

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, NOVEMBER 24, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Azeez Badrudeen, Student, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Pat Grisonich, Principal, Crescent Heights High School
Mr. Richard Potter, Director of Information Technology
Ms. Judy Hillier, Director of Primary Services
Mrs. Joanne Stockman, Early Learning Coordinator
Mr. Terry Freeman, Director of Programs and Instruction
Mrs. Leanne Dulle, Director of Finance

CHAIR: Mr. Terry Riley

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

28. Mrs. Freeman **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, October 13, 2015** and Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015** and **November 3, 2015**.

29. Mrs. Wilson Fraser **THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and November 3, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from District students re: Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

Brooklyn Kaczynski
Alexis Robinson
Kaelyn Steeves

Shauna Jensen
Tenille Rothwell

2. Thank you card from Andrew Shannon re: Woollven Scholarship

3. Thank you card to Terry Riley from PSBAA

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Sports Involvement

Congratulations were extended to the many students and staff who were involved in the sports programs this fall. These activities help students set goals, gain an understanding of teamwork and gain confidence. Thanks to all those involved!

2. WE Day

A special thank you was extended to our staff for their commitment and support of WE Day on October 27th. The students had an incredible experience due to this commitment.

3. ATA Inductees

Congratulations to all teachers inducted to the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 1 on November 5, 2015. We are very pleased to have these teachers in our District.

4. Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Many of the schools held Remembrance Day ceremonies. We would like to extend our appreciation to the staff for helping the students recognize the importance of this day.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Azeez Badrudeen

Azeez Badrudeen, Grade 9 student at Crescent Heights High School, made a presentation to the Board on the highlights of his trip to Alabama to attend a Space Camp for blind and visually impaired students.

Azeez was given the opportunity to participate in simulator activities, as well as zip lining, telephone pole jumping, scuba diving and wall climbing.

2. Class Size Survey

The class size data for 2015-2016 has been compiled and submitted to Alberta Education. An overview of the results was provided to the Board.

3. Early Learning Update

This year MHSD 76 will bring together Early Learning, Kindergarten, Grade one teachers and Elementary Principals to gain a common understanding of the continuum within the Kindergarten/Grade One curriculum with a focus specifically on Language Arts and Mathematics. A committee has been formed to explore best practices and develop district goals.

The District currently has 11 early learning classrooms in 9 schools and offers District support within 22 private preschools and child care centers, serving children from 2½ to 6 years of age.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Annual Education Results Report and Education Plan

The District has been provided the flexibility to submit the Annual Education Results Report together with the Three-Year Education Plan (AERR and EP). The completed document, with the exception of the Audited Financial Statement, was attached for information.

Mr. Freeman provided an overview of the contents of the Education Plan, which included the District's journey through Instructional Intelligence, Tribes and Kagan.

The District continues to support a wraparound approach with service providers and to support First Nations, Metis and Inuit students and build cultural competency in all students.

It was noted that the Audited Financial Statement will be inserted into the booklet once the statement has been approved.

30. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve the AERR & EP subject to inclusion of excerpts from the audited financial statements and board approved budgets.

CARRIED

2. Committee Appointments

Mr. Terry Riley, Board Chair, presented the recommended appointments to the Board Standing Committees and noted one change to the appointments, as follows:

Coordinating Committee	Catherine Wilson Fraser
ATA Negotiating	Deborah Forbes (Chair) Terry Riley
Teacher Board Advisory	Catherine Wilson Fraser Terry Riley
CUPE/CUPE Board Advisory	Catherine Wilson Fraser (Chair) Carolyn Freeman
Centralized/Facilities Group	Rick Massini (Chair) Deborah Forbes
District Council of School Councils	Carolyn Freeman
Public School Boards Association	Catherine Wilson Fraser Terry Riley (Alternate)
ASBA Zone 6	Catherine Wilson Fraser Rick Massini (Alternate)

31. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the Board approve Committee appointments as per the Chair's recommendation.

CARRIED

3. Audited Financial Statement

An external audit is required on an annual basis. The Board's appointed auditors, JMH & Co., have completed their audit of the financial results for the year ending August 31, 2015.

The Audited Financial Statements were presented to the Board for their review and adoption as the official financial results for the year ending August 31, 2015. The yearend financial results for 2014-2015 reflected a surplus of \$1,519,629.

32. Mr. Massini

THAT the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Budget 2015-2016 – Fall Update

As is required by Alberta Education, a fall update to the budget was presented to the Board. Mr. Labossiere reviewed the changes from the spring budget which included changes to student enrolments, staffing and grant increases.

It was noted that the Budget reflects a balanced budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

33. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Board approve the Fall Budget Update 2015-2016, as presented.

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.

Mr. Massini presented employee service awards at four schools.

Mrs. Freeman attended the Riverside Halloween workshops and the Flex Day at Alexandra Middle School.

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

The ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting was held on November 4, 2015. An overview of the meeting was shared.

3. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Conference

The ASBA Conference and FGM was held on November 15-17, 2015. An overview of the meeting was shared.

4. National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference

The annual NSBA conference will be held on April 9-11, 2016 in Boston. The Conference Schedule is available on the website - <http://www.nsba.org/conference>. Registration is now open and accommodations can be arranged only after registration is completed.

5. **Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress**

The annual CSBA Congress will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 7-9, 2016. The CSBA Congress is a chance to meet and share with other trustees from across the country. As further information becomes available, conference details will be posted on the CSBA website www.cdnsba.org.

6. **Public School Boards Council**

The PSBC was held on November 13 & 14, 2015. An overview of this meeting was shared for information.

7. **Drama/Musical Presentations**

a) **Crescent Heights High School**

Crescent Heights High School has planned one musical/drama production this school year.

- The Addams Family - February 2-12, 2016

b) **Medicine Hat High School**

Medicine Hat High School has planned two musical/drama productions this school year.

- The Wedding Singer: The Musical Comedy
February 4-7 and February 9-12, 2016
- 2016 Pilot Lights Theatre Festival
April 19-21, 2016

VIII. **MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

34. 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 7:56 p.m.

IX. **RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING**

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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

35. Ms. Forbes

THAT Personnel Matter #2015-07 be approved, as discussed.

CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT

36. Mr. Massini

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER