

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021** AT 3:02 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Rick Massini, Catherine Wilson, Deborah Forbes, Carolyn Freeman

TRUSTEES ABSENT: 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: Tim Bloomfield, Principal, Coulee Collegiate
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10. 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 3:02 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:31 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

11. R. Massini

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on **Tuesday, June 22, 2021**, and **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, June 22, 2021**, and **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** and the Special Meeting held on **Thursday, September 9, 2021**.

12. C. Freeman

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, and Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, and Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATION

1. Coulee Collegiate

Mr. Tim Bloomfield, Principal, provided a presentation regarding Coulee Collegiate, which is a partnership between Medicine Hat College, Prairie Rose School Division and Medicine Hat Public School Division and is located at the Medicine Hat College.

Coulee Collegiate provides a year-round alternative learning experience and currently offers face to face instruction for mature students, as well as Distance Learning classes for high school students as well as adult learners. In 2020-2021 Coulee Collegiate served over 900 students who were registered for at least one class.

Moving forward the school goals will be built around student support and building relationships.

5:55 p.m. Tim Bloomfield left the meeting

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You Cards from MHPSD Students

Several thank you cards have been received from MHPSD students that have been awarded various scholarships.

Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Brianna Van Mulligen	Tori Kaczynski
Jaci Bertram	Ross Wilder
Olivia Sim	Micah Ferguson
Jayden Nolan-Jurasek	Brianne Steinkey
Joy Lobert	Hannah Christie
Breeanna Stovka	Tori Humphries
Hailey Schofield	Maria Manosalva

Debra Bitz Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Milne
Ethan Haukeness
Payton Mayzes

Medicine Hat Safe Grad 2021 Scholarship

Raya Grover

MHHS Alumni Scholarship

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Fred Fisher Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Ouwehand

2. Thank You Cards from MHPSD Staff

A thank you card was received from Deanna Immel expressing appreciation to the Board of Trustees for her 30-year award and retirement gift.

3. Response Letter from Education Minister

A letter was received in response to the Board's letter to Minister LaGrange May 19, 2021 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. Minister LaGrange's response was enclosed.

Discussion ensued and the Board expressed their disappointment with the response. Chair Wilson

will draft a letter to respond to Minister LaGrange, outlining the Board's concerns.

4. Response from Health Minister

An email was received in response to the Board's letter to Premier Kenney and Minister Shandro April 28, 2021 requesting that all school staff be placed on a priority list to receive Covid-19 vaccinations. Minister Shandro's response was enclosed for information.

IX. RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Long Service Awards

Congratulations to Catherine Wilson and Carolyn Freeman for being awarded the Public School Boards Association of Alberta's Long Service Award. Both are honoured with eight years of service as a Public School Trustee.

2. Youth in Philanthropy

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta sent a letter of recognition for teachers, Heather McCaig with Crescent Heights High School and Susan Withers with Medicine Hat High School for their leadership and guidance to the youth in their school who were involved in the Youth in Philanthropy program. Congratulations to Heather and Susan!

X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Alberta School Boards Association: Fall General Meeting

The ASBA Fall General Meeting will be held November 14 (evening) to 16, 2021 at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton.

2. Public School Boards Association of Alberta: Fall General Assembly

The PSBAA Fall General Assembly will be held on November 17 to 19, 2021 at the Double Tree by Hilton West Edmonton.

3. **National School Boards Association: Annual Conference & Exposition**

The NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition is scheduled for April 2-4, 2022 in San Diego, CA.

XI. **ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

No action arising.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilson thanked Carolyn Freeman for her years of service to MHPD.

Mrs. Freeman stated that it has been a privilege to serve the staff and students of the Division and she will continue to be an advocate for students and education.

13. C. Freeman

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER