

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020** AT 4:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rick Massini, Catherine Wilson, Deborah Forbes, Carolyn Freeman, Celina Symmonds

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Leanne Dulle, Director of Finance
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

96. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board move to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

IV. TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

97. C. Freeman

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

98. C. Symmonds

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and Tuesday, June 9, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Card – Vincent Massey School

VIII. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Brodie

Medicine Hat High School students performing [Man in the Mirror](#). This video project led by teacher, Ryan Massini has students performing all from home. Ryan started the student rock band 'Brodie' over lunch hours at school.

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. 2020-2021 School Fees

As per Administrative Procedure 628 P 001, the fees that require Board approval prior to application were presented.

99. C. Wilson

THAT the Board approve Administrative Procedure 628 P 001, as presented.

CARRIED

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. School Supply Committee

In the 2020-2021 budget, the fee replacement grant of \$615,000 was eliminated by Alberta Education and the school decentralized budgets were reduced accordingly. Due to this reduction in funding, MHPSD will require parents to provide basic school supplies for 2020-21. The schools will continue to

provide enhanced art supplies, specialty items and technology devices.

Superintendent Davidson, along with a committee of two principals and the Director of Finance, have developed a process for schools to follow when developing school supply lists for schools to share with parents. The committee's goal was to maintain a level of consistency across the system and to ensure that the lists are reasonable, consistent and user friendly.

While school supply lists may vary somewhat from school to school, the cost to families should fall within the following price range (by grade level):

- ELP/K - \$40-45
- 1-3 - \$50-55
- 4-6 - \$55-60

Parents will be offered 3 options for purchasing supplies:

Option 1: Schools will provide a list of items that families can purchase at a vendor of their choice.

Option 2: The Division is working with *School Start*, an Alberta Company, to provide an on-line shopping option for families, whereby they select their appropriate school/grade and the appropriate items (as per the supply list) are placed in their online shopping basket.

School Start will donate \$5/kit purchased back to the school to be used towards additional student programming. In addition, families will have the option to donate back to their child's school. Donations will be used towards buying supplies for families in need.

Option 3: The Division will be sharing the completed supply lists (by grade) with *Staples*, so that kits can be prepared and be ready for families to purchase in-store if they choose.

The Division has also reviewed socioeconomic data by school and will distribute funds equitably to schools, to enable them to purchase supplies for families in need.

Grade by grade school supply lists are available on the school websites.

100. D. Forbes

THAT the Board accept the school supply committee report for information.

CARRIED

5:48 p.m. L. Dulle left the meeting

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Board Meetings to Begin August 11, 2020

The Board will reconvene Regular meetings in August due to COVID-19 and re-entry planning. Board meetings will resume on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

XII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

101. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board return to Committee of the Whole to discuss certain confidential matters.

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole at 5:58 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:06 p.m.

XIV. ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

102. C. Freeman

THAT the revised school year calendar for 2020-21 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

XV. ADJOURNMENT

103. C. Symmonds

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER