



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, September 22, 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

d) Superintendent

- Bevan Daverne (excused at 1:58 p.m.)

e) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

f) Associate Superintendent

- Jeff Grimsdale (excused at 1:58 p.m.)

h) Recording Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Absent:

c) Trustee

- Jim Northcott

g) Deputy Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:29 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: #BD20200922.1001

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:30 a.m.

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1002

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:41 a.m.

Break

Recessed at 10:41 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1003

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the September 22, 2020 agenda with the addition to Action Item: - 9.2 PSBAA 2021 Fee Schedule and Budget

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Organizational Minutes of August 25, 2020

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1004

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the August 25, 2020 Organizational Minutes.

7.2 Regular Minutes of August 25, 2020

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1005

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the August 25, 2020 Regular Minutes.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) special meeting that was held on September 17, 2020 via zoom. The meeting was to discuss College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) as a Professional Organization.
- Meeting to be set up with MLA, Nathan Horner, United Conservative Party (UCP) for Drumheller-Stettler.
- Discussed ASBA survey re: MLA Connections - Charm Offensive.
- Discussed Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) 2021 Membership Fee and Budget.

B) Board Committees

Trustee Pirie presented information on the following topics:

- Chair Huntley, Vice Chair Mertz and Trustee Pirie attended Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 zoom meeting held September 4, 2020.
- Trustee Kletke had no new information to report on at this time from the Public School Boards Association (PSBAA).

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Nothing to report on at this time.

D) Administration Reports

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Leading and Learning Sessions offered to Teachers.
- New Teacher Orientation date, Wednesday, September 30, 2020.
- Learning @ Home, 280 students are registered.
- Learning Academy - increase in Jr and Sr high enrolment.
- Alberta Health Services - working closely with them to determine needs of the students.
- Working with Jr. and Sr. high sports Teachers on safety and support plans for re-introducing sports programs.
- Discussed Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) - opting out for Grades six and nine.

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Transportation:
 - Shortage of bus drivers (relief), 14 drivers retired, division office has posted ads.
 - MELT "S" is a complicated factor, government looking into modifying.
- Insurance:
 - Alberta Risk Managed Insurance Consortium (ARMIC) holding first AGM September 28, 2020.
 - Quotes to be received soon from the future brokers, Marsh.

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed OH&S Audit across the province.
- COVID - school start up ran smoothly.
- Absenteeism has risen in the schools 5-20%.
- Colony Schools - delayed start up do to COVID in the colonies.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - continuously brining in for school and staff.
- Weekly meetings with Principals.
- Allowing limited band practice and indoor singing as per Alberta's Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Deena Hinshaw.
- Parent and Teacher Interviews will be conducted virtually.
- New teachers have been hired for Learning @ Home program.
- Graduations - delayed from 2019-2020 school year,
 - Trochu Valley School, October 10, 2020
 - Prairie Christian Academy, September 26, 2020.

Break

Recessed at 12:20 p.m.

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Advocacy Planning (B. Daverne)

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1006

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees table agenda item Advocacy Planning until further review.

9.2 Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) 2021 Fee Schedule and Budget (B. Daverne)

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1007

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees supports the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) 2021 Fee Schedule and Budget.

B) Information Items

9.3 Preliminary Enrolment (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the Preliminary Enrolment to the Board of Trustees for information.

9.4 System Enhancement (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation:

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information to the Board of Trustees on how we are committed to constant improvement. Teacher effectiveness has a critical impact on student success and to ensure educators have regular opportunities to learn and enhance their practice.

9.5 IMR and Capital Projects Monitoring Report (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the combined funding for Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) and on the Capital Maintenance Renewal (CMR) Stimulus package that was announced on April 15, 2020. The funding provides upgrading and /or replacement of major building components to meet regulatory requirements for health, safety and extends the life and quality of school facilities.

9.6 Family School Community Resource Program (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation:

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information to the Board of Trustees on how GHSD Family School Community Resource Program strives to assist students in developing the social-emotional learning competencies that they will need to be successful in school and later in life. Understanding and promoting positive mental health in schools is a shared responsibility of parents, educators and community partners.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: #BD20200922.1008

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 2:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

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