

Beautiful Plains School Division
Regular Board Meeting
December 21, 2010

Present: Chairperson G. Hunter and Trustees B. Snezyk, R. Kulbacki, K. Guillas and J. McNeily

Also Present: J. Young and G. Olmstead

Regrets: Vice-Chairperson D. Rea and Trustee R. Manns

BPTA: C. Brouzes attended later in the meeting.

In Camera

- a) Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report – leave of absence request

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.
 2. The minutes of the December 7, 2010 Regular Board Meetings were approved as circulated.
 3. The accounts and payroll direct deposits for November 2010 were approved.
 4. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Policy Updates: I.C.B. - Distance Education Fees & I.C.C. - Senior Years Programs in Hutterite Colony Schools were presented. (Housekeeping changes only)
 - b) It was noted that a NACI student overnight activity did not receive prior approval.
 - c) HBNI / ITV on Hutterite Colonies
The Superintendent reported on the status of ITV use for high school courses on Colony schools. One and perhaps two schools are showing some interest next year. This would bring the total usage to 4 or 5 schools.
 - d) Supervision / Evaluation
 - e) The Board is working on their Supervision / Evaluation presentation for the Board/Principal Conference. A planning meeting will be called in January.
 5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report
 - a) Leave without pay as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report was approved.
- C. Brouzes attended the meeting at this time.
- b) Trustee indemnities

A new by-law reflecting a 1% increase in indemnities will be presented at the next regular meeting. Average Winnipeg CPI is .8 of 1% for the last year.
 - c) Mileage Rates

Mileage rates for use of a private vehicle will remain at 38¢ per kilometer. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide survey results from other Divisions when available.

- d) Staffing
Al Watkins, school bus driver, resignation accepted effective December 31, 2010.

6. Committee Reports

- a) Education & Policy Committee

The minutes of the December 8th, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Topics included clarification of Policy G.C.C. - Family Medical Leave, Guidelines for Extra-Curricular Supervision, Community Use of School Facilities and Student Cell Phone Use.

7. Other Reports & Information

- a) Workplace Safety & Health – Minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting were reviewed.
- b) MSBA E-Bulletin – Court decision to exempt Law Society of Manitoba for school taxes.
- c) MSBA – Draft School Board Member Handbook
- d) MSBA Guidelines for Resolving Complaints
- e) Board / Principal Conference
 - Final details are being worked on
 - Ask the Principal / Ask the Board questions
 - Core Values

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

The following was noted:

- a) Documenting "Village on a Diet" – The Town of Neepawa is a candidate for CBC reality series.
- b) Bill 13 – Several new mandates from the government:
 - Attendance mandating until 18 years of age or graduation
 - Standardized provincial report cards
 - New provincial assessment policy
 - Mandatory monthly attendance reporting
 - Division wide standardized inservice / PD days
- c) Thank you letter to staff member
- d) Community Foundation Time & Talent Auction
- e) Call for proposals for workshops and student entertainment - MSBA
- f) Education & Policy Committee membership
 - Information shared about staff interested in being part of Education & Policy Committee.
 - Board feels staff are represented by principals who sit on the committee.
 - Board feels it is appropriate to collect information from additional staff depending on the policy being discussed.
- g) MSBA School Principal Competencies feedback
- h) Storm day / bus cancellation – Large schools will be meeting in the new year to clarify procedures when the Division needs to billet students.
- i) One trustee will be attending MSBA Superintendent Recruitment Evaluation seminar.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

The following was noted:

- a) MSBA thank you to Gord Olmstead for presentation to new trustees
- b) Update on NACI Construction
- c) Upcoming Regional bargaining information sharing meeting
- d) Potential sick leave cost liability
- e) New date for Property Tour – January 11, 2011

Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as amended. *Carried*
2. That the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
3. That the November 2010 expenditures be approved for a total of \$1,249,670.43
 - Accounts Payable Cheques #10742 - 11020 \$623,336.78
 - Payroll Direct Deposits #18174 – 18509 \$626,333.65*Carried*
4. That leave without pay as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report be approved. *Carried*
5. That the resignation from Al Watkins, school bus driver, be accepted effective December 31, 2010. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.