



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Time: 1:11 PM

Trustees

Nicole Buchanan, Chair
Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair
Bev Manning, Trustee
Bill Stuebing, Trustee
Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

Senior Administration

Chad Erickson, Superintendent
Bruce Buruma, Corporate Secretary
Colin Cairney, Corporate Treasurer
Ron Eberts, Associate Superintendent
Dan Lower, Associate Superintendent
Rob Moltzahn, Associate Superintendent
Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved by: Stuebing, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 12:05 p.m.

3. Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 1:11 p.m.

Bill Christie Remembrance

A moment of silence in honour of School Board Trustee Bill Christie was held.

4. O Canada

O Canada was sung

5. Land Acknowledgement

The land recognition statement recognizing Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory was read by Trustee Woodward.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Manning, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Organizational Board Meeting for (August 19, 2020) be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting (September 9, 2020) be approved.

8. Recognition

8.1 RDCA Awards

This year, Shunda Consulting and Construction Management Ltd., our project managers for the Westpark Middle School rebuild project were recognized as winners in the “Over \$7.5 million Commercial Building” category. The award acknowledged the significant focus on teamwork not only with local trades but also with division, the design team as well as our students.

Representatives from Shunda Consulting and Construction Management Ltd and Westpark Middle School attended the meeting.

Moved By: Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognizes Shunda Consulting and Construction Management Ltd for their award winning Westpark Middle School project.

Carried

8.2 District Edwin Parr Nominee

Brianne Bancroft, a grade 7 teacher at Eastview Middle School, was Red Deer Public's nominee for the 2019/20 school year. Principal Kevin Robertson from Eastview Middle School commented that Ms. Bancroft demonstrates a level of excellence in every aspect of her teaching.

Ms. Bancroft and Mr. Robertson attended the meeting.

Moved By: Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognize Brianna Bancroft as Red Deer Public Schools nominee for the Edwin Parr Award.

Carried

8.3 National Inclusion Education Award

Westpark Middle School was the recipient of the prestigious National Inclusive Education Award on May 8, 2020. This award, an initiative organized by Inclusion Canada and its provincial and territorial members, honours a teacher, school or school division's whose commitment to inclusive education is exemplary and deserving of recognition.

Dawne Hammerschidt, a parent of a student attending Westpark Middle School submitted the Nomination. Dawne Hammerschidt, along with representatives from Westpark Middle School Attended the meeting.

Moved By: Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognizes Westpark Middle School as recipients of the National Inclusive Education Award along with the school's commitment to meeting the diverse needs of students.

Carried

8.4 Skills Canada Student Recognition

This year Skills Alberta was a virtual competition where students were sent information and had to return their completed tasks by a specific date. There was a virtual Awards Ceremony where students were recognized.

Jack Lerouge, a grade ten student at Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School won gold in the Culinary Arts division. While Emily Lerouge bronze in the Job Skill Demonstration category.

In the IT Office Software Applications, Hunting Hills High School grade 12 students Bryce Corrin won Gold while Nathan Anderson won Bronze.

These three students, along with representatives from their schools attended the meeting.

Moved By: Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognize the Skills Alberta medalists for their accomplishments and success.

Carried

9. Governance Agenda

9.1 Enrolment Summary Report

March 31, 2020 enrolment totaled 11,293 students attending Red Deer Public Schools.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Enrolment Summary Report for March 31, 2020 as information.

Carried

9.2 Changes in Bank Signing Authority

As a result of the appointment of Chad Erickson as the new Superintendent of Schools commencing on August 4, 2020, it is necessary to change our banking documents.

Moved By: Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Banking resolution regarding signing authorities for the Board's general account.

Carried

Moved By: Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Banking resolution regarding signing authorities for the Board's US dollar account.

Carried

Moved By: Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Banking resolution regarding signing authorities for the Board's Scholarship account.

Carried

9.3 Summer Facility Improvements

Associate Superintendent Ruston reported on the summer work for maintenance staff with over \$8 million dollars in projects being undertaken.

The government approved an additional \$4,105,000 for Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding to address the ongoing capital maintenance needs of the division and stimulate the economy during these challenging times. Several projects were identified by the division and approved by Alberta Education.

All schools received support from the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) program this summer with many projects completed or nearing completion.

Operations and Maintenance funding is used when work is necessary to be done to Central Services, Facility Services and facilities that are not owned by the division.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Summer Facility Improvements Report for September 2020 as information.

Carried

9.4 Staffing Report

Associate Superintendent Moltzahn provided an overview of staffing information for the past three years including total employees, teaching FTEs, and the number of Educational Assistants. Additional Human Resources information was also shared with the Board.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Staffing Report as information.

Carried

9.5 PSBAA Report

Trustee Stuebing provided a written report.

Moved By: Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the PBSAA Report as information.

Carried

9.6 ASBA Report

Trustee Peacocke provided a verbal report.

Moved By: Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the ASBA Report as information.

Carried

9.7 By-Election

The Red Deer Public Schools community was saddened by the passing of Trustee Bill Christie over the summer. This created a vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Corporate Secretary Buruma presented information regarding the option along with the cost to hold a by-election or to leave the position vacant until the next School Board Trustee Election which takes place October 18, 2021.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees decides to not to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees through a by-election.

Carried

9.8 Trustee Question - Natural Person Power

Corporate Secretary Buruma presented information on Natural Person Powers which were extended to school jurisdictions in the new Education Act.

The provision of Natural Person Powers may not significantly affect the operations of the Board, however, in the right circumstances and exploring opportunities with a different mindset, it can provide powers that were not at the Board's disposal under the School Act.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the requested information on Natural person powers as information.

Carried

9.9 2020-21 Trustee Work Plan

Trustees reviewed the proposed Trustee Work Plan for the 2020-21 School year.

Moved By: Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the 2020-21 Work Plan as presented.

Carried

Moved By: Woodward, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees work with the advocacy committee regarding students anxiety around the diploma exams in a COVID year.

Carried

9.10 Review Policy #5 and #6: Role of the Chair and Vice Chair

Trustees reviewed Board Policy #5 - Role of the Board Chair and #6 - Role of the Vice-Chair.

Moved By: Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Board Policies review of Policy #5 and #6 as information.

Carried

9.11 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chad Erickson highlighted a number of activities he was involved in during the Month of August.

Moved By: Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried

9.12 Board Chair's Report

Chair Buchanan provided a verbal report.

When Trustees are attending a meeting, who is to report back. ASBA and PSBAA Directors should provide reports to the Trustees.

Moved By: Buchanan, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Board Chair's Report as information.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence Received

A letter received from the Alberta Band Association dated June 30, 2020 regarding the value of Instrumental Music and adapting during COVID-19.

10.2 Letter of Condolence

The Board of Trustees received several letters of condolences regarding the passing of Trustee Bill Christie.

11. Celebrations

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration commented on events and activities they participated in.

Motion to Meet in Private

Moved by: Manning, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 3:48 p.m.

Carried

Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 5:23 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 5:23 p.m.

Chair

Corporate Treasurer