



Golden Hills School Division No. 75 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 24, 2010

Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
held in the Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division No. 75
office in Strathmore, Alberta on Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Present

Ron Kenworthy	Chair
Joyce Bazant	Vice-Chair
Shirley Buyer	Trustee
Karen Harries	Trustee
Barry Kletke	Trustee
Larry Maerz	Trustee
Bob McKay	Trustee
Barb Rangen	Trustee
Dianne McBeth	Superintendent
Kandace Jordan	Associate Superintendent
Ed Holt	Deputy Superintendent
Tahra Sabir	Secretary-Treasurer
Brenda Scott	Recording Secretary

I CALL TO ORDER

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

II IN-CAMERA

2010-08-24-215

Moved by Trustee Buyer that the Board of Trustees go *in camera* at 9:33 a.m. to discuss legal, property and personnel matters.

Carried

2010-08-24-216

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board of Trustees *rise from in camera* at 10:40 a.m.

Carried

Trustee Kletke left the in-camera meeting from 9:50 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. due to a possible conflict of interest.

1. Opening Prayer

Trustee McKay offered the opening prayer.

2. Welcoming

Chair Kenworthy welcomed the public and read the Vision and Mission statements.

Memorandum of Agreement
2010-08-24-217

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board of Trustees ratify the Memorandum of Agreement and Letter of Understanding #1 of June 28, 2010, between Golden Hills School Division No. 75 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1184, including Schedule A dated September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2010.

Carried

Pontmain School and Property

Trustee Kletke left the meeting from 11:01 a.m. – 11:03 a.m. due to a possible conflict of interest.

Trustee McKay requested a recorded vote.

2010-08-24-218

Moved by Trustee McKay that the Board of Trustees donate the Pontmain School building and site to the Town of Trochu for community service use with the following conditions:

1. Exclusion of current or future use as a school enrolling students in Kindergarten to grade 12, and;
2. for all costs associated with the transfer.

In Favour: Trustees Bazant, Buyer, Harries, Kenworthy, Maerz, McKay, Rangen

Opposed: None

Carried

Trustee Kletke returned to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda
2010-08-24-219

Moved by Trustee Buyer that the Board of Trustees approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. Presentation of Minutes of June 22, 2010
2010-08-24-220

Moved by Trustee Harries that the Board adopts the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting as amended:

- Page 3: ii) bullet three: Attended June 19, 2010 Alberta Education meeting, International Services, re: partnership opportunities in China, Vietnam and Thailand.

Carried

III REPORTS

1. Board Chair

Chair Kenworthy reported on the following items:

- Copy of June 21, 2010 letter from L. Jess, Chair of Wolf Creek Public Schools, to Honorable D.



Hancock, Minister of Education re: objections to the removal of the extended response portions of the Diploma and Provincial Achievement Tests in math and science

- Letter of June 21, 2010 from Honorable D. Hancock, Minister of Education re: responding to the Board's concerns with Wheatland County's land use bylaw decision
- Email of July 6, 2010 from Honorable D. Hancock, Minister of Education re: 2010/2011 Curriculum Handbook for Parents accessible on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx>
- Email of July 7, 2010 from Honorable D Hancock, Minister of Education *Fulfilling Commitments* – Government of Alberta's decision to fund the 2.92 per cent increase in teachers' salaries
- Email #47 of July 8, 2010 to Board Chairs from ASBA President H. Welwood, regarding Government of Alberta's decision to fund the 2.92 per cent increase for teachers' salaries
- Email #48 of July 21, 2010 to Board Chairs from ASBA President H. Welwood re: *Inspiring Education*
- Email of July 23, 2010 from Honorable D Hancock, Minister of Education re: advising trustees of the online governance survey
- Email of August 14, 2010 from D. Anderson, Executive Director of ASBA re: initiative to support excellence in school board governance
- Letter to the Editors of local newspapers from Golden Hills S.D. Board Chair R. Kenworthy inviting nominees for the trustee election, October 2010
- School Opening Message (2010-11) from the Board (see website www.ghsd75.ca)
- Letter of August 23, 2010 to School Council Chairs from Golden Hills S.D. Board Chair R. Kenworthy re: opportunity to respond to the Transformational Guides (surveys) on the Alberta Education website <http://education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/handbook.aspx>

2. Division Administration
i) D. McBeth,
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent McBeth reported on the following items:

- Notice from D. Anderson, Executive Director, Alberta School Boards Association, regarding the Association's preparation of board development *Promoting Growth and Development and Excellence in Governance as Leadership*. Board Chairs will be surveyed between August 23 and October 4
- Article from D. Wolosyn, Zone Director, Alberta



Education re: summer camps for international students

- Opening of School messages from the Board and the Superintendent (see website www.ghsd75.ca)
- Letter to student Speak Out participants from Superintendent re: opportunity for input on Alberta Education's surveys, *Transformational Guides*
- Updated ASBA Governance Handbooks on the ASBA website
- Attended CASS/ASBOA/Alberta Education conference, August 11-13

ii) K. Jordan, Associate Superintendent Instructional Services

Associate Superintendent Jordan reported on the following items:

- Bill 44 and changes to the *Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12*. Effective September 2010 parents must be notified re: explicit lessons dealing with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation. See: <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidetoed.aspx><http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidetoed.aspx>.

iii) E. Holt, Deputy Superintendent Human Resources

Deputy Superintendent Holt reported on the following items:

- Increase in the *Local Authorities Pension Plan* rates over the next three years

iv) T. Sabir, Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir reported on the following items:

- Corrected possible misunderstanding arising from the letter to the editor re: gopher control at Central Bow Valley school grounds
- Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan increase in rates to 3.95% effective September 1, 2010
- Provincial licensing cost for Microsoft: Cost \$17,979.13 Grant \$9,161.34
- Attended CASS/ASBOA conference August 11-13

V NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. Budget 2010/2011 July Announcements

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented revisions to the Preliminary Budget necessitated by enrolment changes and recent funding announcements.

2010-08-24-221

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the revisions of August 24, 2010 to the Preliminary Budget.

Carried



BREAK

Recessed 11:59 a.m.

Reconvened 1:00 p.m.

2. Board Annual Work Plan Superintendent McBeth presented a draft annual work plan for trustee input.

2010-08-24-222

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board of Trustees approves the Board's Annual Work Plan subject to the necessity for ongoing changes as a result of internal and external influences.

Carried

3. Transportation Adjustments for DCHS relocation Secretary-Treasurer Sabir provided information on the transportation fee adjustments for Drumheller Composite High School students moving to the new site this year.

2010-08-24-223

Moved by Trustee Bazant that the Board of Trustees approves a two part proration fee based on the moving date for students attending Drumheller Composite High School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Carried

4. Drumheller Composite High School Project Interim Report Secretary-Treasurer Sabir provided Trustees with information on the Drumheller Composite High School modernization project and presented the list of change orders.

5. Monthly Enrolment Report for June 2010 Secretary-Treasurer Sabir provided Trustees with information on the monthly enrolment.

6. Inspiring Education: Inspiring Action Superintendent McBeth provided Trustees with information on *Inspiring Education: Inspiring Action* discussion papers.

7. Golden Hills Board of Trustees Election 2010 Secretary-Treasurer Sabir provided information on the trustee election.

8. Curriculum Changes 2010 Associate Superintendent Jordan provided information on curriculum changes for 2010.



VI ADJOURNMENT
2010-08-24-224

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees
adjourns the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Carried

Chair (Ron Kenworthy)

Secretary-Treasurer (Tahra Sabir)

