



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

- a) Chair
 - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
 - Jennifer Mertz
- c) Trustees
 - Barry Kletke
 - Rob Pirie
 - Justin Bolin
 - Jim Northcott
- d) Superintendent
 - Bevan Daverne
- e) Secretary Treasurer
 - Tahra Sabir
- f) Associate Superintendent
 - Jeff Grimsdale
- h) Recording Secretary
 - Kristy Polet

Absent:

- g) Deputy Superintendent
 - Wes Miskiman (due to prior engagement)

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

3.0 Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that we are on lands in the Treaty 7 area. We are making this acknowledgment to demonstrate our commitment to work together as a community in laying the foundation for reconciliation through education.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:33 a.m.

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1002

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:16 a.m.

Break

Recessed at 10:16 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1003

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the December 15, 2020 agenda.

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of November 24, 2020

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1004

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the November 24, 2020 Regular Minutes.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Attended Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Professional Development sessions via zoom:
 - November 19 (Advocacy and the Political Landscape - Catherine Keill)
 - November 26 (Inclusion, Diversity and Unconscious Bias - Joni Avram)
 - November 30 (5 Brave Moves - Jody Carrington)
- Appreciation extended from the Carseland and Wheatland Crossing School Council meeting for all the support Golden Hills School Division provides.
- Christmas greetings extended to all stakeholders for the Golden Hills School Division Trustees.
- Attended PSBAA Beliefs Statement Workshop via zoom on December 2, 2020.
- Discussed December 2, 2020 telephone conversation with Cathy Hogg, PSBAA President.
- Special meeting planned by the PSBAA Executive for January 15, 2020.
- Council of Council meeting date to be determined, either in January or February 2021.

Correspondence:

- Received letter from staff member
- Received Christmas greetings from other school boards.
- Discussed Bill 10 court challenge.
- Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Media is producing a summary brochure.
- PUF Hold Harmless letter from Livingstone Range Division sent to Alberta Education.
- ASBA is hosting seminar "Respect in Training" via zoom.

B) Board Committees

Trustee Pirie presented information on the following topics from Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5:

- Trustee Pirie forwarded meeting minutes from previous meeting to fellow Trustees.
- Discussed unaccounted students - divisions are down in numbers.
- ASBA Zone 5 will be hosting Professional Development sessions – list will be sent out closer to date.
- Trustee Pirie is the new Alternative Director for ASBA Zone 5.

Trustee Kletke presented information on the following Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) topics:

- Discussed PSBAA letter to the whole board.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Nothing to report on at this time.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following:

- Family and Community Social Services (FCSS) (Town of Strathmore) moving out of Storefront/Learning Academy week of December 14, 2020.
- Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) Stimulus Program:
 - Grateful for these dollars to help stimulate our local economy. Majority of work has been completed and balance of work will be completed in springtime.
- CMR/IMR:
 - Alberta Education and School boards are navigating through this process.
 - Government would like to see IMR plans before hand (this is a change). We always have a plan, but we can only plan so much due to emergencies, school educational needs, change in society and other important requirements/requests.
 - We are unsure of the funding allocations and the IMR/CMR distributions. We will continue to work with Alberta Education.
- Caretaking:
 - We are grateful for all the extra work performed by our Caretakers.
 - We are not reducing hours or laying people off. We have some relief for illness as we can move people around. We continue to ensure we are cleaning as per the COVID requirements plus additional precautions based on circumstances.
- Buildings:
 - Continue to monitor facilities as we always do. We are doing some extra building checks as some schools have lower occupancy levels. We have temperature sensors and critical alarms and our maintenance staff continue to monitor the buildings regularly.

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed collaboration and support for Learning At Home, GHSD Instructional Coaches and the Learning Academy have shared resources.

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following topics:

- GHSD Teachers from home and at schools, working closely with Alberta Health Services (AHS).
- No announcement on the Risk Mitigation for fall.
- Learning At Home letter (Circuit Breaker)
 - Sent to staff, outlining what is required of students during January 4-8, 2021.
 - There will be regular Teacher online interaction and daily check in.
 - K-6 - homework package to go home or online, Grades 7-12 teachers will continue with current learning.
 - Senior Exams (Term 1) completed during class period/online, Parent letter to be sent out explaining what to expect for exams and classes in January.
- Siksika Health Services has agreed to help Golden Hills with COVID-19 testing if schools have positive cases.
- Contact tracing over the holidays - Alberta Health Services (AHS) has requested that we continue with notices throughout the Christmas break.
- Trochu Valley School - interview for Principal position on December 15, 2020.

Break

Recessed 12:01 p.m.

Reconvened 12:10 p.m.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Calendar 2020-2021 (B. Daverne)

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1005

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed 2021/2022 School Year Calendar as a pilot for the school year.

9.2 Supplementary Executive Retirement Program (SERP) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1006

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approves to pay out the Supplementary Executive Retirement Program (SERP) benefit over ten years in annual payments on the last day of January following the date of termination, retirement, or death.

B) Information Items

9.3 Enrolment Monitoring Report (November 2020) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report to the Board of Trustees for information.

9.4 Technology Services Report (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation:

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the primary role of Technology Services in our Division.

9.5 International Services Report (K. Jordan)

Recommendation:

Dr. Kandace Jordan, Director of International and Innovation Services, presented information on Golden Hills International Program, which provides opportunity for our resident students to experience global competencies by interacting with students around the world.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: #BD20201215.1007

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer