

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD VIA ZOOM ON **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020** AT 4:45 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: Joanne Stockman, Director of Early Learning
Lee Krasilowez, Communications Coordinator

CHAIR: Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Angie Lesko

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

II. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

32. D. 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 4:45 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

33. C. Freeman

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

VI. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on **Tuesday, November 24, 2020** and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on **Tuesday, November 24, 2020**.

34. R. Massini

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Medicine Hat Public School Division Service Delivery Model

Joanne Stockman provided an overview of the 2020-21 Service Delivery Model for ECS through Grade 12 and noted that funding changes have created a need for the Division to rethink how services are provided in schools.

The Division offers specialized learning supports through a 4-tier system, which includes collaboration, consultation, coaching and direct intervention. Services are being provided in the areas of speech and language, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Speech and language service providers focus on communication through literacy support and language development. Occupational therapy centres around self-care, productivity/play and fine motor skills to support the development of a just right state for learning, while physical therapy addresses gross motor skills to support the development of balance, core strength, coordination, spatial awareness, muscle strength and ball skills.

2. Human Resources Update

Mr. Cunningham provided a Human Resources update to the Board.

The overview included information regarding stats on the hiring of teachers and educational assistants for 2020-21, online staff orientation and training sessions, performance management, occupational health and safety training and program development, WCB Claim stats, disability management and health, wellness and attendance updates, in addition to the Division's response to COVID-19.

Mr. Cunningham also noted that MHPSD has been asked to participate in the ASEBP Short Term Disability Management pilot program commencing January 2021. This program will offer our Division further resources to assist with managing medical leaves during the 90-day elimination period prior to EDB.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Bylaw 2020-01 being a Bylaw to Establish Electoral Boundaries for Trustee General Election and Authority for a Joint Election

Under the Education Act and the Local Authorities Act, a bylaw must be passed on or before December 31 of the year preceding the local election. The bylaw must be passed by three distinct and separate readings.

The Board was provided with a copy of Bylaw 2020-01. Mr. Labossiere noted that the Bylaw states that the Medicine Hat Public Board of Education declares that there shall be five (5) trustee positions and the election will be by general vote of the electors within the municipal boundaries of the City of Medicine Hat. In addition, the Board will authorize an agreement to hold a joint election in conjunction with the City of Medicine Hat and appoints the City of Medicine Hat's City Clerk to act as the Board's Returning Officer for the School Board Election on October 18, 2021.

The Secretary Treasurer presented the first reading of the bylaw, in its entirety, at the November 24th Regular meeting and trustees expressed their support of the bylaw.

Mr. Labossiere presented the second reading of the bylaw by title and description and Chair Wilson called for a vote. All trustees were in favour of the bylaw, as presented.

The third and final reading of the bylaw was presented by title and description and Chair Wilson called for a vote. All trustees were in favour of the bylaw, as presented.

Mr. Labossiere declared that Bylaw 2020-01 has been enacted.

2. School Name Change

Administration recommended that the school name "YMCA Stay in School" (1239) be changed to "Pathways".

Superintendent Davidson noted that the way the outreach services have been used has changed significantly and the Division no longer has the same connection to the YMCA. Because of that, the Division would like to change the name to reflect the re-envisioned approach and to embody the work being done with the program.

A board resolution was required to change the school name.

35. D. Forbes

THAT the school name ***YMCA Stay in School*** be changed to ***Pathways***, as recommended.

CARRIED

IX. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Division Council of School Councils

The Division Council of School Councils held a meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed.

36. C. Freeman

THAT the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Division Council of School Councils meeting be accepted for information.

CARRIED

2. Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 30, 2020. The minutes from the meeting were enclosed.

37. C. Freeman

THAT the minutes of the November 30, 2020 Coordinating Committee meeting be accepted for information.

CARRIED

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

No action arising.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

38. R. Massini

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER