisions to be made which will affect other families in the future. C. Nachtigall noted that multiple requests had been made to the province regarding the portables.

The following Notice of Motion will be considered at the Board Meeting scheduled for March 11, 2020.

Moved by T. Johnson

"THAT the Board approve the plan for Ecole South Pointe 2021 as set out in the report from the Superintendent dated February 21, 2020."

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution # BD20200227.1008

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated February 27, 2020, be received as information.

Carried

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Secretary-Treasurer said that the Local General Support Grant was reduced by the province and, although it was

intended to refund to the Division the cost of the payroll tax paid by the Division in the prior year, this reduction made by the province means that the full cost of the payroll tax will not be reimbursed.

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Superintendent said that redeployment of positions is a result of the realities of the Budget and intended to maintain class sizes.

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Secretary-Treasurer said that we need to leave some room below the limit on the special requirement to allow for refinements due to the finalization of the staffing formula.

In response to a question from a member of the public, the Superintendent said that the South Pointe matter and Notice of Motion will be considered at the public Board Meeting.

A member of the public raised issues regarding the South Pointe plan and said that providing one year of transportation to day cares is inadequate. She would like to work with the St. Avila day care to open up more day care spaces. She asked the Board to explore more options.

19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

Resolution # BD20200227.1009

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By K. McMillan

THAT the Board move into Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole.

Carried

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer