

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Mark Davidson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sherri Fedor, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Jerry Labossiere, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Lyle Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Andy Christie, Director of Facilities
Mr. Brian Schaffer, Assistant Director of Facilities

CHAIR: Mr. Rick Massini

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Angie Lesko

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions under:

RECOGNITIONS:

5. Cardinal Energy Christmas Visit to Elm Street School

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

2. Policy 622

77. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and November 29, 2016 as well as the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

78. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and Committee of the Whole meetings held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and November 29, 2016 as well as the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you cards from Maggie Carrier, Azin Dolatabadi and Tamber-Jo Grunewald Re Thelma Berkeley Robinson Scholarship

IV. RECOGNITIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Holiday Performances

The Board wishes to recognize all the schools for their holiday performances, including Christmas concerts, band concerts, celebrations, extravaganzas and activity evenings. The staff and students generously host their communities, families and friends to share in the celebration of the season. These activities support the goal of "Putting the Public Back into Public Education".

2. The Lion King

The Board wishes to recognize the massive effort on the part of Jennifer Davies, the students and community volunteers who made the spectacular production possible.

3. Susan Withers – Going the Extra Mile for Students

Boris Grisonich would like to recognize Sue Withers:

"Mark, I would also like to take this opportunity to brag about Sue Withers; Sue is wonderful at pushing top academic students in the right direction for scholarship opportunities and she is equally wonderful across the spectrum in working with students with the greatest academic struggles."

4. Anjali Mishra – Loran Award Semifinalist

Congratulations to Anjali Mishra, a Grade 12 student at Medicine Hat High School, on advancing as a semifinalist for the Loran Award.

In October 2016 Anjali attended the Student Voice Conference as part of the PSBA Meeting in Edmonton.

5. **Cardinal Energy Christmas Visit to Elm Street School**

The Board wishes to recognize Cardinal Energy for their generosity in bringing Christmas cheer to Elm Street School. In place of a staff Christmas party, Cardinal Energy reached out to sponsor a school during the Christmas season. All the students at Elm Street School were given a gift, as well as a new pair of pajamas, followed by a pizza lunch for all students and staff.

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Class Size Survey**

The class size data for 2016-2017 has been compiled and submitted to Alberta Education. An overview of the results was provided to the Board.

VI. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Year Calendar**

The 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 draft school year calendars were circulated to staff and parents for input.

The Board was asked to approve these calendars, as presented.

79. Ms. Forbes

THAT the Board approve the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 school year calendars, as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Policy 622**

Mr. Riley noted that the Board had made a commitment to review Policy 622, after receiving a number of indications that parents would like to have their role explicitly defined in the policy. It was noted that the key issue is to find the appropriate role of parents/guardians without violating the rights of the students.

80. Mr. Riley

THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Coordinating Committee to initiate the review of Policy 622. Such review should include a discussion of the role parents and/or guardians in the service of student needs without infringing on student rights as prescribed by law. The review process should include discussion of the issue at School Council meetings and at Coordinating Committee. The review should prepare recommendations to Policy 622 that are to be presented to the Board for their consideration no later than the April 2017 public general meeting.

CARRIED

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Coordinating Committee

Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Coordinating Committee meeting were attached.

81. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

2. Medicine Hat Public Schools Education Foundation

Minutes of the November 23, 2016 Public Schools Education Foundation meeting were attached.

82. Mr. Riley

THAT the minutes be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Mr. Massini noted that the Education Foundation is at a crossroads and a meeting will be called in the new year to examine the future of the Foundation.

3. District Council of School Councils

Minutes of the November 17, 2016 District Council of School Councils meeting were attached.

83. Mrs. Freeman

THAT the minutes be accepted as information.

CARRIED

VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Trustee Reports

As part of the Board's goal of "*Putting the Public Back into Public Education*" trustees are visiting schools.

Mrs. Wilson Fraser attended *The Lion King* performance and the Band Concert at CHHS and presented service awards at Medicine Hat Christian School.

Mrs. Freeman attended *The Lion King* performance and the Jr. Band Concert at CHHS.

Ms. Forbes presented service awards at River Heights School, Elm Street School and Southview School.

Mr. Riley attended performances at MHHS and Alexandra Middle School, as well as the Webster Niblock School Christmas Concert at the Dream Centre.

Mr. Massini attended the Webster Niblock School Christmas Concert, the community classroom project at CHHS, and the Critical Challenge event at Southview School, as well as the Undergrad Awards Ceremony at MHHS. In addition, he also attended the School Council meetings at MHHS and Alexandra Middle School, the Band Concert at CHHS, the Shortgrass Library Christmas dinner, as well as presented service awards at Crestwood School and the Maintenance Shop.

2. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Conference

The ASBA Conference was held on November 20-22, 2016. An overview was shared at the meeting.

3. 2016-2017 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Program (IMR) – Expenditure Plan

Alberta Education is providing capital funding of \$2,180,537 under the 2016-2017 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Program. At present,

the District has \$2,092,848 of unutilized carry-forward IMR funds from previous years.

The Medicine Hat School District No. 76 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Program Expenditure Plan for the program year 2016-2017 was shared for information.

IX. MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

84. Mr. Riley

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

CARRIED

The Board moved to Committee of the Whole at 7:05 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reconvened to the open board meeting at 7:53 p.m.

7:53 p.m. Ms. Forbes recused herself from the meeting

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

85. Mr. Riley

THAT Personnel Matter #2016-13 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

86. Mrs. Wilson Fraser

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER