



# MINUTES

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## Golden Hills School Division

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024 (9:30 AM)**

#### 1.0 Attendance

Present:

- a) Chair
  - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
  - Jim Northcott
- c) Trustees
  - Jen Mertz
  - Barry Kletke (arrived at 9:40 AM)
  - Justin Bolin
  - Rob Pirie
- d) Superintendent
  - Jeff Grimsdale
- f) Secretary Treasurer
  - Tahra Sabir
- g) Recording Secretary
  - Kristy Polet

Absent:

- e) Deputy Superintendent Wes Miskiman

#### 2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

#### 3.0 Acknowledgment

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (District 3 and 4), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

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## 4.0 In Camera

### 4.1 In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20240123.1001**

**MOVED by Trustee Mertz** that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:30 AM.

### 4.2 Out of In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20240123.1002**

**MOVED by Trustee Pirie** that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:20 AM.

Recessed at 11:20 AM

Reconvened at 11:30 AM

## 5.0 Approval of Agenda

### 5.1 Approval of Agenda

**Recommendation: BD#20240123.1003**

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

## 6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

## 7.0 Presentation of Minutes

### 7.1 Regular Minutes of December 12, 2023

**Recommendation: BD#20240123.1004**

**MOVED by Trustee Pirie** that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of December 12, 2023, as presented.

## 8.0 REPORTS

### A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES) Conference will be held March 3-5, 2024, near Edmonton, AB.
- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 webinar regarding ASBA Budget Assumptions and Sustainability will be held February 2, 2024, at 1:00 PM.
- Discussion regarding the ATA letter within the PSBAA meeting agenda.
- Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) webinar is on February 21, 2024, at 1:30 PM regarding Federal Advocacy.
- Discussed ASBA Survey on Position Statement Framework.
- ASBA Speaker's Corner - Education Commission of the United States (Trends, Issues, Research and Practices) will take place on January 22, 2024, from 6-8:00 PM.
- Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortium (ARPDC) Survey - not completed, outside our mandate.
- ASBA Education Stakeholders meeting is on January 23, 2024, from 1:30-3:00 PM.
- Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) survey on the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers and Professional staff in Rural and Northern Alberta has been completed.

## **B) Board Committees**

No information at this time.

## **C) Board Representatives to External Organizations**

Trustee Northcott presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 Professional Development Day that was held January 12, 2024.

- Discussed Level learning, Career Education, Teacher Retention, Dual Credit.
- Edwin Parr Awards will take place on May 10, 2024, location is to be determined.
- Next meeting is February 2, 2024, at the FrancoSud Division in Calgary, AB.

## **D) Administration Reports**

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Transportation:
  - Added a new route in Wheatland County to reduce the ride time for another route.
  - Two routes in Strathmore have relief drivers, due to shortage of drivers.
  - February 5, 2024 - new class of trainees start, each one from Drumheller, Trochu and Strathmore.
  - Provincial testing dates are getting harder to book.
- Facilities:
  - Wheatland Crossing Fitness Centre - setting up temporary electrical heat to complete drywall installation.
  - Trinity Christian Academy Parking Lot - complete, landscaping and deficiencies will be looked after in the spring.
  - Trinity Christian Academy Addition - weather is compromising construction, the video wall has been installed on the south wall of the gym.
  - Strathmore High School - electrical completed for the video wall, should be completed by the end of January, new theatre seating has been approved and will be replaced over summer.
  - NorthStar Academy - move from Didsbury to Red Deer is complete, smooth transition, waiting for some furniture.
  - Strathmore Dorms - working on roof and dorm siding replacement tender documents for all four dormitories.
  - Strathmore Maintenance Shop - continuing to upgrade lighting to LED and working on roof.
  - During the cold snap we ran into some issues including, power outages, some rooms within the schools were cool, an air handler unit locked, fire sprinkler line broke in a school's exterior wall (was fixed within hours), sewer line froze among other small maintenance issues due to cold weather.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- January 16, 2024, hosted an Administrators meeting at Division Office.
- Kindergarten registration is being advertised and open.
- New Curriculum Science for Grade 2 was hosted at Division Office on January 10, 17 and 23, 2024.
- Discussed new component for the Annual Education Results Report (AERR).
- Formed Artificial Intelligence (AI) and ESports Committees will be meeting at the end of January.

- Staffing:
  - Shortage of Teachers across Canada, challenge to fill positions, taking longer to secure Teachers for our Division.
- Deputy Superintendent Miskiman is attending Teacher/Career Fairs, in total there is 14 to attend.
- Long Service Awards (LSA) will take place on May 23, 2024, at the Travelodge in Strathmore, AB.
- NorthStar Academy will host an "Open House" in the near future at their new location in Red Deer, AB.

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

### A) Action Items

#### 9.1 Public School Boards Association (PSBAA) Membership Review (J. Grimsdale) Recommendation: **BD#20240123.1005**

**MOVED by Trustee Pirie** that the Board of Trustees notify Public School Boards Association (PSBAA) before April 1, 2024, that it is Golden Hills School Boards intention to withdraw from the organization.

Defeated

#### 9.2 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Survey - Draft Position Statement Framework (J. Grimsdale)

##### Recommendation: **Info/Action**

No motion required - The Board of Trustees approve Chair Huntley to fill out the ASBA survey on the Divisions behalf.

Recessed at 12:25 PM

Reconvened at 12:40 PM

### B) Information Items

#### 9.3 First Quarter Financial Report (Sept/Oct/Nov) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented and reviewed the First Quarterly Financial Report to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

#### 9.4 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (Dec) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for December 2023 to the Board of Trustees

#### 9.5 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Mileage Rate Allowance 2024 (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the new 2024 Canada Revenue Agency mileage rates to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

#### 9.6 Inclusive Education Report (2022-23 Results and 2023-24 Plans) (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the Inclusive Education Report that provides support and services to ensure that our students with diverse learning needs

receive a quality education thus ensuring them the opportunity to best achieve their potential.

### **9.7 School Summaries Report (T. Sabir)**

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the School Summaries Report 2022/2023 and Budget for 2023/2024 to the Board of Trustees. This report summarizes key information for each school which aides the Board of Trustees in decisions related to the annual budget and capital planning, it also presents key information for each school.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

### **10.1 Adjournment**

**Recommendation: BD#20240123.1006**

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

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