



MINUTES

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, March 26, 2024 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Jim Northcott

c) Trustees

- Jen Mertz
- Barry Kletke
- 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 9:29 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.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1001

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

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1002

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:00 AM.

Carried

Recessed at 11:00 AM

Reconvened at 11:14 AM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1003

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

Carried

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of February 27, 2024

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1004

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of February 27, 2024, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- March 18, 2024 - Chairs Meeting with Ministry Representatives, Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley attended. The Honorable Demetrios Nicolaides requested another meeting in the spring.
- March 3-5, 2024 - attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES) Conference that was at the River Cree Resort and Casino near Edmonton. Great presentations and networking opportunities.
- Board of Trustees took part in the Human Resource Interviews that took place on Friday, March 22, 2024.
- The Board Self Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation will take place at the April 23, 2024, Board Meeting.
- Edwin Parr Banquet will take place Friday, May 24th at the Track Golf Course in Langdon, AB.

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 meeting that was held Friday, March 1, 2024, at Golden Hills School Division.

- Discussions regarding Charter School Boards, Rural supports for Teacher retention, Carbon tax and Municipal Elections.
- Trustee Pirie discussed Municipal Elections and how it is tied with Trustee Elections. ASBA is wanting to bring forward a motion that will exempt Trustees from having to state their political party preference.
- Trustee Pirie discussed ASBA Budget, what to expect and some key points.
 - reduce Consulting fees,
 - general meetings will see an increase from \$675.00 to \$700.00,
 - membership fees to go up 4% and end the hybrid portion for general meetings.
- Edwin Parr Awards Banquet will take place Friday, May 24, 2024, at the Track Golf Course in Langdon, AB. The evening will commence at 4:30 PM with the Ceremony to begin at 6:30 PM.
- ASBA Zone 5 will host another Professional Development Day in May, to be determined.

Trustee Northcott presented information on the Rural School Board Caucus (RSBC)

- Would like rural school boards to upload pictures showcasing their division.

Trustee Kletke had no new information to present regarding the Public School Boards of Alberta (PSBAA) at this time.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Transportation:
 - Purchasing 10 new buses, they will replace the older ones in our fleet which is a normal part of our Evergreening.
 - Field Trips - 700 field trips to date, 2/3 have been for our schools and 1/3 hired out.
 - Driver Training - four drivers will be taking their road tests this week and five people in the que to take our training course April 8, 2024.
 - Diesel prices are increasing, budgeted \$1.50 for the 2023/2024 year, the highest has been \$1.40, approximately 600k litres are used in a year.
- Finance:
 - Internal audit - Government of Alberta audit was finalized and submitted at the end of March.
 - New Software Program, CaseWare accounting, organizes audit data, stores, communicates, reports and generates automated financial statements for a seamless workflow.
 - GHSD Finance Coordinator is supporting school Secretaries by going to their schools and working with them.
- Facilities:
 - Wheatland Crossing Fitness Centre
 - Strathmore Dorm roof tender is closed and under budget.
 - Acme Replacement tender closes beginning of April.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Attended the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Zone 5 meeting was hosted at the Golden Hills Division Office March 15, 2024, great attendance.
- Attended the CASS Conference that was held March 20-22, 2024.
- Attending the CRC Leadership Conference being held March 27, 2024.
- Edwin Parr Banquet will take place May 24, 2024, at the Track Golf Course in Langdon, AB. Nominee is Chelsea Czibere from Dr. Elliott School.
- Director of Human Resources, Michael Bradford, will start his position August 15, 2024.
- 2024-2025 Administrative positions are as follows:
 - Principals
 - Dana Yemen - Drumheller Valley Secondary School
 - Shane Stockwood - Hutterite Colony Schools
 - Joan Boles - Three Hills School
 - Mike Walsh - Trinity Christian Academy
- Vice Principal positions will be advertised starting March 26, 2024, interviews will take place April 16, 2024.
- Long Service Awards are May 23, 2024, at the Travelodge in Strathmore, AB.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Capital Planning (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1005

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the replacement schools' request for the following:

1. Westmount School - currently received "planning funding"
2. Greentree School - Replacement
3. Dr. Elliott School - Replacement

Carried

9.2 Calendar 2025/2026 (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1006

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed 2025/2026 School Year Calendar as a pilot for the school year.

Carried

B) Information Items

9.3 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (February) (T. Sabir)

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

9.4 Budget Announcement (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir reviewed the Provincial Education highlights for the 2024/2025 budget that was announced February 29, 2024. More information will be provided once the Funding Manual and our school divisions profile has been received.

9.5 Advocacy Planning (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale reviewed the current Advocacy Plan with the Board of Trustees.

10.0 School Monitoring Reports

10.1 Three Hills School Tour

Three Hills School tour was postponed and will be revisited at a later date.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20240326.1007

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer