

# Beautiful Plains School Division

## Special Board Meeting

March 8, 2011

**Present:** Chairperson G. Hunter, Vice-Chairperson D. Rea, and Trustees J. McNeily, K. Guillas, B. Snezyk, R. Manns, and R. Kulbacki

**Also Present:** J. Young and G. Olmstead

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved as circulated.
3. 2011/12 Budget

Jason Young provided an overview of major changes and educational initiatives contained in the draft budget. Major changes are the addition of two classroom teachers, a half time Apprenticeship Coordinator and an additional half time teacher dedicated to EAL/Resource. The Budget also calls for 1.5 more educational assistants. As well, there are increased costs for internet connectivity for all schools and ITV for Colony high school courses.

Gord Olmstead provided new information on an increased Tax Incentive Grant. The TIG offered has been increased to \$504,000 from \$404,000. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to accept the revised TIG by using \$63,411 of accumulated surplus. This allows property taxes to remain the same as last year and more importantly, no budget enhancements had to be eliminated.

The 2011 mill rate for property taxation will remain at 16.26 mills. This is the second consecutive year property taxes on education have not increased.

Budget Expenditures in the amount of \$15,404,640 were approved. This is 4.8% more than the current school year.

### Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
2. That the 2011 Special Levy be established at \$6,574,518 (16.26 mills). subject to written confirmation from Manitoba Education that the Tax Incentive Grant in the amount of \$504,331 will be payable to the Division. *Carried*
3. That the Beautiful Plains School Division access the 2011 Tax Incentive Grant by using accumulated surplus in the amount of \$63,411 to supplement the 2011 Special Levy. *Carried*
4. That the Beautiful Plains School Division 2010/11 Budget Expenditures in the amount of \$15,404,640 be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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