



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees

Meeting Type : REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date : Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Start time : 9:30 AM

Location : Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Minutes

Attendance

Present were:

a) Chair

- David Price

b) Vice-Chair

- Larry Tucker(Absent)

c) Trustee

- Barry Kletke
- Sherri Nielsen (excused herself at 2:45 p.m.)
- Alan Larsen
- Joyce Bazant

d) Superintendent of Schools

- Bevan Daverne

e) Associate Superintendent

- Kandace Jordan
- Wes Miskiman

f) Secretary/Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

g) Recording Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Call to Order

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

In Camera**Resolution #BD20151124.1001**

MOVED by Trustee Bazant that the Board of Trustees go *In Camera* at 9:33 a.m. to discuss legal matters.

Carried

Resolution #BD20151124.1002

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:47 a.m.

Carried

BREAK

Recessed at 10:48 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:55 a.m.

Approval Of Agenda**Resolution #BD20151124.1003**

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Presentation of Minutes**Resolution #BD20151124.1004**

MOVED by Trustee Nielsen that the Board of Trustees approve minutes of October 27, 2015 as presented.

Carried

Chair's Report
(REPORTS)

Chair Price reported on the following items:

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting, attended with Trustee Nielsen on November 6, 2015.
- Discussion with other Board Chairs on topic of Bargaining and Policies.
- Letter from Education Minister, Honorable David Eggen. Superintendent Daverne and Chair Price will draft a response letter.

Board Committees
(REPORTS)

No information to report on at this time.

Board Representatives to External Organizations
(REPORTS)

Trustee Kletke presented information on the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) held on November 13-14, 2015.

- Dr. Kris Wells received the PSBAA award for his contribution to public schools
- Discussed how every child should feel safe and included in their school.
- Black Gold School Division has withdrawn from the PSBAA. Fort Vermillion School Division has joined the Association.
- Motion was passed to change the wording of the Education Act (carried).
- Discussed which school boards have a policy on the Lord's Prayer.
- K. Worobec made a presentation on Environmental and Energy Literacy.
- L. Hagen, Campaign Director for Wellness Alberta, made a presentation on Chronic Disease Prevention.

Trustee Nielsen presented information on the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting held on November 6, 2015.

- Discussed Fee structure and how they differ from between each Zone.
- Mentioned that the voting process for positions will change at the FGM.
- Reviewed and approved, Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Policies 1-8.
- All ASBA expenses will be posted online as of January 1, 2016.
- ASBA President Helen Cleese reported on the ongoing work with Advocacy, Bargaining consultations, meetings and announcements.

- Discussed topic ideas for PD opportunities and Board sharing:
 - FNMI, Bus Driver Recruitment, Nutrition Programs, Reduction in School Fees, Mental Health and Student Anxiety, Local Municipality Involvement and Interaction, Bullying Policies, Funding Framework, Accountability Pillars Review, Community and Parent Involvement, ASBA Advocacy Linking of Boards, Student Voice, Fiduciary Responsibility, Natural Persons Powers.

Resolution #BD20151124.1005

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the PSBAA (Public School Boards' Association of Alberta) invoice for \$0.90 per student annually for 4 years.

Carried

BREAK

Recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvene at 12:45 p.m.

**Administration
Reports
(REPORTS)**

Associate Superintendent Miskiman presented information on the following topics:

- HR Update:
 - Long Service Awards Gala Evening is planned for the evening of May 26, 2016 at the Travelodge.
 - Discussion on Planning Pre-Retirement Workshops for Golden Hills School Division.
 - Teachers - ATA (Alberta Teachers Association)
 - Division Staff - LAPP (Local Authorities Pension Plan)
 - Teacher Bargaining - Golden Hills School Division No. 75 expires August 2016.

Associate Superintendent Jordan presented information on the following topics:

- Teacher recruiting is underway.
- Leadership Training being held throughout the month.
 - Guest Speakers, A. Rose and G. Newman

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following topics:

- Carbon School fire on Sunday, November 22, 2015. Carbon Volunteer Fire Dept. was called immediately, they arrived on scene promptly and extinguished the fire. The gym and shop rooms are off limits until fixed as there was some structural damage.
- Discussed field trip excursions that have been approved for some of our schools in 2016. Due to the recent terrorist attacks, Golden Hills School Division No. 75 have a set protocol in place, this will also involve the parents of the students that are registered for any International excursion.
- Regional Water Corporation meeting; discussed the potential waterline.
- Don Hartman's Retirement last day is Wednesday, November 25, 2015. Christa Seepish will be stepping into the Project Manager's position on a 2 year contract.
- ASBOA is collecting information on school fees for Alberta Education, deadline is Friday, November 27, 2015.
- Minister of Education, David Eggen, is collecting information on Student Food Programs in schools.
- Discussed Provincial Math curriculum.
- East Wheatland naming Committee update:
 - Narrowed the possibility of school names down to five submissions.
- Green Acres Colony was featured in the Green Energy Futures Magazine as the largest Solar farm in Western Canada.

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Facilities Update:
 - Prairie Christian Academy (PCA) is progressing well.
 - Trochu Valley Fitness Centre, working on HVAC pricing and securing local trades people.

**Audited Financial
Statements for the
year ending August
31, 2015**

(Action Items)

Terry Booth, FCA and Alicia Simmonds, CPA, CA, Manager (Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants) were in attendance via conference call to present the AFS and answer Trustee questions regarding the audit.

Michael Kuystermans, Manager of Financial Services was also in attendance.

Resolution #BD20151124.1006

Moved by Trustee Nielsen that the Board of Trustees approves the 2015-16 amount on the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2015 to be transferred to restricted reserves as follows:

Capital Reserves - transfer of \$500,000

Operating Reserves - transfer of \$380,000

Carried

Resolution #BD20151124.1007

Moved by Trustee Bazant that the Board of Trustees approves the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2015 for submission to Alberta Education by November 30, 2015 subject to the Board being advised of any minor adjustments which may be necessary before the budget is submitted to Alberta Education November 30, 2015.

Carried

**Final Budget
Submission
2015-2016**

(Action Items)

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented information on the fall update to the 2015-2016 Budget.

Resolution #BD20151124.1008

Moved by Trustee Larsen that the Board of Trustees approves the Budget 2015-2016 for submission to Alberta Education by November 30, 2015 as required subject to the Board being advised of any minor adjustments which may be necessary before the budget is submitted to Alberta Education November 30, 2015.

Carried

**2015-2018 Three
year Education Plan
and 2014-2015 AERR**

(Action Items)

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report.

Resolution #BD20151124.1009

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the combined Three Year Education Plan 2015-2018 and Annual Education Results Report 2014-2015 for submission to Alberta Education November 30, 2015.

Carried

**Field Studies
Excursion Bogoto,
Colombia(Prairie
Christian Academy)**

(Action Items)

Resolution #BD20151124.1010

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Prairie Christian Academy to Bogota, Colombia from February 5, 2016 - February 15, 2016 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website:

http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

**Field Studies
Excursion Europe
(Prairie Christian
Academy)**
(Action Items)

Resolution #BD20151124.1011

MOVED by Trustee Larsen that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Prairie Christian Academy to Europe from March 24 - April 3, 2016 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

Advocacy Planning
(Action Items)

Resolution #BD20151124.1012

MOVED by Trustee Larsen that the Board of Trustees review and adopt new updated advocacy priorities for the 2015/2016 school year.

Carried

**Monthly Enrolment
Monitoring Report
(October 2015)**
(Information Items)

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (October 2015).

**Drumheller Valley
Secondary School
(C. LaPierre)**
(School Monitoring
Reports)

Superintendent Daverne welcomed C. LaPierre, Principal (Drumheller Valley Secondary School), who presented the Schools' education plan and results achieved. Superintendent Daverne and Chair Price thanked C. LaPierre for his presentation.

**Greentree School (E.
Campbell-Bentley)**
(School Monitoring
Reports)

Superintendent Daverne welcomed E. Campbell-Bentley, Principal (Greentree School), who presented the Schools' education plan and results achieved. Superintendent Daverne and Chair Price thanked E. Campbell-Bentley for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #BD20151124.1013

MOVED by Trustee Larsen that the Board of Trustees go *In Camera* at 3:20 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Carried

Resolution #BD20151124.1014

MOVED by Trustee Larsen that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 3:28 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #BD20151124.1015

MOVED by Trustee Bazant that the meeting adjourn at 3:29 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer