

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **December 10, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Lesley Craig, Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnrs, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

PRESENTATION

No presentation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Board agreed to the following additions to the agenda:

- Under Culture and Engagement, *Composite High School Student Engagement Session*.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15147

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 26, 2019.

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED 15148

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board Chair Report

- Board Governance Retreat
John Lehnrs reported that the Board held a Governance Retreat on December 4, 2019. Agenda items that the Board addressed were: Review of the Continuous Improvement Index, Superintendent's Evaluation, Board Self-Evaluation, and Fall Budget Update.
- Standing Committee on Recreational and Educational Services (SCORES) Meeting and Christmas Dinner
John Lehnrs reported to the Board regarding the SCORES Meeting and Christmas Dinner held on December 5, 2019.

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Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Zone 1 Meeting
The CASS Zone 1 meeting was held in Grimshaw on November 28, 2019. The focus of the agenda was on items of concern resulting from the 2019-2020 provincial education budget. Of note, questions are being raised regarding Alberta Education's future support of the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium (NRLC) and of the Learning Consortia itself. A further update will be brought to the Board as relevant information becomes available.

- Annual Reports to the Board
The schedule of reports to the Board for this meeting include the following:
 - Division Compensation Report – cancelled, as per previous update, due to the Alberta School Boards' Association Report being cancelled;
 - Class Size Report – deferred until January. Note: Class size data is no longer collected by Alberta Education and this report will be locally developed for future years; and
 - Division Student Profile and Special Education Annual Report – deferred until January.

- Board Social 2020 - 2022
As per direction received at a prior Board Meeting, a small refundable deposit has been placed with the Tara Centre to reserve the facility for the following dates in the next three school years:
 - October 17, 2020
 - October 16, 2021
 - October 15, 2022

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- Preliminary 2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar
A report describing the process for development, and draft calendars for the next 3 years, was provided to the Board for consideration.

The Board discussed the 2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar as presented by Administration.

MOTION: Lesley Craig moved that the Board approve the 2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar as presented by Administration.

CARRIED 15149

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BOARD POLICY REVIEW

No report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

Composite High School Student Engagement

Sandy McDonald discussed with the Trustees a suggested format for the Student Engagement session scheduled with the Composite High School students on December 17, 2019. The Board considered various questions to present to the students. From the discussion, Sandy McDonald will prepare an outline with questions in preparation of the engagement session.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Fall Budget Update

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the Fall 2019 Update to the 2019/2020 Budget, outlining the strategies being used to address the \$3.3 million dollar deficit.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board approve the 2019-2020 fall budget update with recommendations as presented.

CARRIED 15150

A letter will be sent out to parents and caregivers this week, informing them of the budget changes.

ASBA / PSBAA

No report.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Professional Development/Meetings

The Board of Trustees reviewed the upcoming professional development meeting bulletin for Trustees.

Board Calendar

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Rob Martin inquired about school field trips to Nitehawk for downhill skiing versus Saskatoon Island cross country skiing regarding the number of students who can attend at a time based on insurance criteria. Administration will review this to see if there is still an issue.

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Lynn Driedger asked if there is a common message for Trustees to address inquiries regarding the budget changes. Discussion was held regarding various points to highlight regarding the budget deficit the Division is facing.

Paulette Kurylo thanked Administration for their work on the budget and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Rob Martin commented on the Composite High School newsletter, reported regarding a presentation at the Composite School Council and mentioned that the school's annual talent show will be held December 20, 2019.

Lesley Craig reported that the Minister of Education announced a \$300,000 grant over 4 years to support the Respect in School program for all jurisdictions in Alberta.

Joan Nellis asked about the status of the Daycare located at Avondale School, and Administration reported that it is going very well.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer