WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division was held in Rocky Mountain House on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 commencing at 9:31 am.

Present:
Chair, Daryl Scott
Trustees, Jackie Janes, Heidi Hetherington, Penni Lougheed
Superintendent, Brad Volkman
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman
Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

ATA representative Mike Wheeler and CAAMSE representative Tammy Schoenthal joined the meeting at 9:31 am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

85/24 Moved by Jackie Janes:
"that the August 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:
8.7 CAAMSE Bargaining
8.8 Executive Session with Superintendent"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

86/24 Moved by Jackie Janes:
"that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on June 24, 2024."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

87/24 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
"that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 24, 2024."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

88/24 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
"that the Board of Trustees add September 16, 2025 and October 14, 2025 to the approved 2024-2025 Regular Board Meeting dates. October 28, 2024 will be the Organizational Meeting and orientation for the new board."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

89/24 **Moved by Penni Lougheed:**
"that the September 2024 Regular Board Meeting be held in Drayton Valley and the December 2024 Regular Board Meeting be held in Rocky Mountain House."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

90/24 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the January 2025 Governance and Priorities meeting date be changed to January 9, 2025."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>TRUSTEE COMPENSATION</u>

The Board reviewed compiled compensation data from other school divisions of similar size, and discussed the way trustees are compensated, including hourly or block pay.

91/24 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the Board of Trustees approve a change to the Trustee compensation to move to block funding in increments of 2, 4, 8 and 12 hours. Policy 7 will be updated to reflect this change."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

92/24 **Moved by Penni Lougheed:**
"that the Board of Trustees provide Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council a letter of support for their UFA Agricultural Community Foundation grant application for the Nature Navigator Van."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

- **Superintendent's Report: WRSD Administrator's Summer Conference, 2024-2025 Busing, WRSD 2024 Summer Institute Sessions, First Rider Program, Student Services Name Change, Capital Projects**
  - **The Board discussed the value in the Summer Conference and Summer Institute sessions. A discussion around busing and the new contractor, everything is on track for the start of the year.**
- **Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance Report: Trustee Remuneration Report, Monthly Fiscal Report**
  - **The Associate Superintendent, Business and Finance reviewed the remuneration report and what charges are reflected in each GL.**
- **Updated Trustee Group Photo**
  - **This will be done next month at our meeting in Drayton Valley.**
- **Zone 4 Joint Items**
  - **ASBA Zone 4 would like WRSD to participate in writing joint letters regarding Health, Infrastructure and Red Tape Reduction. It was agreed that joint letters can be very effective and we will participate when the values align.**
- **Umbrella School council Meeting and Joint Meeting Dates**
  - **The Board chose dates for these meetings and administration will communicate them to our school councils and invite our municipal partners.**

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **JUPA's progress report - the JUPA with the Town of Rocky Mountain House and the Summer Village of Burnstick Lake are complete. The agreement with Clearwater County is progressing, and is on track to be completed early 2025. The agreements in the north are not progressing as they have not met yet. The Board discussed the public's involvement or ability to provide feedback.**
- **Breton Modernization**
  - **On July 25, 2024 WRSD had a meeting with Alberta Education regarding the modernization of Breton High School to accommodate a K-12 program. WRSD raised questions regarding a modernization versus a replacement school as additional work has been identified as necessary. WRSD hasn't experienced a modernization recently so we wanted to do our due diligence to advocate for the students, teachers and community. The design process is expected to be 90% complete by the end of this month.**
- **Rocky Mountain House Schools Value Management Report**
  - **This value management was held in April 2024 to determine the best way to address utilization and maintenance (rightsizing) of our schools in Rocky Mountain House and to assist in the development of our capital plan. At the board meeting in September, the Board will decide on one of the options for the Capital Plan.**
- **Field Development at Powerhouse Campus**
  - **The committee, with representatives from all schools and the community have been meeting to discuss all of the potential development plans.**
- **EV Charging stations at schools**
  - **When a new school building is constructed, an electric vehicle charging station is often included, as well as a contract for the first couple of years that will allow us to track usage and manage recovery costs. We could continue the contract at our cost or provide the service for free, recognizing we will incur the cost of the electricity.**

93/24 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees maintain the EV charging stations, including the paid management contract, for a cost per user."

Motion amended by Heidi Hetherington:
"that the Board of Trustees maintain the EV charging stations, including the paid management contract, for a cost per user and approach our municipal partners to discuss the value in providing this service to the community, and the possibility of cost sharing. The Board will review EV charging stations again in one year."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:27 pm
Meeting reconvened at 1:03 pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **FNMI Accountability Report**
  - **The Director of Indigenous Education joined the meeting to present the 2023-2024 Accountability report and share the highlights of what her team aspires to this year.**
- **Work Experience Funding**
  - **Any work experience credits earned over the summer is additional funding to the Division.**
- **Ministerial Order: Personal Mobile Devices**
  - **Substantial work has been done to create this administrative procedure for our division, and Administrators have, and will continue to be given the opportunity to provide feedback. The Board discussed the need to educate our students on the proper**

use of personal devices and social media, and not rely on banning them altogether.

- Board and Committee Quorum
  - With the recent resignation of one of our trustees, quorum for the Board will remain at 4 trustees as per the Board Regulations Act. Majority for voting will be three.

BOARD ITEMS

Committee / Trustee Reports

- Trustee Scott attended the PSBAA council meeting in August, and shared their latest initiative, PEP (Promote, Elevate and Protect). All public school boards have been asked to share the message.
- Trustee tours - the Board discussed the format for school tours - should this be done by individual trustees, or as a board. There is value in both formats.

ATA Representative Mike Wheeler and CAAMSE Representative Tammy Schoenthal left the meeting at 2:49 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

94/24 Moved by Jackie Janes:
"that the Board of Trustees now (2:49 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- HR Update
- IUOE Bargaining
- Insurance Claim
- Land in Drayton Valley
- Division Survey Results
- Indigenous Education Committee
- CAAMSE Negotiations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

95/24 Moved by Jackie Janes:
"that the Board of Trustees now (3:46 pm) meet in open session."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

96/24 Moved by Daryl Scott:
"that the Board of Trustees accept the ratification of the IUOE Collective agreement as presented."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

97/24 Moved by Penni Lougheed:
"that the Board of Trustees accept the ratification of the CAAMSE Collective agreement as presented."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

98/24 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
“that the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2024 be adjourned at (3:47 pm).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance, Deputy Superintendent and the Recording Secretary left the meeting for the Board and Superintendent’s executive session.

Daryl Scott	**Ama Urbinsky**
Chair	**Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance**