

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **May 26, 2020**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 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).

Lynn Driedger entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

No presentation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED 15187

**MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting of Mas 12, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 12, 2020.

**MOTION:** Lesley Craig moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED 15188

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

2020 – 2021 International Travel

The Board reviewed an International Travel request from the Charles Spencer High School Second Languages class, to travel to Spain and France March 31 – April 10, 2021. Due to COVID 19, the trip organizers have decided to put the trip on hold until Spring Break of 2022. A new request will be submitted to the Board as the details are confirmed.

**BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- John Lehnrs reported to the Board that he attended an Alberta School Boards' Association Director's meeting on May 25, 2020.

Superintendent's Report

**Items for Information**

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- System Educational Leadership Team Retreat  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that he met with the 2020 – 2021 System Educational Leadership Team on Wednesday May 20, 2020 with the purpose of aligning planning for the next school year.

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- Grande Prairie Composite High School Interior Views  
Construction on the new Composite High School continues, and the Board was provided renderings of what the interior of the school will look like.
- School Relaunch Working Groups Planning  
Three working groups headed up by Directors Angela DesBarres, Nancy Gorgichuk and Kim Frykas have been formed to develop strategies needed to support school start up in each of the three scenarios shared by the Alberta Government. The target date for completion of this work is mid-June to support communications to parents, staff, and students before the end of this school year.

**Items for Further Action**

- Exemplary Staff, Long Service and Retirement Recognition  
Suggestions for how the Board can provide recognition for Exemplary Staff, long service recipients and 2019 – 2020 retirees were provided for consideration. Administration will develop a plan and share with Trustees at the first meeting in September, 2020.
- Locally Developed Course Requests  
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board for approval the following Locally Developed Courses, acquired from the Calgary Public School Division, for use by the Grande Prairie Composite High School: English Literature 35-3 and 35-5, effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2024, and English Second Language (ESL) Intro to Canadian Studies (2019) 15-5 and 25-5 effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023.

**MOTION:** Rob Martin moved that the Board approves the following Locally Developed Courses, acquired from the Calgary Public School Division, for use by the Grande Prairie Composite High School: English Literature 35-3 and 35-5, effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2024, and English Second Language (ESL) Intro to Canadian Studies (2019) 15-5 and 25-5 effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023.

CARRIED 15189

**BOARD POLICY  
REVIEW**

**CULTURE AND  
ENGAGEMENT**

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**BUSINESS SERVICES**

2020 – 2021 Division Budget Approval

Norm Guindon presented to the Board of Trustees for approval the 2020 – 2021 Division Budget to be submitted to the Alberta Government by May 31, 2020.

**MOTION:** Lynn Driedger moved that the Board approve the 2020 – 2021 Division Budget as presented and discussed, for submission to Alberta Education by the May 31, 2020 deadline.

CARRIED 15190

Board Policy 16 Student Fees and 2020 – 2021 Fee Schedule Approval

Norm Guindon presented to the Board for approval changes to Board Policy 16 Student Fees and an updated Appendix A, 2020 – 2021 School and Transportation Fees Schedule.

**MOTION:** Lesley Craig moved that the Board approve changes to Board Policy 16 Student Fees and Appendix A, 2020 – 2021 School and Transportation Fees Schedule as presented.

CARRIED 15191

Capital Maintenance and Renewal Funding Approval

Norm Guindon shared with the Board that the Division was given approval by the Alberta Government for up to \$3,028,000 in Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding in addition to the current Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) funding.

**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 May 13, 2020 through Zoom.

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Teacher/Trustee Liaison Committee (TTLC) Meeting

Andre Ouellette and Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the TTLC meeting that was held May 19, 2020 virtually through Teams.

**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, June 9, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Government of Alberta/Alberta School Boards' Association School Re-Launch Survey responses by the Board of Trustees
- Letter to Minister of Education, Re: Corporate Name Change Request, 2020 05 21

**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Lynn Driedger sought further clarity regarding 5G towers and any implications they may have. Mention was made of Charles Spencer Grade 10 student Erin Pele, who was awarded the Stacey Levitt Memorial Award, which is a \$2,500.00 award given to one Canadian high school student.

Joan Nellis discussed the importance of ensuring parents are made aware of the Division's school re-launch plans as soon as plans are available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 8:04 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer