

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyall Foran, Teacher/Coach, Medicine Hat High School

CHAIR: Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions under:

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2. Letter from Honourable Sandra Jansen
3. Nomination of Mr. Riley for ASBA Award
4. AMS Awards Night Invitation

5. C. Symmonds

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 and Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 and Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

6. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 and Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 and Tuesday, September 11, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card re: Rotary Music Festival Sponsorship

A teacher from St. Louis School sent a thank you for sponsorship.

2. Thank you cards re: Scholarships

A number of thank you cards have been received with respect to Scholarships. A list of recipients was attached for information.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Medicine Hat High School Field Trip Request for Approval in Principle

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for Lyall Foran, teacher from Medicine Hat High School to travel to San Diego, California, USA for the period Saturday, April 13, 2019 to Monday, April 22, 2019 subject to the following conditions:

- a) that the Secretary Treasurer's Department give initial approval to the destination and that the submitted itinerary be approved;
- b) that the District's Student Waiver Forms be signed by all parents;
- c) that there be no cost to the Board, other than the cost of substitute teachers for approved supervising teachers traveling on the Field Trip;
- d) that any adults participating in the trip who are not designated supervisors be informed and sign a release that the Board does not accept any responsibility (liability or otherwise) as a result of their participation;
- e) that all students and designated chaperones are required to obtain the School District Travel Insurance (medical, trip cancellation/interruption and baggage);
- f) that criminal record checks be obtained for parent supervisors (non-district personnel);
- g) that the Principal/Teacher responsible continue to monitor and keep track of the travel advisories and ensure that students and parents are aware that the trip could be cancelled;
- h) that the Principal/Teacher comply with all criteria set out in Policy 770 and the International Travel Guidelines;

- i) that a letter be signed by each parent granting permission for their child to travel out-of-the-country with another specifically named adult;
- j) that each student be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the expected return date;
- k) that each parent be given a copy of the letter from the Superintendent, re: measles immunization.

7. C. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for Lyall Foran, teacher from Medicine Hat High School to travel to San Diego, California, USA for the period Saturday, April 13, 2019 to Monday, April 22, 2019 subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

6:10 p.m. - Mr. Foran left the meeting

2. World Teachers' Day

Friday, October 5th is celebrated annually as World Teachers' Day. Our practice the past couple of years has been to place the District's recognition in the Medicine Hat News and send a card and fruit basket to the schools in appreciation.

8. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board approve a recognition advertisement in the Medicine Hat News and the delivery of a card and fruit basket to each school.

CARRIED

3. Cannabis Regulation in Medicine Hat

The Board has had a discussion regarding the Cannabis regulation in the City of Medicine Hat and put forth the following motion.

9. C. Symmonds

THAT Medicine Hat Public School Division supports public health and the promotion of a positive community climate for children, youth and families; the Board of Trustees strongly endorses the position of the Medicine Hat Police Service and Alberta Health Services regarding broad and firm restrictions concerning the public consumption of recreational cannabis.

CARRIED

4. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Mr. Cunningham provided the draft 2019-2020 School Year Calendar, for the Board's consideration.

10. C. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar, as presented.

CARRIED

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Enrolment Update

The District has reviewed the preliminary student numbers and the figures reflect an increase of 80 students overall for Grades K-12.

Final numbers will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Letter from Honourable Sandra Jansen

Mr. Massini shared a letter from the Honourable Sandra Jansen, Minister of Infrastructure, encouraging the District to continue discussions with the Minister of Education, regarding the Community Learning Centre project.

3. Nomination of Mr. Riley for ASBA Award

Mr. Massini advised the Board that the ASBA Award nomination package for Mr. Riley has been completed.

The completed nomination package will be forwarded to Zone 6 Director, Brad Toone.

4. AMS Awards Night Invitation

The Board received an invitation to Alexandra Middle School Awards Night taking place on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:45 p.m.

VI. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11. C. Freeman

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:24 p.m.

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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

12. C. Freeman

THAT Personnel Item #2018-04 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

13. C. Wilson Fraser

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER