

Regular Meeting of the Board

Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2023
Craig M. Stahlke Board Room
Administration Office
181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

1. Recognition of Treaty Land

We acknowledge we are on the lands of Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples have lived since time began. These are the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew, and Dakota Nations as well as the traditional trade and travel routes of the Anishininew, Dene, and Inuit. We also acknowledge we are on Treaty One territory and the homeland of the Red River Métis. Pembina Trails School Division is committed to working together in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

2. ATTENDANCE

Trustees:

T. Johnson, C. Nachtigall, A. Becker, J. Brar, D. Johnson, C. Jolly, L. Karn, S. Nixon, C. Stahlke

Administration:

L. Boles, Superintendent

C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Services

T. Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel and Education Services

N. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer

3. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01PM

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20230323.1001

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By L. Karn

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

5. BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution # BD20230323.1002

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 9, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Resolution # BD20230323.1003

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By C. Jolly

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 March 23, 2023, be ratified and,

THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations Report dated March 23, 2023, be approved and,

THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2022-23 Substitute Teacher Contracts Report dated March 23, 2023, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated March 23, 2023.

Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Opposition to Bell Time Change

It was noted that the delegation has withdrawn their request to present to the Board at this time.

11. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

11.1 Response to Bell Time Delegation

Resolution # BD20230323.1004

Moved By C. Nachtigall
Seconded By C. Stahlke

WHEREAS the Division has established a long-standing policy with respect to transportation of students which sets out which students are eligible for transportation; and

WHEREAS the Division is experiencing significant and ongoing enrolment pressures, coupled with operational constraints, including labour shortages for school bus drivers and lack of physical infrastructure to support a larger fleet; and

WHEREAS the Division has exhausted available options that provide eligible students reliable transportation to school and home on a timely basis, including but not limited to:

1. Making adjustments to the Transportation Policy to reduce the number of routes required;
2. Adjusting the start and end times of certain schools to permit the double routing of the existing school bus fleet which would allow for eligible students to be transported to school and home on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS the Division acknowledges that any changes to the school hours will impact many families; and

WHEREAS the Division has communicated to the public the need and intent to make operational changes to Transportation services requiring changes to the start and end times of certain schools; and

WHEREAS the Board has received feedback and delegations to the proposal to change 2023/24 school start and end times; and

WHEREAS the Board has carefully weighed the relative merits of the available options and has reached a conclusion that the only feasible resolution is to proceed with double routed transportation service on several routes, which requires that we amend the planned school hours;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT beginning September 2023 the start and end times will be changed as follows:

Schools that will start no earlier than 8:25 AM and dismiss at 3:00 PM:

- HG Izatt
- Whyte Ridge
- Linden Meadows
- Van Wallegghem

- Bison Run
- Bairdmore

Schools that will start no later than 9:20 AM and dismiss at 3:55 PM:

- Oakenwald
- Crane
- Viscount Alexander
- AA Leach
- Bonnycastle
- Chancellor
- St. Avila
- Prairie Sunrise
- Ralph Maybank
- Dalhousie
- Acadia
- General Byng

Carried

11.2 Strengthening Student Supports Grant Modifications (5 Minutes)

Resolution # BD20230323.1005

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By S. Nixon

THAT the Board approve the reallocation of \$23,000.00 from the Strengthening Student grant 'Mental Health resources' to 'Mental Health staffing'.

Carried

12. BY-LAWS AND/OR POLICIES

12.1 By-Law No. 149 (Borrowing By-Law)

Resolution # BD20230323.1006

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By D. Johnson

THAT By-Law No. 149, being a by-law of the Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division in Manitoba, providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of said school division to meet current expenses for the Fiscal Year 2023-24, be given first reading.

Carried

14. STANDING AND SPECIAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.3 Finance, Buildings, Property and Transportation

14.3.1 Budget 2023-24

In response to a question from the Board Chair, the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the 2023-24 budget media release will be published to the Pembina Trails School Division website on Friday, March 24, 2023.

Resolution # BD20230323.1007

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By D. Johnson

WHEREAS the Board has presented an opportunity for the community to provide input and to influence budget development decisions; and

WHEREAS stakeholders, either individually or as groups, have responded to the opportunity for consultation and input; and

WHEREAS the Board, after careful consideration of community input and the needs of all students, has developed a plan and budget for 2023/24 which includes the following:

- Budget combined operating and capital expenditures of approx. \$206 million
- Property tax levy frozen at 2020 levels as directed by the province, which means a \$185 decrease in school taxes on the average homeowner
- An increase in combined operating and capital expenditures of \$10,740,727 or 5.5%
- An addition of 28.56 FTE teaching positions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Gross Operating and Capital Expenditures of \$206,645,578 be approved for the 2023/24 Fiscal Year.

Carried

14.3.2 Long Term Promissory Note LTPS0621

Resolution # BD20230323.1008

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By A. Becker

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to provide a Resolution to the Provincial Education Funding Branch to issue a long-term promissory note;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Pembina Trails School Division approve the issuing of a debenture for the following projects:

- South Pointe modular classrooms
- Vincent Massey lift project

Carried

14.3.3 Withdrawal from Accumulated Surplus - School Bus GPS System

Resolution # BD20230323.1009

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By A. Becker

THAT the Board approve the GPS solution for the school bus fleet; and further

THAT the approximately \$30,000 (annual) 2023/24 operating cost be offset by an application of surplus.

Carried

14.6 Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc.

14.6.1 Oak Park Raider Football Alumni Scholarship

Resolution # BD20230323.1010

Moved By L. Karn

Seconded By C. Nachtigall

THAT the Corporate Board approve the establishment of the Oak Park Raider Football Scholarship Award to be administered through the Pembina Trails Educational Support Fund, Inc. based on the criteria provided with this report.

Carried

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

15.1 School Administration Selection Committee

Resolution # BD20230323.1011

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By L. Karn

THAT with respect to school administration positions requiring appointment effective with the 2023-24 school year:

Two Ward 1 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for Ward 1; and

Two Ward 2 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for Ward 2; and

Two Ward 3 Trustees with the third Trustee as an alternate serve on the Selection Committee for the School Administration Appointments for Ward 3.

Carried

17. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

Resolution # BD20230323.1012

Moved By C. Nachtigall

Seconded By C. Jolly

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated March 23, 2023, be received as information.

Carried

18. QUESTIONS FROM TRUSTEES

In response to a question from Trustee C. Nachtigall, the Superintendent confirmed that construction on Pembina Trails Collegiate is currently on schedule. She also noted, that a ribbon cutting ceremony is taking place at Bison Run School on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

19. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Parents in attendance at the meeting as well as online, expressed their disappointment with the motion that was passed. There was a consensus among parents that they would like the current transportation crisis reviewed prior to the 2024-2025 school year; an opportunity for consultation should more changes be required; and support from the Division in providing before and after school care for students.

The Superintendent confirmed that the division is committed to an ongoing review of the transportation crisis, and that Senior Administration is in the process of working with daycare providers in an effort to support families with before and after school care.

Resolution # BD20230323.1013

Moved By S. Nixon

Seconded By A. Becker

THAT the question of additional programming for before and after school to support students be referred to the education committee.

Carried

Resolution # BD20230323.1014

Moved By S. Nixon

Seconded By C. Jolly

THAT the issue of the effect on mental and physical health of students who start school prior to 8:30 a.m. be referred to the education committee.

Carried

20. REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

Resolution # BD20230323.1015

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By S. Nixon

THAT the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

21. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer