

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Rick Massini, Mrs. Catherine Wilson Fraser, Mr. Terry Riley, Ms. Deborah Forbes, Mrs. Carolyn Freeman

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Student Services Advisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Miss Hannah Christie, Student, Alexandra Middle School
Miss Ridley Davidson, Student, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre
Miss Kylie Stennick, Student, Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre
Miss Rowen Carvalho-Salmon, Student, Crescent Heights High School
Miss Dawsyn Huff, Student, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Jason Peters, Principal, Dr. Ken Sauer School

CHAIR: Mr. Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under:

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

3. Board Meeting Dates for September 2017

92. Ms. Forbes

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**, and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**.

93. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **A copy of the three appreciation letters sent on behalf of the Board**

Jennifer Davies
Susan Withers
Cardinal Energy

2. **Three thank you letters from Honourable Robert E. Wanner, MLA**

Honourable Robert Wanner extended his thanks to the Board members for including him in correspondence from our District regarding homeschooling.

He also sent a letter thanking the Medicine Hat School District for providing his office with the Annual Education Report and 3-Year Education Plan.

Mr. Wanner's third letter was addressed to Arlene Hrynyk, President of the Public School Board Association of Alberta (copied to Mr. Massini). The letter indicates the date for the 2017 Annual MLA Reception Event to be held on November 16, 2017.

3. **Thank you letter from Minister David Eggen**

A thank you letter was received from Minister Eggen in appreciation of our shared recommendations for changes to the *Home Education Regulation*.

4. **Thank you cards from District students for being awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship**

Cuinn Laing	Josh Howe
Alexis Robinson	Destin Saba
Gareth Campbell	Sabrina Bates
Azin Dolatabadi	Sophie Filion
Connor Taylor	Shauna Jensen
Sam Lawrence	

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. WE Day

Several students from Medicine Hat School District No. 76 attended the WE Day celebrations in Calgary on October 26, 2016.

A number of students were in attendance to share their experience and to express what they feel they gained from their involvement in WE Day.

2. Continuum of Supports and Services

The District has set a focus for 2017-2018 on a seamless continuum of supports and services for children and students ages 2.5 - 20 years.

It was noted that inclusive education calls for flexible and responsive learning environments. An inclusive education system responds to the needs of all learners and is instrumental in maximizing the success of each learner.

An overview was provided regarding shifts that have already occurred to make this a reality for the children and families in the District.

V. RECOGNITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. James Thorogood

James Thorogood graduated from Medicine Hat High School in 2011 where he was nominated and won the Seymour Schulich Academic Excellence Scholarship. This was a \$50,000 scholarship given to one Canadian at that time. James moved on and graduated from the University of Calgary mechanical engineering department and most recently was named winner of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Edwin Parr Interviews

The Board is responsible for selecting an Edwin Parr nominee to represent Medicine Hat School District No. 76 at the Zone 6 selection process.

94. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board establish a meeting on March 14, 2017 starting at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting the representative for Medicine Hat School District No. 76.

CARRIED

2. Policy updates based on the January 9, 2017 Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Coordinating Committee reviewed, revised and recommended that the following policies be forwarded to the Board of Trustees. It was recommended that the Board approve the following:

- a) Policy 211 - Secretary Treasurer: Roles and Responsibilities (Moved from 500's)
- b) Policy 510 - Selection, Assignment, and Evaluation of Professional Staff (Revised and renamed)
- c) Policy 511 - Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff (Revised and renamed)
- d) Policy 515 - Assigned time for School-Based Instructional Staff (Revised and renamed)
- e) Policy 570 - Cyber Space and Technology Usage Protocol (Revised)

95. Mr. Riley

THAT Policy 211, Policy 510, Policy 511, Policy 515 and Policy 570, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Dates for September 2017

While meeting schedules are normally established at the annual organizational meeting in October, the Board is desirous of changing the meeting schedule starting September 2017.

96. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT Board meetings for next year be moved from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, effective September 2017.

CARRIED

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Dr. Ken Sauer School Branding

Mr. Jason Peters, Principal of the Dr. Ken Sauer School, was in attendance to present information regarding the plans for branding of the new school. Mr. Peters shared the draft logo and letterhead, which was created by Jeff Noon, a local photographic designer.

Mr. Peters also indicated that preregistration for the new school will take place on January 30 and 31, 2017.

2. Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Correspondence was received requesting public consultation regarding the Alberta Electoral Boundaries.

The Alberta government is looking at rearranging electoral boundaries and will be providing opportunity for public input.

This item will be added to the February agenda for further consideration.

3. Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention

Tim Johnson, Chair of the Southeastern Alberta Teachers' Convention, has sent an invitation for the upcoming convention on Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24, 2017.

4. Trustee Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "*Putting the Public Back into Public Education*" Trustees reported on their activities since the previous meeting.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended various Christmas Concerts, as well as the parent council meeting at CHHS and presented staff recognition awards at her designated schools.

Mrs. Freeman visited her four designated schools and presented staff recognition awards, and also attended the Riverside School Parent Council meeting, as well as various Christmas Concerts.

Ms. Forbes was invited to River Heights School to talk about local government. She also presented staff recognition awards to her designated schools and attended a number of Christmas Concerts.

Mr. Riley attended the Zone 6 meeting in Lethbridge and the Bargaining Bootcamp in Calgary.

Mr. Massini attended various Christmas Concerts, presented staff recognition awards and attended the Parent Council meeting at Riverside School.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

97. Mr. Riley

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 9:54 p.m.

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

Mr. Riley provided a Notice of Motion regarding the closure of Riverside School, effective June 30, 2017. This motion will be brought forward at the February 28, 2017 Regular meeting.

98. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **THAT** Personnel Matter #2017-01 be approved as discussed.

CARRIED

99. Ms. Forbes **THAT** Personnel Matter #2017-02 be approved as discussed.

CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT

100. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER