

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA **MICROSOFT TEAMS** ON **TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**, AT 3:17 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini, Yvonne Sissons

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator
Brandston Davis, Medicine Hat High School Student
Aryanna Rowinski, Medicine Hat High School Student

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

56. Y. Sissons

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:18 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. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegates: Brandston Davis and Aryanna Rowinski.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

57. D. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, and **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**, and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, and **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**.

58. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and Tuesday, March 14, 2023, the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and Tuesday, March 14, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week

Tim Johnson sent a thank you note to the Board for their thoughtfulness in celebrating Substitute Appreciation Week!

A thank you note was also received from Brandie Campbell.

IX. PRESENTATION

1. International Trip – New York

~~Crescent Heights High School Cosmetology Students travelled to New York City from March 3 to March 8, 2023. Teacher and trip organizer Michelle Schneider along with student Carter Schneider presented to the Board on their experiences and the educational highlights of the trip.~~

Presentation tabled for future meeting.

X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Edwin Parr Nominee

Medicine Hat Public School Division is fortunate to have an outstanding group of first year teachers. In recognition of our outstanding teachers, we recognize our Edwin Parr nominee. This nomination is for a first-year teacher who is demonstrating outstanding instructional practice and modeling outstanding professionalism. Our division has selected Katie Albers who teaches at Southview School as our 2023 nominee for the Edwin Parr Award. Congratulations Katie!

Mr. Cunningham noted that it was a difficult process narrowing the nominees to the two candidates brought before the board. It was inspiring to listen to them speak about their teaching and what they have been able to accomplish.

Chair Wilson and Trustee Forbes emphasized how difficult the decision was and that the board is very proud of all candidates.

XI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Capital Plan

The Three-Year Capital Plan for 2024-2027 was presented to the Board for approval.

Presented during the March 14, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, Mr. Labossiere is looking for board approval. The priority projects are:

- 2024-2025 - Hamptons Elementary (New School)
- 2025-2026 - Connaught Modernization & Addition
- 2026-2027 - AMS Modernization & Addition

59. R. Massini

THAT the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2024-2027 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

The motion is carried with Trustee Grisonich, Massini, Sissons and Wilson voting in favour and Trustee Forbes voting against.

2. **Final Approval Request: International Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

At the June 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented on behalf of Cameron Rittinger and Medicine Hat High School students (MHHS Baseball Team) for an out-of-country trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Medicine Hat High School student trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the period Monday, April 10, 2023, to Sunday, April 16, 2023.

60. Y. Sissons

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Medicine Hat High School student trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the period Monday, April 10, 2023, to Sunday, April 16, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Final Approval Request: International Trip to New York City, New York**

At the October 25, 2022, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees a request was presented by on behalf of Jennifer Davies from Crescent Heights High School (Theatre Arts Program) for an out-of-country field trip. The trip was approved, in principle, subject to various conditions. All conditions set out by the Board have now been met.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School international trip to New York for the period Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

61. P. Grisonich

THAT the Board of Trustees give final approval for the Crescent Heights High School international trip to New York for the period Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to Tuesday, April 18, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

XII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Councils

The Division Council of School Councils held their meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023. The meeting minutes were enclosed for information.

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

62. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve Personnel Item 2023-02 as presented.

CARRIED

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

63. P. Grisonich

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER