



**PALLISER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES - BT20211109**

**DATE: November 9, 2021**

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**Trustees in Attendance:** Lorelei Bexte, Board Chair  
Debbie Laturus, Board Vice-Chair  
Louise Schmidt, Trustee  
Tony Montana, Trustee  
Michael Oliver, Trustee  
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee

**Staff in Attendance:** Dave Driscoll, Superintendent  
Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent  
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent  
Dexter Durfey, Secretary-Treasurer

**Recording:** Noorin Chatur-Muhammad

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lorelei Bexte called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution # BT2021109 - 01**

**Moved by: Debbie Laturus**

That the agenda for the November 9, 2021 meeting be approved as presented..

**CARRIED.**

**3. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA**

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 02**

**Moved by: Debbie Laturus**

That the meeting move In-Camera, at 1:05 p.m., pursuant to Section S64(3) of the Education Act, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter S-3 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to identified In-Camera Items.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 03**

**Moved by: Louise Schmidt** That the meeting move out of in-camera at 1:26 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. There were no motions arising from the In-Camera discussions

**5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 04**

**Moved by: Lorelei Bexte**

That the minutes of the October 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

The Board Chair Lorelei Bexte welcomed several parents from various schools to the citizens forum. Several questions were asked of the board by parents concerned with the recently developed AP regarding Covid 19 vaccinations. All questions were recorded and the Board committed to providing a public response to all of the questions.

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1. COVID Update**

Adam Browning provided an update that the Palliser School Division continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation across our schools. As of November 5, we have 124 reported cases of COVID-19 amongst students and staff. Alberta Health is currently providing rapid tests for students in K-6 who are in outbreak status. Palliser has also applied for rapid testing at one school that was in Outbreak status which has since been removed. The rapid tests can be administered by students and staff at home and participation in the program is optional. Alberta Education has confirmed that Palliser will receive funding, as part of the learning disruption grant, to support students in Grade 2 and 3 for this school year in need of numeracy and literacy support. Palliser is planning with the school administrators that participated in the program, how to utilize funds to support students and provide between 12 and 16 weeks of targeted programming.

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 05**

**Moved by: Louise Schmidt**

That the COVID Update be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8.1. \*SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Attached to the agenda was the Superintendent's monthly activities report.

**8.2. \*SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Attached as information is the Secretary Treasurer's monthly activities report.

**8.3. \*ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

Attached to the agenda was the Associate Superintendent's monthly activities report.

**8.4. \*DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES REPORT**

Attached to the agenda was the Deputy Superintendent's monthly activities report.

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**8.5. \*TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Attached to the agenda were the Trustees' monthly activities reports for:

**8.5.1 Chair Lorelei Bexte**

**8.5.2 Trustee Sharon Rutledge**

**8.6. \*SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT**

Due to COVID-19 all international or out-of-province school trips have been postponed at this time.

**9. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**9.1 Palliser School Division 3 Year Capital Plan**

Alberta Education requires School Boards to prepare a 3 year Capital Plan with updates or changes. The 2021-2022 3 Year Capital Plan includes the following priorities:

- Palliser has identified Coalhurst High School as their number 1 priority. This project will consider a grade reconfiguration and potentially a new high school in the community. Administration together with the Town and various consultants are working to develop a full business case to support this project.
- The 2nd Priority is the modernization of the County Central High School. Declining enrollments in the Vulcan schools will likely necessitate a reduction in overall space. Despite the reduction in overall space a modernization will provide an enhanced learning environment for students

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 06**

**Moved by: Tony Montana**

That the 2021-2022 3 Year Capital Plan Report be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 New School in Coaldale**

Representatives of FWB Architects were welcomed to the meeting by the Board Chair. Dan Westwood and Jesse Potrie hosted a virtual walk through of the new school under construction in Coaldale as well as the adjoining Recreation Centre. The goal of the exercise was to showcase the features of the school and ensure Trustees felt it would meet the needs of Palliser students and the community for years to come. Dan Westwood walked Trustees through the design of the school as well as the recreation centre that students will have direct access to. The joint use of the facilities will allow Coaldale students to access many dual credit opportunities. The new school has now moved to the construction phase, final completion date has not been declared. . The new school will serve as the

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replacement for Kate Andrews High School and will be able to accommodate up to 855 students in grades 7-12.

**9.3 ASBA Fall General Meeting**

Trustees Michael Oliver, Louise Schmidt, and Chair Lorelei Bexte will attend the ASBA Fall General Meeting in person while the remaining trustees will attend virtually. Please review the proposed motions and provide feedback to the Board Chair prior to Sunday evening. If any emergent resolutions are presented the Chair will provide

**9.4 2021-22 Board Year Plan**

Superintendent Dave Driscoll reviewed the 2021-2022 Board Year Plan. This review included the reporting requirements and the details around them. The Board should review the Year Plan and be prepared to discuss it in the future. The board will need to develop a list of policies to review on a monthly basis.

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 07**

**Moved by: Tony Montana**

That the 2021-2022 Board Year Plan be tabled to the December meeting.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Board Meeting to Approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements**

**Resolution # BT20211109 - 08**

**Moved by: Michael Oliver**

That the Board of Trustees hold a public meeting to review and approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements on November 30, 2021 at 9: 00 am.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Trustee Orientation Items**

The Superintendent Dave Driscoll will review this item at the regular meeting of the Board in December.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

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