

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PALLISER SCHOOL DIVISION

REGULAR MEETING

BT20230912

DATE: September 12, 2023

9:00 a.m - Palliser Meeting Room B

Trustees in Attendance: Lorelei Bexte, Chair
Tony Montina, Vice-Chair
Debbie Laturnus, Trustee
Mike Oliver, Trustee
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee
Louise Schmidt, Trustee

Staff in Attendance: Dave Driscoll, Superintendent
Dexter Durfey, Secretary Treasurer
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent
Wesley Lebeau, Communications Officer

Recording: Michelle Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Lorelei Bexte, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. MOVE TO *IN-CAMERA*


Resolution # BT20230912 - 01

Moved by: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

That the meeting moves *In-Camera*, at 9:00 a.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

Chairperson: 

Secretary Treasurer: 

MOVE OUT OF *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution #BT20230912 - 02

Moved by: Trustee Debbie Laturnus

That the meeting moves out of *in-camera* at 12:28 p.m.

CARRIED

There was a lunch break until 12:47 p.m.

3. MOTIONS ARISING FROM *IN-CAMERA*

There were no motions arising from *in-camera*.

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # BT20230912 - 03

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montana

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # BT20230912 - 04

Moved by: Trustee Mike Oliver

That the Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palliser School Division be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution # BT20230912 - 05

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montana

That the Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palliser School Division be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

7.2. *SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Secretary Treasurer's monthly activities report.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



- 7.3. ***ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**
Attached to the agenda was the Associate Superintendent's monthly activities report.
- 7.4. ***DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES REPORT**
Attached to the agenda was the Deputy Superintendent's monthly activities report.
- 7.5. ***TRUSTEE REPORTS**
Attached to the agenda were the Trustees' monthly activities reports.
- 7.6. ***ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) ZONE 6 UPDATE**
There was no report due to summer break..
- 7.7. ***SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT**
There are no approved international or out-of-province trips at this point in the school year.
- 7.8. ***ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 470 VOLUNTEERS: REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER CLASSROOM SUPPORTS, COACHES AND SUPERVISORS**
A new form, [Volunteer Coach/Supervisor Agent Of The Board Registration](#), has been added to Administrative Procedure 470 Volunteers: Requirements For Volunteer Classroom Supports, Coaches And Supervisors.

8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Appointment of Deputy Superintendent

The Deputy Superintendent is directly responsible and accountable to the Superintendent. The Deputy Superintendent is designated as the Chief Deputy Superintendent pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act. When assigned by the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent shall assume all responsibilities of the Superintendent in the Superintendent's absence.

Resolution # BT20230912 - 06

Moved by: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

That Tom Hamer be appointed Deputy Superintendent for the Palliser School Division for the 2023-2024 school year.

CARRIED

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



8.2. 2023 Canadian School Boards Association Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education Report

Board Chair Lorelei Bexte reported on the Congress that she and Trustees Tony Montana and Louise Schmidt attended in Banff, AB July 3 to 5, 2023. The congress provided the opportunity to network with other trustees from boards across the county and learn of the challenges and successes occurring in other divisions in Canada. The congress began with an Elders Blessing from Elder Theresa Strawberry, and a Welcoming to Treaty 7 Territory from Elder Charlie Fox, Piita Tonnistah and Dr. Leroy Little Bear. Keynote speaker Naheed Nenshi Naheed, former Mayor of Calgary, asked conference attendees to consider how they can help the next generation of kids continue to achieve success in a world that seems stacked against them. Drawing on his extensive experience, Naheed shared insights into Canada's political landscape and showed attendees how to empower their teams for success no matter the circumstances. Breakout sessions offered firsthand experience of how trustees leverage the engagement component of the Assurance Framework in making tough decisions. Other sessions included discussion of the complexities and nuances of school board governance with specific focus on navigating the "Grey Zone" of governance and operations, designing and implementing structures that support good governance, and approaching visioning forward by looking past current perceived boundaries. Keynote speaker, Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, shared her incredible story. Attendees were left inspired and motivated to continue their work in education, and their dedication to supporting students everywhere. The Keynote address by Dr. Shelly Niemi - Weaving the Braid of Culturally Responsive Leadership and Governance spoke to attendees about culturally responsive leadership and governance. The trustees that attended feel strongly that it is a great conference to take part in.

Resolution # BT20230912 - 07

Moved by: Trustee Mike Oliver

That the Board accepts the report as information.

CARRIED

8.3. Financial Update 2022-2023 School Year

Cindy Rogers, Director of Finance provided an interim financial report as of August 31, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year. There is a projected surplus of \$1.6 million. The board had approved a \$753,000 deficit budget. Increased government funding of \$2.0 million, which includes an anticipated clawback

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reduction of \$973,000 has contributed to the surplus. Year end financial entries are anticipated to not greatly affect the projected surplus for this year.

Resolution # BT20230912 - 08

Moved by: Trustee Debbie Laternus

That the Board accepts the financial update report as information.

CARRIED

9. MOVE TO *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution # BT20230912 - 09

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montana

That the meeting moves *In-Camera*, at 1:22 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

MOVE OUT OF *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution #BT20230912 - 10

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montana

That the meeting moves out of *in-camera* at 2:27 p.m.

CARRIED

10. MOTIONS ARISING FROM *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution #BT20230912 - 11

Moved by: Trustee Mike Oliver

Be it moved that with respect to student appeal matter 2023-06, arising pursuant to Board Policy 8 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters, the appeal is denied. Further, the Board Chair is authorized to issue written reasons on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:

