

MINUTES

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALLISER SCHOOL DIVISION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
BT020240611**

**DATE: June 11, 2024
9:00 a.m - Palliser Meeting Room B**

Attendance: Lorelei Bexte, Board Chair
Tony Montana, Vice Chair
Debbie Laturnus, Trustee
Mike Oliver, Trustee
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee
Louise Schmidt, Trustee

Staff in Attendance: Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent
Hailey Pinksen, Associate Superintendent

Recording: Michelle Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ELECTION PROCEDURE

Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, reviewed the election procedure with the trustees.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, called three times for nominations for the position of Board Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Trustee Tony Montana nominated Trustee Lorelei Bexte for the position of Chair for the 2024-2025 term. Trustee Lorelei Bexte accepted the nomination.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 01

Moved by: Trustee Louise Schmidt

That the nominations for the position of Chair cease.

CARRIED

Chairperson:

Louise E. Bexte

Secretary Treasurer:

[Signature]

Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, acclaimed Trustee Lorelei Bexte the Chair of the Board for the 2024-2025 term. Congratulations to Lorelei.

Trustee Lorelei Bexte assumed the Chair's position.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR AND ALTERNATE VICE-CHAIR

Chair Lorelei Bexte called three times for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Trustee Debbie Laturus nominated Trustee Tony Montana for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 term. Trustee Tony Montana accepted the nomination.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 02

Moved by: Trustee Louise Schmidt

That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair cease.

CARRIED

Chair Lorelei Bexte, acclaimed Trustee Tony Montana the Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2024-2025 term. Congratulations to Tony.

Chair Lorelei Bexte called three times for nominations for the position of Alternative Vice-Chair to hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Trustee Sharon Rutledge nominated Trustee Debbie Laturus for the position of Alternate Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 term. Trustee Debbie accepted the nomination.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 03

Moved by: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

That the nominations for the position of Alternate Vice-Chair cease.

CARRIED


Chair Lorelei Bexte acclaimed Trustee Debbie Laturus the Alternate Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2024-2025 term. Congratulations to Debbie.

The Oath of Office for the position of Chair occurred. The Oath of Office for the position of Vice-Chair occurred. The Oath of Office for the position of Alternate Vice-Chair occurred.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES

5.1. STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairperson: 

Secretary Treasurer: 

As per Board Policy 7: Committees of the Board, Standing Committees are established to assist the Board with the work of an on-going or recurring nature. Board Committee of the Whole is established as a Standing Committee of the Board.

5.1.1. Appeal Committee

5.2. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

5.2.1. ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE - 2 MEMBERS AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Trustees Debbie Laturus and Tony Montana will represent the Board on the Engagement and Advocacy Committee. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will sit as the Board Chair on the committee.

5.2.2. POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2 MEMBERS AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Trustees Mike Oliver and Tony Montana will remain as representatives of the Board on the Policy Advisory Committee Committee. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will sit as the Board Chair on the committee.

5.2.3. NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE - 1 MEMBER AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Trustee Sharon Rutledge and Trustee Tony Montana put their names forward for the Negotiating Committee. An election was held. Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Adam Browning, Director of Learning, acted as scrutineers. The first vote was a tie. A second vote was held and it was also a tie. The two names were put into a hat and Trustee Tony Montana's name was drawn. Trustee Tony Montana will represent the Board on the Negotiating Committee. The alternate for this committee will be Trustee Sharon Rutledge. Trustee Lorelei Bexte, as Board Chair, will also sit on the committee.

5.2.4. AUDIT COMMITTEE - 1 MEMBER AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Trustees Sharon Rutledge and Trustee Mike Oliver will represent the Board on the Audit Committee. Trustee Lorelei Bexte, as Chair, will also sit on the committee.

5.3. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

5.3.1. TEACHERS' EMPLOYER BARGAINING ASSOCIATION (TEBA) - 1 MEMBER

Chair Lorelei Bexte will remain as the Palliser Board representative to TEBA.

Chairperson:



Secretary Treasurer:



5.3.2. ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) - 1 Member

Trustee Mike Oliver will remain as the Palliser Board representative to the ASBA Zone 6 and Trustee Sharon Rutledge will remain as the alternate, should Trustee Oliver be unable to attend.

5.3.3. RURAL CAUCUS OF ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS - 1 Member

Trustee Mike Oliver will remain as the Palliser Board representative to the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards. Trustee Louise Schmidt will be the alternate should Trustee Oliver be unable to attend.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 04

Moved by: Louise Schmidt

That the names of Trustees as put forward for the external and internal committees for the 2024-2025 year be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. BOARD YEAR PLAN

The draft Board year plan for The Board of Trustees of Palliser School Division for the 2024-2025 school year was reviewed and discussed.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 05

Moved by: Mike Oliver

That the Board Year Plan be received as information.

CARRIED

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING DATES

The Board discussed the following proposed regular meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year. All meetings will be held at the Palliser Education Centre, #101, 3305 - 18 Avenue North, Lethbridge, Alberta.

- Tuesday, September 10, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024 (Audit): 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 10, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Secretary Treasurer:

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- Tuesday, May 13, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 (Budget): 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the proposed meeting dates of The Board of Trustees of Palliser School Division be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

8. ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

The Board discussed alternative program and school representation and determined that representation will be established as follows for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Trustee Lorelei Bexte, representing a rural area in Vulcan County east of Highway 23/24 that includes the following schools:
 - Arrowwood Community School, Arrowwood
 - Milo Community School, Milo
 - Champion School, Champion
 - County Central High School, Vulcan
 - Calgary Christian Elementary School, Calgary
 - Calgary Christian Secondary School, Calgary
 - Calgary Islamic School - Akram Jomaa campus, Calgary
 - Calgary Islamic School - Omar Bin Al-Khattab campus, Calgary
 - Heritage Christian Academy, Calgary
 - Horizon Leadership Academy, Calgary
 - Menno Simons Christian School, Calgary
- Trustee Debbie Latus, representing:
 - Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary, Coaldale
 - Jennie Emery Elementary School, Coaldale
 - John Davidson School, Coaldale
 - R.I. Baker Middle School, Coaldale
 - Trinity Christian School, Calgary
- Trustee Tony Montana, representing:
 - Barons School, Barons
 - Carmangay School, Carmangay
 - Coalhurst Elementary School, Coalhurst
 - Coalhurst High School, Coalhurst
 - Noble Central School, Nobleford
 - Palliser Beyond Borders
- Trustee Mike Oliver, representing:

Chairperson:

Lorelei E. Bexte

Secretary Treasurer:

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- Dorothy Dalglish Elementary School, Picture Butte
- Huntsville School, Iron Springs
- Master's Academy, Calgary
- Master's College, Calgary
- National Sport School, Calgary
- Picture Butte High School, Picture Butte
- Trustee Sharon Rutledge, representing:
 - Jennie Emery Elementary School, Coaldale
 - John Davidson School, Coaldale
 - Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary, Coaldale
 - R.I. Baker Middle School, Coaldale
 - Sunnyside School, Lethbridge County
- Trustee Louise Schmidt, representing:
 - Brant Christian School, Brant
 - Carmangay School, Carmangay
 - Champion Community School, Champion
 - County Central High School, Vulcan
 - Vulcan Prairievew Elementary School, Vulcan

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Moved by: Debbie Laturnus

That the list of school representatives for Palliser School Division schools be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

9. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND SCHEDULE OF REIMBURSEMENT

The Board will not make any changes to the remuneration schedule at this time.

Resolution # BTO-20240611 - 08

Moved by: Louise Schmidt

That the Trustee remuneration schedule for the 2024-2025 school year remains unchanged.

CARRIED

10. TRUSTEE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION (EDUCATION ACT)

The Education Act directs that Trustees must disclose information related to their names and employment, as well as that of their spouse and minor children; and the names of the organizations or persons in which they, their spouse or minor children have a pecuniary interest. If this information has changed trustees are asked to provide updated information to the Secretary Treasurer's office as soon as possible.

Chairperson:

Louise E. Berte

Secretary Treasurer:

[Signature]

11. ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no more business before the Board, the Chair called this meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Chairperson: *Louise E. Berte*

Secretary Treasurer: *[Signature]*