



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Golden Hills School Division

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

- a) Chair
 - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
 - Rob Pirie
- c) Trustees
 - Justin Bolin
 - Jim Northcott
 - Barry Kletke
- d) Superintendent
 - Jeff Grimsdale
- e) Deputy Superintendent
 - Wes Miskiman
- f) Secretary Treasurer
 - Tahra Sabir
- g) Recording Secretary
 - Kristy Polet

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM. Carried

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#20250527.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:27 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1002

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 12:20 PM.

Carried

Recessed at 12:21 PM

Reconvened at 1:00 PM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

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Recommendation: BD#20250527.1003

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the following action items:

- 9.8 Board Evaluation
- 9.9 Superintendent Evaluation
- 9.10 CUPE Collective Agreement

Carried

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of April 29, 2025

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1004

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of April 29, 2025, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

Meetings and correspondence:

- All correspondence has been forwarded as it was received.
- May 1, 2025 - Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) Induction, invitation to local boards to attend, indicative of the continued positive relationship we have with out locals.

- May 21, 2025 - Media Announcement regarding Westmount School, approved to enter design phase.
- May 29, 2025 - Long Service Awards at the Travelodge.
- May 30, 2025 - Edwin Parr Awards Evening, congratulations to our nominee Jamie Doyle. Thank you to Trustee Northcott for volunteering his time to be on the planning committee.

B) Board Committees

No information to report on at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Trustee Pirie had no new information to present regarding the Teachers Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA).

Trustee Northcott presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting held May 2, 2025.

Discussion and presentation of reports were as follows:

- Received communications from Alberta Education around the following:
 - Education Amendment Act, 2024 (formerly Bill 27), supports families and students navigating complex conversations around gender identity, sexual orientation and human sexuality, while also supporting continuity in a student's learning during a public health emergency or state of emergency.
 - Teachers Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) and;
 - Bill 51, Education Amendment Act, 2025, would amend the Education Act to strengthen transparency, accountability and efficiency in Alberta's education system.
- Discussion on funding, wages, Spirit Awards, Teacher retention and recruiting, Jordan's Principal, Artificial Intelligence (AI) K-12 legislature.

Trustee Kletke had no new information to present regarding the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

- PSBAA Spring General Assembly will take place on June 1-3, 2025, at the Westin Downtown Calgary.

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

- Rural Caucus will be hosting a meeting on June 1, 2025, at 3:30 PM during the Alberta School Boards Association SGM.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the following information:

Transportation Update:

- Additional driver training sessions are scheduled for June.
- New buses that were purchased have been placed on bus runs.
- Field trips have increased significantly, currently 1,200+

Facilities Update:

- Westmount School – the valve was repaired on May 16, 2025. The Town of Strathmore replaced the water meter, which was not functioning properly, and EPCOR repaired the broken shut-off valve. All systems are now fully operational.
- Strathmore High School Modular - the foundation has been approved; work will begin mid to end of June 2025.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- May 13, 2025 - Golden Hills hosted our Collaborative Facilitators' Day. There will be a slight change in structure at the August 1, 2025, collab day. After feedback from the survey, Teacher Liaison Advisory Committee (TLAC) group, instructional coaches, administrators and our facilitators, we will be hosting it virtually and only a part day.
- May 15, 2025 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) Professional day.
- May 26, 2025 - Math 4-6 Professional Development along with the CRC.
- May 27 and 28, 2025 - Trades and Technologies Summit.

Human Resources Update:

- Administrative Appointments are as follows:
 - Vice Principal of Trinity Christian Academy - Rhonda Giesbrecht
 - Vice Principal of Wheatland Crossing - Michelle Gordon
- Long Service Awards (LSA) will be held on May 27, 2025, at the Travelodge in Strathmore, AB.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Bylaw 04/2025 - Voting Hours (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1005

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees give first reading to Bylaw 04/2025 - Establish Voting Hours.

Unanimous

BD#20250527.1006 MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees give second reading to Bylaw 04/2025 - Establish Voting Hours.

Unanimous

BD#20250527.1007 MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees give unanimous consent for the third and final reading of Bylaw 04/2025 - Establish Voting Hours. Unanimous

BD#20250527.1008 MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees give third reading to Bylaw 04/2025 - Establish Voting Hours.

Unanimous

BD#20250527.1009 MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the current Bylaw 04/2025 - Establish Voting Hours.

Unanimous

BD#20250527.1010 MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rescind Bylaw 04/2021 and adopt Bylaw 04/2025 - Bylaw to Establish Voting Hours.
Unanimous

9.2 Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1011

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees give first reading to Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations.
Unanimous

BD#20250527.1012 MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees give second reading to Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations.
Unanimous

BD#20250527.1013 MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees give unanimous consent for the third and final reading of Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations. Unanimous

BD#20250527.1014 MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees give third reading to Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations.
Unanimous

BD#20250527.1015 MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the current Bylaw 05/2025 - Establish Voting Stations.
Unanimous

BD#20250527.1016 MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees rescind Bylaw 05/2021 and adopt Bylaw 05/2025 - Bylaw to Establish Voting Stations.
Unanimous

9.3 Locally Developed/Acquired Courses (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1017

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of the below listed acquired locally developed courses and any learning resources detailed in the course outline for use in Golden hills School Division.
Carried

- Film & Media Art 15/25/35, (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Acme School, Prairie Christian Academy, Strathmore High School.
- Instrumental Jazz 15/25/35, (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Strathmore High School, Trochu Valley School, Prairie Christian Academy.
- Band 15/25/35, (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Prairie Christian Academy.
- Design Thinking for Innovation 15/25/35, (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Trochu Valley School.
- Choir 15/25/35 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, NorthStar Academy. - Content Literacy (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Strathmore High School.

- Forensic Studies 25 (3 credits only) & Forensic Studies 35 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, NorthStar Academy, Strathmore High School, Prairie Christian Academy, Three Hills School, Acme School.
- Understanding Video Games 15 (5 credits only), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Acme School.
- Surviving Financially as an Adult 25 & 35 (5 credits only), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy, Strathmore High School (25 only). - Cybersecurity 15 (5 credits only), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy.
- European History 35 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy.
- Medicine Wheel 15 (3 credits only), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy, Strathmore High School.
- Seven Teachings 15 (3 credits only), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy, Strathmore High School.
- Academic Achievement through English Language Acquisition Beginner 15 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy.
- Academic Achievement through English Language Acquisition Intermediate 15 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2029, Golden Hills Learning Academy.
- Academic Achievement through English Language Development 35 (3 & 5 credits), September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2026, Golden Hills Learning Academy.

9.4 Education Plan and Budget (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1018

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees receives and reviews the final Education Plan 2025-2028 and annual Budget 2025-2026 (subject to the Board being advised of any minor adjustments, which may be necessary before the budget is submitted to Alberta Education) for submission to Alberta Education on May 31, 2025.

Carried

9.5 Budget Submission 2025/2026 (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1019

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025/2026 budget for submission to Alberta Education, subject to the Board being advised of any minor adjustments, which may be necessary before the budget is submitted to Alberta Education.

Carried

9.6 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - Colombia - Prairie Christian Academy (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1020

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Prairie Christian Academy to Colombia from February 12, 2026 to February 22, 2026, subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the

departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

9.7 Joint Elections Agreement - Returning Officer Appointment (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1021

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve Golden Hills School Division to appoint the Town of Strathmore's Returning Officer as the Returning Officer, in the boundaries of Strathmore, for the purpose of the school trustee election.

Carried

9.8 Board Evaluation

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1022

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the Board self-evaluation report as developed at the facilitated workshop of April 29, 2025, and that the Board Chair be authorized to make technical edits, to monitor the priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for Board consideration as deemed appropriate.

Carried

9.9 Superintendent Evaluation

Recommendation: BD#202505.27.1023

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Report as developed in the evaluation of May 27, 2025, as an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period September 1, 2025, to May 27, 2025, and further, the Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Boards' behalf.

Carried

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1024

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees, based on the approval of the annual Superintendent Evaluation review, the Board accepts Schedule E.

Carried

9.10 CUPE Collective Agreement

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1025

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the Collective Agreement between Golden Hills School Division and the CUPE Local 2347 for the period September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2028, as presented.

Carried

B) Information Items

9.11 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report - April 2025 (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for April 2025 to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

10.0 Round Table Discussion

11.0 School Monitoring Report Visit

11.1 Golden Hills Learning Academy

Golden Hills Learning Academy monitoring visit will be rescheduled for a later date.

11.2 Colony Schools

Colony monitoring visit will be rescheduled for a later date.

12.0 Guest

12.1 Troy Tait, Executive Director and CEO PSBAA Dennis MacNeil, President

Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley welcomed Executive Director, Troy Tait and CEO, Dennis MacNeil of Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) to Golden Hills Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting was very constructive and collaborative, all participants contributed meaningful and insightful conversation.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20250527.1026

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____