

Beautiful Plains School Division
Regular Board Meeting
November 1, 2011

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

Also Present: J. Young and G. Olmstead

BPTA: K. Funk (regular meeting only)

Prior to the regular meeting, Jennifer Donais, Speech Language Pathologist, attended the meeting accompanied by two teachers, Kim Chapman and Lisa Von Halle and two educational assistants, Carmen McPhee and Sonya Paterson to present an update to the Board on Augmentative and Alternative Communication / Assistive Technology.

In Camera

- a) Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Request for a leave of absence
 - b) Halloween issue at R.J. Waugh – Letter of reply
 - c) Drug Sweep – High Schools
 - d) Recent choice of school applications

- b) Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report – school buildings

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the October 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll direct deposits for September were approved as circulated.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
 - a) Review of Policy F.B.A. – Use of School Facilities was reviewed. (Administration to work on wording for next meeting.)
5. Superintendent's Business Report
 - A leave request without pay as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report was approved.
6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report
 - a) Resignation from Judy Twerdoski, school bus driver effective October 25, 2011, was accepted.
 - b) By-Law No. 255, a by-law for the purpose issuing debentures to finance the Neepawa Collegiate Foundation Upgrade was given final approval.

c) School Bus Route Reduction (Carberry – Wellwood area)

A plan to reduce one bus route in the Carberry area route by extending three current routes was presented. This will mean earlier pickup times and later drop off times for a number of families. The plan as presented tries to make things as fair as possible taking into consideration safety (crossing main line train tracks) and attempting to run routes backwards in the afternoon. The plan as presented will ensure that no one has in excess of a one hour ride in the morning and afternoon. The Board asked for further information and this decision will be delayed until the next meeting.

d) The request for transportation from the Knox family who lives in the new development in Carberry was approved for the 2011/12 year.

As well, a motion advising the Town of Carberry that bus transportation will not be provided for those students living east of Cemetery Road effective September 2012 unless a plan for pedestrian traffic is developed by this date.

7. New Business & Correspondence for Action (Business additions to Agenda)

a) Education Matters article was approved for submission to local media.

8. Other Reports

a) Divisional Science In-service was well attended. The session was well received by our staff.

b) Colony Leaders Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

c) MSBA Call for Resolutions was noted.

d) Manitoba Education K-3 Class Size Currently the division has 4 out of 21 K to 3 classrooms with more than 20 students.

9. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

The following was noted:

a) Graduation Rates statistics from both high schools were reviewed. Differences between the provincial rates and our school rates were noted.

b) WE Day will be attended by students in our Division.

c) Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching – Nominations for awards requested

d) Neepawa Collegiate grad will be held on June 27, 2012 and Carberry Collegiate grad will be on June 26, 2012

10. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

a) Teacher Bargaining Meetings are scheduled for November 14th and 21st.

11. Open Forum

Topics for an upcoming meeting with the BPTA were noted.

Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the September 2011 expenditures be approved for a total of \$717,165.26

Accounts Payable Cheques	#13186-#13381	\$665,939.60	
Payroll Direct Deposits	#21237-#21298	\$ 51,225.66	<i>Carried</i>
- 4. That the request for leave without pay as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved. This leave is for 2.5 days over and above what is provided in Policy G.C.C. *Carried*
- 5. That the resignation from Judy Twerdoski, school bus driver, be accepted effective October 25, 2011. *Carried*
- 6. That By-Law #255, a by-law for the purpose of issuing debentures to finance the Neepawa Collegiate foundation upgrade BE READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED SIGNED AND SEALED. *Carried*
- 7. That the request from Colin and Tannis Knox for special bus transportation services for their child from the bus pickup on Cemetery Road in Carberry be approved for the 2011/12 school year only. *Carried*
- 8. That the Town of Carberry be advised that students living east of Cemetery Road will not be Transported by bus effective September 2012 unless a plan with a budget has been developed by the Town by this date. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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