MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021** AT 5:32 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
Jason Peters, Assistant Superintendent
Corey Sadlemyer, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

70. 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 3:00 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:32 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

71. C. Freeman

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021** and **Tuesday, April 13, 2021** and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021** and **Tuesday, April 13, 2021.**

72. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and Tuesday, April 13, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from MHPSD Students Awarded Scholarships

Irelynd Rutley - Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Josie Hoffarth - Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
Blake Douville - Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship
LaKenna Janke - Woollven Family Scholarship

VIII. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. 2020 Terry Fox School Run Results

It is during the most difficult of times that we see the human spirit shine and 10 schools in the Medicine Hat Public School Division shined bright in 2020 raising an incredible $3,453.65 for cancer research. We are so honoured to know that our Terry Fox schools support Terry's mission of finding a cure for cancer come rain or shine.

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Policies Updated

At the March 22 Coordinating Committee meeting, the following policies and administrative procedures were reviewed. It was recommended that the Board approve the updated policies as presented.

Policy 724 – School and Program Closure and Relocation was renumbered (was 812) to a more appropriate section of Policy; 700' 'Educational Program' vs. 800 'Facilities' section. The other updates were made to align with the Education Act.

Policy ~~812~~ 724 – School and Program Closure and Relocation
~~812~~ 724 P 001 – School Closure or Grade Relocation
~~812~~ 724 P 002 – Program Relocation or Closure
Policy 814 – Disposal of Real Property

73. R. Massini

THAT the updates to *Policy 724 – School and Program Closure and Relocation* be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

74. C. Freeman

THAT the updates to *Policy 814 – Disposal of Real Property* be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

2. <u>Policy 520 – Transfer of Professional Staff</u>

Policy 520 Transfer of Professional Staff has been renamed and updated to be a policy and a new administrative procedure 520 P 001 - Division Initiated Transfer of Professional Staff. This policy will be reviewed by the Coordinating Committee at their next meeting May 17, 2021.

It was recommended that the Board review and approve the updates as presented.

75. C. Freeman

THAT the Board approve the updates to *Policy 520 – Transfer of Professional Staff*, as presented.

CARRIED

3. <u>Medicine Hat High School Team Name</u>

Medicine Hat High School has chosen their new team name. As per *Policy 210.2 – Team Names, Logos, Colours and Mascots* once a selection has been made, the final committee recommendation is to be presented to the Board for final approval.

76. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve Medicine Hat High School's Team name as *The Hawks.*

CARRIED

4. <u>Letter to Premier Jason Kenney</u>

The Board proposed that a letter be drafted to the Premier to strongly urge that all school staff be placed on a priority list to receive Covid-19 vaccinations.

77. R. Massini

THAT the Board approve a letter to be drafted to the Premier to request that all school staff be placed on a priority list to receive Covid-19 vaccinations.

CARRIED

5. Letter to Minister Adriana LaGrange

The Board proposed that a letter be drafted to the Education Minister petitioning her to reconsider the new K-6 draft curriculum presented on March 29, 2021. The Board will also request that the current curriculum remain in effect until a new curriculum, developed by Alberta curriculum academics and Alberta teachers, with input from parents, students, Indigenous leaders and members of the broader communities can be brought forward.

78. C. Symmonds

THAT the Board approve a letter to be drafted to the Education Minister petitioning her to reconsider the new K-6 draft curriculum and requesting that the current curriculum remain in effect until a new curriculum is developed.

CARRIED

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Coordinating Committee meeting were shared for information.

2. Division Council of School Councils

The Division Council of School Councils held a meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed for information.

XI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Updated Exhibits

The following exhibits were updated to reflect current fees:

628 E 002 – Secondary Schools' Fee Schedule
628 003 – International Students' Fee Schedule

XII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

79. C. Freeman

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole at 6:03 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

80. D. Forbes

THAT the Board approve an increase to the 2020-2021 Capital Budget of $600,000, which will include the roofing replacement at the Facilities Shop Building at $500,000, and the acceleration of two equipment upgrade projects in the Information Technology department at $100,000.

CARRIED

XV. ADJOURNMENT

81. C. Symmonds

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER