

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Start Time:

Board Room

Administration Office

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

J. Glenat, S. Billingham, J. Fisher, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, K. McMillan, G. Melnyk (left at 9:27 p.m.), 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: Nil

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20191128.1001

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By K. McMillan

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20191128.1002

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 14, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20191128.1003

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By D. Zuk

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 November 28, 2019, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated November 28, 2019, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2019-20 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated November 28, 2019, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated November 28, 2019.

Carried

7. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Indigenous Education

K. Lamoureux, Indigenous Scholar in Residence for the Pembina Trails School Division made a presentation to the Board. He reviewed his report. He said that reconciliation for him is the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He said the call to action, as educators, is a social movement to leave Canada a better place. He said that reconciliation is not something done for indigenous students out of pity. Achieving reconciliation does not mean doing less in some other area, reconciliation should help everyone. He said that reconciliation has to involve education especially in the public schools. He said that we should be proud of Canada but at the same time recognize that we can be an even better place. He said that Pembina Trails is rich in efficiency and structure and has potential to leap to the head of the pack in the area of reconciliation.

He said that some areas of concern in Pembina Trails are:

- Some attitudinal positions;
- Teachers or Administrators feeling that they need to get permission to step outside of the standard;
- School Administrators should be given permission to explore possibilities in this area and were that to happen, we should see positive steps quickly, especially at the Senior Years level. We need to step outside of our comfort zone.

K. Lamoureux noted that his association with Pembina Trails has been very positive. He invited Trustees to ask questions. He said that we need to have a broader set of relationships at the Senior Years level and should not only have good relationships with the university level but with colleges and other institutions as well.

He said that many indigenous students have excellent experiences at the elementary and middle years levels but the fast pace of the high schools is a jarring experience for them. He said that going about business as usual makes it difficult for teachers at the high school level to allow them to show their caring nature for the students.

He said that reconciliation is different than multiculturalism as other cultures never functioned nor were subject to legislation like the *Indian Act*. He said that indigenous people have been treated as "others" and we would like to dissipate that "otherness".

D. Zuk asked if Pembina Trails should be more assertive than we are now with respect to reconciliation. K. Lamoureux said that he sees Reconciliation having no disconnect or conflict with our Expectations for Student Learning. He said that Pembina trails is very strong in terms of its hierarchy and that the teachers need to have permission to do these things within checks and balances. He does not think that reconciliation should be pushy but more invitational.

He said he had been asked to work on a commission studying the educational success for children in foster care which was found to be abysmal. In his view, Pembina Trails should try to help in this area by focusing support and help for children in care.

The Superintendent suggested that the Education Committee could be assigned to study and recommend regarding the report.

T. Johnson said he would like to review the report more extensively in a Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, said that the Indigenous Student Support Teachers have not yet seen the report. He said he meets with them semi-monthly. He said that we can compare the components of the Budget Study to see how it conforms to the Report.

Resolution # BD20191128.1004

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the report be received as information and referred to the Committee of the Whole for study and recommendation.

Carried

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

10.1 Access Agreement with MITT

D. Zuk noted that this is a renewal of the Agreement and commended Senior Administration for their work on this Agreement which will help our students.

Resolution # BD20191128.1005

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By G. Melnyk

THAT the Access Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 be approved.

Carried

13. STANDING AND SPECIAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee

13.1.1 Transportation Budget Study

T. Johnson said that earlier this year there had been a presentation from a parent regarding seat sales. He said that the Board approved the addition of Adult Crossing Guards on McGillivray and Dovercourt but there was also a desire to study expansion of transportation service. T. Johnson said that the study looked at a portion of grades 7-9 enrolment. The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, said that there are only 850 grade 7-9 students who would be impacted out of a total grade 7-9 population of 3,409. She explained the definition of "Hazardous Roadways".

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, offered additional information related to this report. A narrative summary has been prepared and is attached to these minutes.

Resolution # BD20191128.1006

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

WHEREAS the Board directed the Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee to review the financial obligations associated with considering providing transportation service to students in grades 7, 8 and 9; and

WHEREAS the Committee reviewed the number of additional routes required to provide transportation service to grades 7, 8 and 9 using the existing criteria of distance to the designated school and crossing of hazardous roadways; and

WHEREAS the Committee reviewed the additional cost (\$1,157,000) to add the additional bus routes , implications of re-defining hazardous roadways in Policy, Adult Crossing Guards, the resulting cost of seat sale fees and the comparative seat sale fees among other Metro Winnipeg school divisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Budget not be increased for 2020/21 to provide expansion of transportation services to grades 7, 8 and 9.

Carried

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 Ignite 3 Report

The Superintendent reviewed the Ignite 3 Report. He said that he will attempt to get the Minister of Education to attend at Westgrove School to observe this program. He noted that the programs differ from school to school with respect to dynamics of each school.

Resolution # BD20191128.1007

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

14.2 Inform Net Agreement

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Inform Net Agreement.

Resolution # BD20191128.1008

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Inform Net Agreement be approved for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

Carried

14.3 Linden Meadows School Playground

T. Johnson said that this item grows from a discussion at a Buildings, Property and Transportation Committee Meeting.

Resolution # BD20191128.1009

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By D. Johnson

WHEREAS the Linden Meadows Parent Council desires to construct a playground structure at Linden Meadows School, and

WHEREAS it is deemed by the Division that there is inadequate space on Division-owned property at Linden Meadows School to accommodate a playground structure, and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg may be willing to lease to the Division land for the purpose of constructing a play structure,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, subject to Public School Finance Board approval, the Board of Trustees approve in principle the leasing of land owned by the City of Winnipeg near Linden Meadows School for the purpose of constructing a play structure and authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to negotiate a lease agreement and bind the Division.

Carried

14.4 Convention Award Program - Long Service Trustee Recognition

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there are no trustees qualifying for long service recognition this year.

Resolution # BD20191128.1010

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By K. McMillan

THAT the report be received as information.

Carried

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution # BD20191128.1011

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated November 22, 2019, be received as information.

Carried

17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

D. Zuk asked that Trustees be given a tour of the Waverley West area to obtain a better picture with respect to catchment boundaries. Trustees will organize that tour amongst themselves.

In response to a question from C. Nachtigall, the Superintendent said that the comment cards from the information evening will be transcribed and shared with the Board. He said that the presentation made Wednesday night has been placed on our website. K. McMillan said that the Catchment Committee is still active and will be reviewing the comments.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

A member of public asked if the Indigenous Education Report presented this evening would be released to be public. The response was that the Board and K. Lamoureux will need to consider if the report can be made public.

19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

Resolution # BD20191128.1012

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Board move into Finance Committee of the Whole.

Carried

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer