MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE TEMPORARY BOARD ROOM IN MEDICINE HAT HIGH SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015** AT **6:00 P.M.**

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

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

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. 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, June 16, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 and September 1, 2015.

2. Mrs. Wilson Fraser — **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 and September 1, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter, dated July 8, 2015, from Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure, re: thanks

2. Copy of email from Minister of Education, David Eggen re: meet with Board in Fall 2015

3. Thank you cards re: Appreciation Dinner

   Judy Coate
   Shelley Lukasiewich
   Sandie Dalton
   Louise Hermanson

4. Thank you cards from District students who received the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Marcus Caparini	Carly Stegen
Vanessa MacGregor	Austyn Rowat
Sam Dolter	Jenna Spruyt
Kiana Laduke	Blake Wright
Erica Lei	Brigham Hill
Taelynn Boschee	Lawrene Wu
Abigael Haney	Samin Dolatabadi
Logan Spruyt	

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Susan Nelson

Congratulations to Susan Nelson, teacher at Elm Street School, who had her Tower Garden Explorations project included in the Center for Student Work run by Harvard University and Expeditionary Learning.

2. Elm Street School Students

Congratulations to students at Elm Street School who had their clay art sculptures featured in the Medicine Hat Community Housing Society booklet “Journey Home”. In their sculptures the students reflected on, “What does ‘home’ mean to you?”

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Regional Collaborative Service Delivery

The purpose of Regional Collaborative Service Delivery is to enable aligned, coordinated, integrated and enhanced access to supports and services that improve a child or youth’s ability to participate and to be successful in their educational program, home and community. This is accomplished through collaborative partnerships between school authorities, Alberta Health Services, Human Services, including Child and Family Services, Family Support for Children with Disabilities, and Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

The goal of the RCSD is to improve access to supports and services, while building capacity of communities including school staff, service providers and families. Numerous capacity building opportunities are planned for 2015-2016.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Conflicting Board Meeting Dates

The Board was asked to consider changing the dates of a couple regularly scheduled Board Meetings, due to conflicting events.

1) Mr. Massini requested that the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for October 20, 2015 be held on October 13, 2015, due to a meeting conflict.

3. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the October 20, 2015 meeting be rescheduled to October 13, 2015.

CARRIED

2) November 17, 2015 conflicts with ASBA FGM in Edmonton. It was recommended that the Regular Board Meeting be held on November 24, 2015.

4. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the November 17, 2015 meeting be rescheduled to November 24, 2015.

CARRIED

3) June 7, 2016 meeting conflicts with ASBA SGM in Red Deer. It was recommended that the Closed Conference/Committee of the Whole Board Meetings be cancelled.

5. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the June 7, 2016 meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED

2. Critical Milestones

The Critical Milestones poster for the 2015-2016 school year was enclosed for the Board's review.

6. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the Critical Milestones plan for the 2015-2016 school year.

CARRIED

3. World Teachers' Day

October 5th is celebrated annually as World Teachers' Day. The 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.

7. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

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

CARRIED

4. Policy Review

Policy 212 identifies a process for the regular review of policies. At the June 16 Closed Conference meeting it was indicated a change in this process was desirable. The Board Chair and Superintendent were requested to review and amend Policy 212. A draft of the amended policy was attached. It was noted that the revised policy has the Board reverting back to reviewing policies as needed.

8. Mr. Massini

THAT revised Policy 212 be forwarded to the Coordinating Committee for review.

CARRIED

5. Improved Learning Presentations to the Board

The Board has determined one of the goals to be "improving learning through enhanced instruction". A schedule of school sharing presentations and structure was enclosed.

The school sharing presentations will take place at the schools on the first Tuesday of each month. Following the school sharing presentations, the Board will move back to the Board Room for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Labossiere and Mrs. Lesko will not be required to attend the school sharing portion of the meeting.

It was noted that the October 20, 2015 date should be changed to October 13, 2015.

9. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the improved learning presentations schedule and content as amended.

CARRIED

6. PSBAA Community Representative for Fall Meeting

PSBAA has requested that the Board consider sending two community representatives to the Fall Annual General Meeting. The registration will be covered by PSBAA and the Board would be responsible for travel and subsistence.

The Board recommended that student leaders in the high schools be invited to participate. The Superintendent will forward the invitation to the students. If students are unable to attend, Ms. Forbes will approach LEARN to see if two of their members would be interested in attending.

10. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to send up to two representatives and approve this expense.

CARRIED

11. Mr. Massini

THAT in the absence of students attending, Ms. Forbes will approach LEARN society to invite two of their members to attend.

CARRIED

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. This is a chance to share the governance perceptions from trustees in this goal.

Ms. Forbes visited Elm Street School.

It was noted that the Flats Run will take place on Friday, September 25, 2015.

2. MHHS Field Trip to Havre

In June the Board approved out-of-country field trips for Medicine Hat High School football team to travel to Havre, Montana on September 5 and 26, 2015. Conditions of approval in principle have been met. For the Board's information, the team travelled to Havre on September 5th, but the September 26th trip has been changed to September 19th.

3. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 6 Meeting

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on September 9, 2015. An overview of this meeting was provided.

4. Quad-School Student Council Meetings

Quad-School Student Council Meetings for the 2015-2016 school year have been scheduled for October 7, 2015 and March 16, 2016 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Crescent Heights High School.

The Board was asked to let Susan Getz know if they plan to attend.

5. Enrollment Update

Mr. Grisonich reported that the District enrollment as of September 4, 2015 is 7,099 students. This count is an increase of 177 students over this time last year.

VIII. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

12. Ms. Forbes

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:08 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

13. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve Personnel Matter # 2015-06, as presented.

CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT

14. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY TREASURER