

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **January 14, 2020**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Lesley Craig, 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).

Regrets: Lynn Driedger

Andre Ouellette entered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENTATION

No presentation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda
The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED 15151

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2019
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 10, 2019.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED 15152

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Potential Trustee-Related Budget Savings for 2019 – 2020
Andre Ouellette brought to the Board proposed motions for the purpose of Board-related cost savings for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 budgets for Trustees to consider.

Trustee Compensation

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board take a 10% cut in compensation effective March 1, 2020 to September 21, 2021.

Upon discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION TO TABLE: Paulette Kurylo moved to table the motion and all related pending motions to the Board meeting on January 28th, 2020, and

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requested backup materials be provided for each motion, clearly expressing the intent of each motion and the costs related to each.

CARRIED 15153

- School Ski Day Trip Discussion Follow Up
Norm Guindon reported to the Board that the day ski trips are no longer an issue for schools as the supervision ratio has been adjusted in Administrative Procedure 260 Appendix A.

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Director's Meeting
John Lehnert reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Board Orientation that was held in Edmonton December 13, 2019. Mention was made of the ASBA position with respect to sharing facilities between Public and Catholic Divisions.
- The Board and Administration are preparing for the local Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Collective Bargaining which will commence January 21 and 22, 2020.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Standing Committee on Recreation and Educational Spaces (SCORES) Agreement Roadmap
A SCORES Partnership Roadmap was presented to the Board for review, outlining the vision and desired purpose of the agreement.
- Shared School Nutrition Pilot
Alberta Education issued a call for proposals for grant funding to support school divisions to work with community non-profit organizations to provide nutrition support to schools. The Grande Prairie Catholic School District Foundation has approached the local school jurisdictions, including Grande Prairie Public, regarding working together to provide nutrition support to schools. No commitments have been made, however.
- The Protection of Students with Life-Threatening Allergies Act (the Act)
The Act was passed by the Alberta Government and came into effect January 1, 2020, and states, "A board shall ensure that a minimum of one epinephrine auto-injector is maintained in accordance with the regulations in each school operated by the board." Administrative Procedure 317, Life Threatening Allergies, has been updated to ensure compliance with the Act and 39 epi-pens have been purchased for Division schools.

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- **Minister of Education Visit**
A date has not yet been announced but the Minister of Education's office was contacted, and the Minister continues to plan for a visit to Grande Prairie sometime in March.
- **Meetings with Partner Organizations to Review Budget Impacts**
The Pregnant and Parenting Teens Society is one of several organizations at risk of losing funding from Children's Services. A letter of support from the Division was sent to support an alternative grant application, identifying the Division's longstanding partnership with the Society and the value of the Society's programs to the Division and surrounding community. Meetings will be held with Alberta Health Services and Children's Services to discuss budget impacts on their organizations that may affect Division students, their families and/or schools.
- **Worksite Occupational Health and Safety Committees**
The Division is finalizing the Workplace Occupational Health and Safety Committee follow the Alberta Government's recent amendment, effective January 31, 2020, to the provincial labour standards, allowing school divisions to have one committee.
- **Budget Advocacy Update**
Administration continues to advocate to colleagues in government regarding the specific position the Board is in financially. The Superintendent will be requesting a meeting with the Deputy Minister to share a brief history of the Division's financial position so that this information can be shared with the Minister of Education prior to her meeting with the Board.
- **Assurance Meetings**
The first round of School Assurance meetings is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020. The Board of Trustees portal site has been populated with the current reference documents for each meeting.
- **College of Alberta School Superintendents' (CASS) Directors Meeting**
Sandy McDonald attended the CASS Directors Meeting scheduled for January 9 and 10, 2020 in Edmonton.
- **Class Size Report**
The annual report on class size was submitted to the Board as information. As class size data is no longer collected by Alberta Education, the data has been collected centrally from the Student Information System. The data in this report will be the new baseline.

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- Division Student Profile and Special Education Annual Report
A report summarizing the Division student profile and enrollments in the Innovative Support Centre (ISC) classrooms was submitted to the Board as information.

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- 2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar Update
Administration from the Peace Wapiti School Division has requested a slight change to the 2020 – 2021 School Year Calendar for the month of March. The request is for March 19th to become the Day Off in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews and March 26th to become the Professional Learning Day for the month of March.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board accept a change of designation for the March 19th and March 26th, 2021 days, as presented.

CARRIED 15154

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

No report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

Composite High School Student Engagement

Trustees discussed the Grande Prairie Composite High School Student Engagement session that was held December 17, 2019.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Occupational Health and Safety Report

Norm Guindon presented to the Board for information the Annual Occupational Health and Safety Report.

First Quarter Budget Update

The 2019 – 2020 First Quarter Budget Update was submitted to the Board as information.

GP Christian School Lease Update

Norm Guindon reported to the Board that the Alberta Government has provided the Division with lease support for the 2019/20 school year for the Grande Prairie Christian School.

GP Composite Replacement Update

Norm Guindon provided the Board with an update on the Grande Prairie Composite High School Replacement project.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Zone 1 Meeting
Paulette Kurylo reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Zone 1 Meeting that was held January 8, 2020 at the Division's Central Office.

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ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting that was held December 3, 2019.

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 28, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Avondale Neighbourhood Association, Regarding Naming of New Composite High School Gymnasium, 2019 12 18

The Board will send a letter of reply, acknowledging the request and advising that the Board will take the request under consideration.

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Andre Ouellette requested from Administration a list of potential cost saving amounts in relation to proposed Trustee cost saving measures to be sent to Trustees prior to the next Board meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board go in-camera at 8:26 p.m. to discuss personnel.

CARRIED 15155

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED 15156

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 8:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer