

**Regular Meeting of the Board
Minutes**

Thursday, January 27, 2022
Craig M. Stahlke Board Room
Administration Office
181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. Recognition of Treaty Land

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty One was signed and the land upon which Pembina Trails School Division resides. We acknowledge our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the Red River Métis. We commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

2. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

K. McMillan, S. Billinghamurst (TEAMS), J. Fisher, J. Glenat, D. Johnson, T. Johnson, G. Melnyk, C. Nachtigall, D. Zuk

Administration:

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

Regrets: Nil

3. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20220210.1001

Moved By G. Melnyk

Seconded By T. Johnson

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20220210.1002

Moved By J. Fisher

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on January 12, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20220210.1003

Moved By D. Zuk

Seconded By J. Glenat

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 January 27, 2022, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated January 27, 2022, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2021-22 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated January 27, 2022, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated January 27, 2022.

Carried

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

15.1 COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Policy gave an update on student attendance. We have been trending at 12.8% average absence rates during the week of January 24th. It ranges from 6% to 20% based on individual schools.

Staff absence rates have been down from our average in the fall but are starting to go up. There have been some substitute shortages but we have had a fill rate

of approximately 84%. We added 24 substitute teachers to our list over the past week. There is also a low number of EA substitutes. Ongoing efforts are being made increase our pool of substitute teachers and EAs.

Manitoba Public Health has announced that Early childhood Education and Daycares will start following the same contact tracing process as schools.

The Transportation Department has been doing a great job to make sure there is continuity of services as much as possible, despite ongoing driver shortages.

The Board would like to once again express its thanks to all the staff that are working so hard in our schools.

Resolution # BD20220210.1004

Moved By J. Glenat
Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the update from the Administration with respect to COVID-19, be received as information.

Carried

15.2 Optic Fibre License Agreements

Resolution # BD20220210.1005

Moved By G. Melnyk
Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Optical Fibre Conduit Lease Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and MRNet Networking, Inc. for the period September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, be approved, and

THAT the Optical Fibre Conduit Lease Agreement between the Pembina Trails School Division and St. Paul's High School for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, be approved.

Carried

15.3 Contract of Employment - Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning

Resolution # BD20220210.1006

Moved By T. Johnson
Seconded By J. Fisher

THAT the Contract of Employment dated January 27, 2022, between the Pembina Trails School Division and the Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services, as submitted, be ratified.

Carried

17. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

J. Fisher reminded the Board that the MSBA survey on its Citizenship Award is now open.

D. Zuk alerted the Board that today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Resolution # BD20220210.1007

Moved By D. Johnson

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated January 27, 2022, be received as information.

Carried

18. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

In response to a question from C. Nachtigall, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning, gave an update on new school construction. She advised that they are still on target for completion in January 2023. The project team has been ordering construction materials and furnishings for the new schools in advance to keep everything on schedule.

19. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

A member of the public asked why children are being required to wear masks while outside. She would like the Board to consider removing that mandate of wearing the masks outdoors.

The Superintendent advised that as long as the children can be 2 meters apart they are able to take masks breaks. It is not an absolute requirement but is a decision that is made at the school level. The Board will take the request into consideration.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer