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

December 8th, 2009

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, December 8th, 2009

Present

Ron Kenworthy	Chair
Joyce Bazant	Vice-Chair
Shirley Buyer	Trustee
Karen Harries	Trustee (left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.)
Barry Kletke	Trustee
Larry Maerz	Trustee
Bob McKay	Trustee
Barb Rangen	Trustee
Dianne McBeth	Superintendent of Schools
Kandace Jordan	Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Ed Holt	Associate Superintendent of Schools
Tahra Sabir	Secretary-Treasurer
Brenda Scott	Recording Secretary

I CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion to go *In Camera*
2009-12-08-073

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board go *In Camera* at to address a personnel matter.

Carried

Motion to *Rise from In Camera*
2009-12-08-074

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board *Rise from In Camera* at 10:02 a.m.

Carried

BREAK

Recessed 10:02 a.m.
Reconvened 10:30 a.m.

**II CALL TO ORDER
REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.



- Carried**

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hosted by MP Kevin Sorenson, MLA Arno Doerksen,
Mayor G. Lattery and Reeve B. Armstrong

- Alberta School Boards Association Strategic Plan input due by January 4, 2009

Alberta School Boards Association
2009-12-08-078

Moved by Trustee Harries that the Board of Trustees sends a letter to the Alberta School Boards Association indicating support for the Alberta School Boards Association Strategic Plan.

Carried

2. Division Administration

i) D. McBeth, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent McBeth reported on the following items:

- Attended Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting November 22-24
- Meeting with the Minister of Education, November 25 regarding education budget cuts
- Attended the County of Wheatland's public hearing, November 26
- Attended College of Alberta School Superintendents conference
- Visits with principals to review their Annual Education Plans along with Associate Superintendent Jordan and Deputy Superintendent Holt
- Attendance at Alberta Teachers' Association Accountability Committee meeting, December 7

ii) K. Jordan, Associate Superintendent

Associate Superintendent Jordan reported on the following items:

- Child and Family Services will provide funding for a social worker position in Drumheller until August 2010 and in Wheatland until March 2010
- "Setting the Direction", Minister's message on special education was viewed via podcast
- Progress on the "English as a Second Language" project
- "Assessment for Learning" meeting December 7

iii) E. Holt, Deputy Superintendent

Deputy Superintendent Holt reported on the following items:

- Progress towards achieving a safety certificate which will reduce Workers' Compensation Board premiums
- Submissions for the Mayors' Gala Award through the Calgary Educational Partnership Foundation (CEPF)



- iv) T. Sabir, Secretary-Treasurer Secretary-Treasurer Sabir reported on the following items:
- Testing of the new heating system at Dr. Elliott School
 - Three Hills daycare project is close to completion and a grand opening announcement is forthcoming
 - Drumheller Composite High School update on the modernization project and a funding update for the project
 - The bus routes that were not running due to inclement weather December 7 and 8

BREAK**Recessed 11:40 a.m.****Reconvened 1:00 p.m.****IV DELEGATION**

1. Friends of Tro-Val Chair Kenworthy welcomed K. Hoppins and C. Armstrong, representative of "Friends of Tro-Val" who gave a presentation on the Society and its mission. Chair Kenworthy thanked K. Hoppins and C. Armstrong for the presentation.

V BUSINESS ARISING

1. Information Items
Correspondence to Honorable Minister Hancock The Honorable D. Hancock, Q.C., Minister of Education asked the Board of Trustees to provide him with a business case supporting the requested, new East Wheatland K-12 school. The document is attached for information and for the record.
2. 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statement The Board approved the Audited Financial Statement in draft form at the November 20, 2009 regular meeting. The approval was subject to "any material variances be reported" so the Secretary-Treasurer reported that no material variances exist between the draft and the final documents.

VI NEW BUSINESS

- Action Items
1. Prairie Christian Academy Field Excursion/Studies
2009-12-08-079 R. Wood, Principal (Prairie Christian Academy) was in attendance to answer Trustee questions about the field excursions/trips.
- Moved by Trustee Harries** that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Prairie Christian Academy to participate in the field studies/excursion to Eston, Saskatchewan, December 31, 2009 – January 3, 2010.

Carried

2009-12-08-080

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Prairie Christian Academy to participate in the field studies/excursion to Great Falls, Montana, March 24-28, 2010.

Carried

2009-12-08-081

Moved by Trustee Buyer that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Prairie Christian Academy to participate in the field/studies to Bogota, Columbia, February 3-14, 2010.

Carried

2009-12-08-082

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Prairie Christian Academy to participate in the field studies/excursion to Paris, France, Belgium and Holland, April 2-11, 2010.

Carried

2009-12-08-083

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Prairie Christian Academy to participate in the field studies/excursion to Athens, Greece, March 30 – April 11, 2010.

Carried

3. Board Policy Review
- Policy 1, Division Foundation Statements

2009-12-08-084

Moved by Trustee Harries that the Board adopts Board Policy 1, Foundation Statements: Vision, Mission and Values, revised November, 2009.

Carried

- Policy 15, Consideration of Program and/or School Closure

2009-12-08-085

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board adopts Board Policy 15, Consideration of Program and/or School Closure, revised December, 2009.

Carried



4. Ward Structure Review
(S. Cymbol)

2009-12-08-086

Chair Kenworthy welcomed S. Cymbol who presented on the ward structure.

Moved by Joyce Bazant that the Board of Trustees approve a ward structure that would consist of five wards with six trustees

Ward 1 – would consist of the current Wards 1 & 2 (Kneehill North and the Town of Three Hills) with a population of 7,064.

Ward 2 – would consist of the current Ward 3 and portions of Wards 5 and 7 (Kneehill South and all lands in Wards 5 and 7 contained within Townships 27 and those portions of 28 that extend from the western boundary to the eastern boundary of Wheatland County) with a population of 6,500

Ward 3 – would be the current Ward 4 with a population of 7,932.

Ward 4 – would be the current Ward 6 with a population of 11,838 and 2 trustees – each trustee would represent 5,919 residents

Ward 5 – would consist of those portions in Wards 5 and 7 not included in Ward 2 with a population of 7,156

Carried
One opposed

2009-12-08-087

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board of Trustees requests the Minister to approve the changes to the existing ward boundaries from 7 to 5 and the number of Trustees from 9 to 6.

Carried
One opposed

1. Information Items
Monitoring Report on Student Health Initiative Program (SHIP)

Associate Superintendent Jordan presented the monitoring report on the Student Health Initiative Program for information and for the record.

BREAK

Recessed 4:05 p.m.
Reconvened 4:10 p.m.

2. Monitoring Report on School Sustainability

Superintendent McBeth presented the monitoring report on School Sustainability for information and for the record.



Motion to extend the meeting

2009-12-08-088

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board of Trustees approve an extension of the meeting to 5:30 p.m.

Carried

There was a request to continue the conversation/discussion on the monitoring report on School Sustainability at the January 12 meeting.

2009-12-08-089

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees table the Technology Services Report (2008-2009 Results and 2009-2010 Plans) to the January 12, 2010 meeting.

Carried

3. Technology Services Report (2008-2009 Results and 2009-2010 Plans) This item tabled to January 12, 2010 regular meeting.

VII PRESENTATIONS/SCHOOL REPORTS

1. Hussar Chair Kenworthy welcomed E. McLane, Principal (Hussar School) who highlighted the Education Plan and the results achieved by the school. Chair Kenworthy thanked E. McLane for the presentation.
2. Strathmore High School Chair Kenworthy welcomed G. Reagan, Principal and D. Raycroft, Associate Principal (Strathmore High School) who highlighted the Education Plan and results achieved by the school. Chair Kenworthy thanked G. Reagan and D. Raycroft for the presentation. D. Raycroft also highlighted the hockey program at the school.

VI NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

Moved in order – see Motion 2009-12-08-075
G. Reagan, Principal, and T. Bezzeg, were in attendance to answer questions regarding the field excursion/trip.

1. Strathmore High School Field Excursion/Studies

2009-12-08-090

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the request for Strathmore High School to participate in the field/study excursion to Washington, D.C., May 25-30, 2010.

Carried



Motion to extend the meeting
2009-12-08-091

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve an extension of the meeting to 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Adjournment
2009-12-08-092

Moved by Trustee McKay that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

