

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN SALON 161 IN THE MEDICINE HAT LODGE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Boris Grisonich, Acting Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Michelle Schneider, Teacher, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Glen Mori, Teacher, Medicine Hat High School
Ms. Whitney Kambeitz, Teacher, Crescent Heights High School

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

98. Ms. Forbes **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** and Special Meeting held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2016** and Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** and **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**.

It was noted that the minutes should be amended to reflect that Mrs. Freeman did not attend the March 29, 2016 Special Meeting.

99. Mr. Massini **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and Tuesday, April 5, 2016 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you letter from 2016 Alberta Winter Games Board of Directors
2. Thank you card from Logan Haynes re: Hub Fish Scholarship

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. CHHS Field Trip

Ms. Michelle Schneider, teacher at Crescent Heights High School, made a presentation to the Board on the highlights of their recent trip to New York.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Tri Schools - Trip to Japan

Mr. Glen Mori, district teacher, requested permission for students from the three district high schools, Medicine Hat High School, Crescent Heights High School and Alternate Programs to travel to Yokohama, Japan on July 21 to August 5, 2017. A Field Trip request form was attached.

It was recommended that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Medicine Hat High School, Crescent Heights High School and Alternate Programs to travel to Yokohama, Japan for the period July 21 to August 5, 2017, inclusive, 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 of Schools, re: measles immunization.

100. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT that the Board approve, in principle, a field trip for students from Medicine Hat High School, Crescent Heights High School and Alternate Programs to travel to Yokohama, Japan for the period July 21 to August 5, 2017, inclusive, subject to the conditions specified.

CARRIED

The Chair cautioned Mr. Mori that if conditions in Japan warrant it, the trip will be cancelled by the Board. Mr. Mori acknowledged that risk.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. ASBA Report

Mr. Riley provided an overview of the ASBA Zone Meeting.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. School Visit Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education" trustees are visiting schools.

Mr. Riley attended the school council meetings at Dr. Roy Wilson Learning Centre and Connaught School.

2. MHHS Drama Festival

Medicine Hat High School Drama is presenting *The Zone 7 One Act Drama Festival*, April 19-21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Teachers were encouraged to book their classes to join the *Pilot Lights Theatre Festival*. This is an excellent opportunity to see the incredible work created by drama programs at Alexandra Middle School, Brooks Composite, Foremost School and Medicine Hat High School.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

101. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:32 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

102. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Young Parkyn McNab LLP Chartered Accountants as the District's auditors for the four years August 31, 2016 to 2019.

CARRIED

103. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board accept the recommendation for the 2016 Friends of Education Award.

CARRIED

104. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve Legal Matter #2016-02 as presented.

CARRIED

105. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve Property Matter #2016-01 as presented.

CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT

106. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER