

**Regular Meeting of the Board
Minutes**

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Start Time:

Craig M. Stahlke Board Room

181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

K. McMillan, S. Billinghamurst, J. Fisher, J. Glenat, 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: Nil

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20201022.1001

Moved By K. McMillan

Seconded By D. Zuk

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

4. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20201022.1002

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 8, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20201022.1003

Moved By D. Zuk

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 October 22, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated October 22, 2020, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2020-21 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated October 22, 2020, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated October 22, 2020.

Carried

9. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

9.1 Budget Study Meeting Dates

The board approved the proposed budget study meeting dates as outlined in the attached document.

Resolution #

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By G. Melnyk

THAT the Board approve the Budget Study Meeting dates.

Carried

9.2 Budget Study Topics

It was generally agreed that each standing committee add Budget Study Topics to their next agenda. It was noted that the deadline to approve budget study topics is November 26, 2020.

9.3 Budget Development Timeline

The Secretary -Treasurer reviewed the Budget Development Timeline with the board.

Resolution #

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Board approve the 2021/22 Budget Development Timeline.

Carried

10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

10.1 eResources

The Board approved increasing the number of eResources including ebooks, audio books, databases, online encyclopedia's and streaming video sites in Pembina Trails.

This is an important step towards a greener more sustainable future. These eResources are especially needed while living in our new reality of COVID-19.

T. Johnson shared that by providing these eResources it will create a more level playing field for all Pembina Trails students. It is an important equity issue.

Resolution #

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By G. Melnyk

THAT the Board approve the eResources to be a COVID related expense and be supported out of Accumulated Surplus for the 2020-21 school year in the amount of \$89,714.31.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

12.1 Call for Nominations and Resolutions - 2021 MSBA Convention (Deadline November 6, 2020)

The Finance and Planning, Building, Properties and Planning, Communications and Community Relations Committee's all had no resolutions to put forward for the 2021 MSBA Convention.

T. Johnson suggested the possibility of the Education Committee bringing eResources and the lack of provincial support to MSBA's attention.

The chair of the Education Committee, G. Melnyk agreed and asked the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services to help facilitate this request and bring back to G. Melnyk and K. McMillan for consideration.

K. McMillan shared that J. Fisher has been nominated for Director of Region 5.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

14.1 Reconciliation Student Projection/Actual 2020-21

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported on the student projection/actual enrolment reconciliation.

The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources shared some of the challenges this year regarding documenting enrolment with regard to COVID-19 and some students now being homeschooled (officially with Manitoba Education or remaining home without registering with either Manitoba Education or Pembina Trails SD) and our immunocompromised students being enrolled in PembinaTrails@Home remote learning.

She advised the board that our enrolment grew by 231 students this year and shared that this was not as many as projected during budget preparation, but could continue to change as there are many unknown variables this school year.

D. Johnson asked the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources if she can take another look at numbers in early 2021 to report on if the numbers changed considerably.

D. Zuk had a question regarding our students who were expected but have not yet attended school. E. Egan shared that we are working with the Manitoba Education Home School office and school administrators to ensure these students are receiving education either remotely, homeschooling with the province or with another school division.

Resolution #

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By S. Billingham

THAT the report from the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, with respect to the student enrolment reconciliation be received as information.

Carried

14.2 Facilities and Operations Summer Projects 2020

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services shared a video with the board highlighting the divisional 2020 summer projects.

She thanked the board for supporting these upgrades and the board shared their appreciation to all the staff involved in bringing these projects to life.

Resolution #

Moved By T. Johnson

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the presentation from the Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, with respect to Facilities and Operations summer projects for summer 2020 be received as information.

Carried

14.3 COVID Update

The Superintendent shared the details of the letter dated October 22, 2020 from the Deputy Minister of Education advising that as of Monday, October 26, 2020, schools in the Winnipeg Metro Region, Northern Health Region, and in Churchill will be operating in the Restricted level (Orange) of the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

He recommended to the board that we provide our K-6 students the option of temporary remote learning or in-class learning. He added that Senior Administration continues to believe that it is the best interest of our students to be in our classrooms.

He stated that parents/guardians who request temporary remote learning should be able to commit to consistent and daily support of their child during the time our schools remain in restricted level orange.

The Superintendent advised that our Grade 7-8 students will continue with in-class learning where 2m distancing is possible. Where this is not possible the 7s and 8s will move to an alternate day model. Students in Grade 9 (in middle schools) will move to the alternate day model – similar to what the 9s in our high schools are currently doing.

He shared that the main reasons for the Gr 7/8 approach is for continuity of learning. Our data from the spring report cards showed conclusively that the 7s and 8s disengaged from remote learning significantly more than any other age group. It is more important than ever to keep this age group close to school.

He advised that we will be engaging with K-6 parents shortly with a survey so they are able to indicate their choice.

The Superintendent shared that we need time to ensure a smooth transition, and that online learning is set to begin on Monday, November 2, 2020. To move faster would not be fair to our teachers who are doing the lion's share of adjusting to Orange.

The Superintendent shared that there is no impact on busing, so currently there are no plans to change the busing protocols.

T. Johnson shared that Dr. Roussin spoke very highly of how well the schools are doing with implementing social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and keeping our students and staff safe.

J. Fisher wanted to remind our community that our schools are safe and this moving to code orange is not reflective on what is being done in our schools.

There was discussion around the successfulness on the contact tracing within our schools that are using QR code tracking.

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution #

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated October 22, 2020 be received as information.

Carried

17. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

D. Zuk asked that possibility of classroom portables at Ecole South Pointe School be highlighted.

The Assistant Superintendent - Divisional Support Services advised that Ecole South Pointe School is being considered for portables to assist with space challenges and rising enrolment numbers.

J. Fisher asked if the classroom portables will be in place for next school year. The Assistant Superintendent - Divisional Support Services advised that there is a potential that they could be in place later this school year.

D. Zuk shared her experience earlier today visiting a Grade 11 history class at Institut collegial Vincent Massey Collegiate where the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau and MP Jim Carr were attending virtually to answer questions. She was impressed with the questions that the students were asking and appreciated the invitation to attend.

T. Johnson shared that it was nice of the Prime Minister and MP Jim Carr to share some of their time with our students.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

L. Legal, President of the Pembina Trails Teachers Association, mentioned that the Pembina Trails K-6 parents will be surveyed and asked if the teachers will be surveyed as well. The Superintendent stated there is no plan for that at this time. The survey was a basic question of whether a student would remain in-person learning or move to remote learning.

19. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer