



MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PALLISER SCHOOL DIVISION

REGULAR MEETING

BT20230822

DATE: August 22, 2023

10:00 a.m - Palliser Meeting Room C

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
Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent
Wesley Lebeau, Communications Officer

Recording: Michelle Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Lorelei Bexte, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item 8.3 Financial Update for the 2022-2023 School Year will be tabled to the September 2023 meeting.

Item 8.5 Coalhurst School Update was added to the agenda.

Resolution # BT20230822 - 01

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montina

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Chairperson: *Loulei E Bexte*

Secretary Treasurer: *[Signature]*

3. MOVE TO *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution # BT20230822 - 02

Moved by: Trustee Debbie Laturus

That the meeting move *In-Camera*, at 10:33 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

MOVE OUT OF *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution #BT20230822 - 03

Moved by: Trustee Mike Oliver

That the meeting moves out of *in-camera* at 11:36 a.m.

CARRIED

4. MOTIONS ARISING FROM *IN-CAMERA*

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

5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # BT20230822 - 04

Moved by: Trustee Louise Schmidt

That the Minutes of the June 13, 2023, Regular 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.

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.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



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. ***ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) AWARDS DEADLINES**

Attached to the agenda was information on upcoming ASBA award nomination deadlines.

8. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Authorization of Locally Developed Courses

Deputy Superintendent, Tom Hamer, submitted one locally developed course for Board approval.

Course Name	Version	Course Code	First Approved Year	Approved Start Date	Last Approved Year
Neuropsychology 15	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC1109	2023-2024		2026-2027

Resolution # BT20230822 - 05

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montana

That the Board authorizes the use of the locally developed course as presented.

CARRIED

8.2. Opening Day Update

Superintendent Dave Driscoll provided information on Opening Day, August 31, 2023, which will see all employees of the division celebrate the first staff day of the 2023-2024 school year with a keynote address from Canadian educator, Kevin Lamoureux, on the topic of *Seizing the Magical Opportunity of School as a Place of Healing*. Opening Day is scheduled as a virtual event and staff will gather in small groups at each site.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



Resolution # BT20230822 - 06

Moved by: Trustee Tony Montina

That the Board accepts the report as information.

CARRIED

8.3. Full-Day Kindergarten

Deputy Superintendent Tom Hamer presented information to the Board on full-day kindergarten. He discussed the threats and risks of such a program. Full-day kindergarten is unfunded so there are inherent risks regarding cost. Space within division schools can be a challenge. Kindergarten is still optional in Alberta. Benefits of full-day kindergarten can be seen in the need for early intervention and the positive benefits of early intervention to students beyond grade 3. In Palliser, most schools have space to run full-day kindergarten with the exception of schools in Coalhurst and Coaldale for the upcoming school year. Once school reconfiguration takes place for 2024-2025 in Coaldale, the space issue for full-day for kindergarten would be alleviated.. A discussion took place about the challenges and benefits of a fully funded full-day kindergarten program in the division. The Board had asked administration for their analysis of full time kindergarten programming in order to have an idea of the risk/benefit for the division to inform discussions taking place at the upcoming Alberta School Boards Association Zone 6 meeting.

Resolution # BT20230822 - 07

Moved by: Trustee Mike Oliver

That the Board accepts the report as information.

CARRIED

8.4. Scheduling of Policy Committee Meetings

A Policy Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

8.5. New Coalhurst School Update

Secretary Treasurer Dexter Durfey presented an update on the Coalhurst schools solution. A budget proposal for grant funding for planning steps has been submitted to the government. A consultant has been hired to facilitate this process. Within the proposal, funds have been set aside for community engagement and engineering studies. Once the budget is approved by the government, the Board will engage in further discussion to determine the next steps in planning including community engagement.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



An update on the migration to Edsembli for Human Resources, Payroll and Finance systems was provided.

9. MOVE TO *IN-CAMERA*

Resolution # BT20230822 - 08

Moved by: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

That the meeting move *In-Camera*, at 12:20 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 #BT20230822 - 09

Moved by: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

That the meeting moves out of *in-camera* at 2:04 p.m.

10. MOTIONS ARISING FROM *IN-CAMERA*

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:

