

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY**
DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 3:15 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Deborah Forbes, Rick Massini,
Yvonne Sissons

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Tracy Hensel, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Corey Sadlemyer, Associate Superintendent: Learning

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Leanne Dulle, Director of Finance
Aryanna Rowinski, Student Delegate, Medicine Hat High School
Amanda McGarry, Chair, Women in Leadership
Tricia Unreiner, Vice-Chair, Women in Leadership
Erin Sand, Secretary, Women in Leadership
Michelle Butchart, Data Analysis, Women in Leadership
Kendra Boyd, Community Connector, Women in Leadership
Tiana McLane, Venue Coordinator, Women in Leadership
Lindsey Steiner, Member, Women in Leadership
Sarah Scahill, Health & Wellness Manager
Janine Tolhurst, Occupational Health & Safety Officer
Rita Olsen, Human Resources Consultant
Jacqui Pederson, Human Resources Manager

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marley Steinwandt

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

36. Y. Sissons

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 3:15 p.m.

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 5:30 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. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomes Medicine Hat High School student delegate Aryanna Rowinsk.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

37. R. Massini

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023.**

38. D. Forbes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings held on held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Women in Leadership Committee

The Women in Leadership Committee is an Alberta Teachers' Association initiative in partnership with Medicine Hat Public School Division. Their purpose is to bring like-minded women and allies together to open the conversation on women as educational leaders.

Amanda McGarry, Chair of the Women in Leadership Committee shared that the group is an ATA initiative in partnership with MHPSD. It was created as a place for like-minded women and allies to have open conversations about women as educational leaders in our community. The committee has a six-person executive team and 39 members with their first meeting taking place in March 2023.

Some areas the group has focused on include collecting donations for community initiatives, facilitating professional development opportunities, creating partnerships and mentorship opportunities to better support women.

5:47 p.m. Women in Leadership members left the meeting.

2. Human Resources

The Human Resources Team provided an update to the Board on the work that is being done in their department.

With recent and upcoming personnel changes, the department has been working on establishing a record of process and procedures to provide stability moving forward. Information on department priorities, staff retention and turnover, occupational health and safety, and health and wellness were shared with the Board.

6:28 p.m. S. Scahill, J. Tolhurst, R. Olsen, and J. Pederson left the meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you from MHPSD Students

Thank you messages have been received from the following students that were awarded the Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship:

- Sydnie Bouchard
- Kaedan Buckler
- Dami Oluwalana

X. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Coach Jordan Weimer

Coach Jordan Weimer won *Coach of the Year* through Southern Alberta Interscholastic Administrative Council. Jordan coaches the Senior Boys Varsity Volleyball team at Medicine Hat High School. Congratulations coach!

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held their meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023. The meeting minutes were enclosed for information.

XII. RETURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

39. P. Grisonich

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 6:33 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

40. P. Grisonich

THAT the Board approve the creation of the Medicine Hat Public School Division Hockey Academy located at River Heights School and Crescent Heights High School, Dr. Ken Sauer Arts Academy and the Crestwood STEM Academy.

CARRIED

XV. ADJOURNMENT

41. Y. Sissons

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER