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

September 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 September 8th, 2009.

Present

Ron Kenworthy	Chair
Joyce Bazant	Vice-Chair
Shirley Buyer	Trustee
Karen Harries	Trustee
Barry Kletke	Trustee
Larry Maerz	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 9:30 a.m.

Motion to go *In Camera*
2009-09-08-017 **Moved by Trustee Buyer** that the Board go *In Camera* at 9:30 a.m. to address Student, Personnel and/or Board Operations.
Carried

Motion to *Rise from In Camera*
2009-09-08-018 **Moved by Trustee Rangen** that the Board *Rise from In Camera* at 10:04 a.m.
Carried

2009-09-08-019 **Moved by Trustee Kletke** that compensation for the position of Manager of Financial Services be approved as presented.
Carried



2009-09-08-020

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the salary grid 2009-10 in the Collective Agreement between the Alberta Teachers Association Local Three Drums of Wheat and the Board of Golden Hills School Division be adjusted, at this time, in accordance with the provincial government's funded interpretation of the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings Index (AAWEI) which is at 4.82%.

Carried

1. Opening Prayer

Trustee Harries opened the public portion of the meeting with a prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

2009-09-08-021

Moved by Trustee Harries that the Board of Trustees approves the agenda with the following addition:
Add to III Reports: 2. Board Committee and Board Representatives: Alberta School Boards Association Zone 5 Report – Trustee Bazant

Carried

3. Presentation of Minutes

1) Organizational Meeting of
August 25, 2009

2009-09-08-022

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board adopts the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of August 25th, 2009, as amended:

Motion 2009-08-25 Signing Authority:

"Moved by Trustee Buyer that the Board appoint Chair Kenworthy, Vice-Chair Bazant, **(change and to or)** Trustee Rangen as one of the signing authorities required together with either the Secretary-Treasurer or Manager of Financial Services.

Motion 2009-08-25-005 School Division Employee and Trustee Expense Claims

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Appendix A – Trustee Remuneration as noted in Appendix A **(change be effective to remain in effect)** as of the Organizational Meeting of August 25th, 2009.

Carried

2) Regular Meeting of August
25, 2009

2009-09-08-023

Moved by Trustee Maerz that the Board adopts the minutes of the August 25th, 2009 regular meeting, as amended:
III Reports 1. Board Chair bullet 3 change K. Lane-Upton to K. Kane-Upton

Carried



III REPORTS

1. Board Chair

Chair Kenworthy reported on the following items:

- Letter from Infrastructure Minister Jack Hayden re: approval to dispose of the site of the former Rosebud Creek School.
- Letter to Siksika Board of Education regarding an invitation to meet with Golden Hills School Board.
- Board Chair's Email #28 from Alberta School Boards Association President Heather Welwood re: update on discussions concerning Alberta Average Weekly Earnings Index .
- Letter from David Anderson, Executive Director of Alberta School Boards Association re: update to the Alberta School Boards Association Governance Handbook.
- Letter to MLA Doerksen with enclosure of the Golden Hills School Board response to letter from B. Gates (22/07/09).
- Board Chair's Email #29 from Alberta School Boards Association President Heather Welwood re: recent budget information from Minister Hancock. Included was notice of a meeting of all board chairs and superintendents on September 12, 2009.
- Email invitation from Minister Hancock for all board chairs and superintendents to attend meetings at several locations in the week of September 7th to 10th re: budget discussions. Zone 5 meeting is September 9.
- Calgary Regional Consortium fall program brochures
- Letter from Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission Chair, Honorable Judge Walter with a request for input.
- Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education (CAPSLE) June 2009 newsletter
- Invitation of Hospitality during the Alberta School Boards Association Fall Annual General Meeting was sent to neighbouring boards
- Letters from various stakeholders regarding capital priorities.

2. Board Committee and Board Representatives (External Committees)

- Policy
- Alberta School Boards Association Zone 5

Trustee Rangen provided Trustees with the opportunity for input and clarification on the report from the Policy Committee meeting of September 8th, 2009.

Trustee Bazant provided Trustees with an oral report on Alberta School Boards Zone 5 meeting of September 4th, 2009. A written report excluding those parts referring to employee compensation matters will be attached to the minutes.



3. Division Administration

i) D. McBeth, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent McBeth reported on the following items:

- School visits for the purpose of welcoming staff and reviewing the Board's Three Year Education Plan
- Attendance at policy committee meeting regarding the review of the ward structure
- Invitation from Prairieland to view Career and Technology Studies Mobile Lab at Morrin School on September 25th
- New reporting format reiterates that reporting assists the board in fulfilling its governance role of monitoring results and to help build the corporate history
- Hosting neighbouring boards, November 23rd, at the Alberta School Boards Fall Annual General Meeting

ii) K. Jordan, Deputy Superintendent

Deputy Superintendent Jordan reported on the following items:

- Worldskills International (September 1-5th, 2009). 900 students from Golden Hills School Division attended.
- Central Alberta Child and Family Services impending clawback of funding and implications for the school based Family Resource Workers in Drumheller

2009-09-08-024

Moved by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees expresses concern to the Central Alberta Child and Family Services about the funding cuts impacting Family Resource Workers in Drumheller.

Carried

iii) E. Holt, Associate Superintendent

Associate Superintendent Holt reported on the following items:

- International students arriving throughout September
- H1N1 discussions at schools and letters sent to all parents and staff
- Golden Hills School Division is tracking absenteeism and working with maintenance and caretaking regarding cleansing procedures to prevent spreading of H1N1
- Workers Compensation Board premiums may be reduced subject to an audit and site safety committees contribute to the success

iv) T. Sabir, Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir reported on the following items:

- Annual Audit process has started
- Transportation is monitoring bus routes for time and distance. Letters sent to parents indicated changes may be forthcoming.
- Pilings for the new Drumheller Composite High School



gymnasium were drilled and tested.

- The one year warranty at Dr. Elliott for the foundations repairs has passed. New boilers will be retested September 18.
- Wheatland Elementary stucco will be completed within weeks.
- Carbon's Career and Technology Studies lab is near completion.
- Safety saws were installed in all school Career and Technology Studies labs.

IV BUSINESS ARISING Action Items

1. Board Meeting Scheduling Conflict
2009-09-08-025

Moved by Trustee Harries that the November 24th meeting which conflicts with the Fall Annual General Meeting of the Alberta School Boards Association be re-scheduled to Friday, November 20th, 2009.

Carried

Information Items

1. Budget Announcements 2009-10

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented information about the \$80 million midyear cuts to provincial education funding and the implication for Golden Hills.

V NEW BUSINESS

Action Items

1. Human Resources Staffing Preliminary Report
2. Enrolment Report (Preliminary 2009-10)

Associate Superintendent Holt presented the Preliminary Report on Human Resources.

Secretary-Treasurer Sabir presented the Preliminary Enrolment 2009-10 Report.

Adjournment
2009-09-08-026

Moved by Trustee Rangen that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. in order to participate in the Board's Annual Evaluation facilitated by T. Gunderson, Education Advisor, Alberta School Boards Association.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

