

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division was held at the Division Education Centre in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:
Chair, Russ Hickman
Trustees, Julie Andrew, Mae Tryon, Heidi Hetherington, Gary Thompson
Superintendent, Brad Volkman
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman
Secretary-Treasurer, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

CAAMSE representatives, Laurie Kubos and ATA representative Mike Wheeler joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Russ Hickman thanked the Canadian Institute of Health Research and RYSE (Resilient Youth in Stressed Environments) for funding his recent trip to Africa as a member of the RYSE committee.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

117/19 Moved by Mae Tryon:
 "that the November 26, 2019, Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:

8.4 Drayton Valley Schools and future board meeting"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

118/19 Moved by Julie Andrew:
 "that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 10, 2019."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

119/19 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
 "that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 15, 2019."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

TRUSTEE EXPENSE / ACTIVITY FORMS / TRUSTEE REMUNERATION REPORT

120/19 Moved by Julie Andrew:
 "that the Trustee Expense / Activity Forms be approved as presented."

Trustee per diems for attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies was discussed, in an effort to bring consistency amongst trustees. Administration will bring an answer back to the board. Adjustments will be made if necessary to expense forms next month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 121/19 Moved by Mae Tryon:
“that the board approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Superintendent’s Report: First Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Corridor Capital Plan Announcement.

APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 122/19 Moved by Heidi Hetherington:
“that the Board of Trustees approve the 2018-2019 audited financial statements as audited by BDO.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- Superintendent’s Report Continued: Drayton Valley Public Meeting, North Umbrella School Council Meeting, Learning Services Grant, Digitization of Cumulative Files.
- Monthly Fiscal Report
- ASBIE Insurance Update
 - All school divisions under ASBIE will have rate increases this year. Our premiums will increase by 217%, and our deductible will increase as well.
- Christmas Concert Dates
- Christmas Gifts to Schools from Trustees
- Choice in Education
 - We encourage everyone to complete the survey, and it was shared on all of our social media sites.
- 2018-2019 IMR Final Expenses
- 2019-2020 IMR Draft Plan
- Shaping the Future Conference

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AT THE SHAPING THE FUTURE CONFERENCE

- 123/19 Moved by Julie Andrew:
“that the Board of Trustees approve the attendance of trustee Hetherington at the 2020 Shaping the Future conference in Lake Louise.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- Alberta Rural Education Symposium
 - The conference theme is a clear 20-20 vision for rural education in Alberta.

BOARD ITEMS

Trustee Reports

- Trustee Andrew shared how fantastic the ERE Remembrance Day

ceremony was, and credited the new Principal with the quality of the event.

- Trustee Tryon laid the wreath at the Drayton Valley Remembrance Day ceremony, Trustee Thompson laid the wreath for Caroline, and Trustee Hetherington laid the wreath for Rocky Mountain House
- PSBAA Council Meeting Update - Trustee Andrew reported that there may not be any funding for the Student Voice program. Council discussed that municipalities are also dealing with tight budgets and high insurance rates. It was requested that school boards try to recruit new members for PSBAA. There will be some personnel changes at PSBAA as well. It was decided not to proceed with Together for Students, and will roll out a new initiative in the spring.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 am.
The meeting reconvened at 12:35 pm.

BOARD ITEMS

Committee Reports

- Zone 4 ASBA Report - Trustee Tryon, this was their organizational meeting, the chair of zone 4 is now Laurette Woodward. Directors retained their position, and new committee chairs were chosen. The budget is still being finalized. At this meeting they discussed how all Quebec school boards have been abolished, increase in insurance rates, and homeschooling. Alberta Education presented on seclusion rooms, and creating some guidelines. All 8 school boards from zone 4 are in a deficit position. World cafe discussion on choice in education. Next meeting will be in Wetaskiwin on December 2.
- TBAC Summary - There was a good discussion at the last TBAC meeting and it was agreed that we would come up with a joint news release. The meeting was positive and constructive.
- The critical incident form was discussed and some wording recommendations were made to administration.

TIMBERLINE JOINT NEWS RELEASE

124/19

Moved by Mae Tryon:
“that the Board of Trustees approve the release of the Joint TBAC news release.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Sturgeon Public

CLOSED SESSION

125/19

Moved by Julie Andrew:
“that the Board of Trustees now (1:09 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- HR Update
- 2019-2020 Fall Update
- EI Premium Reduction Program

Mike Lundstrom joined the closed session at 2:28 to discuss Drayton Valley Schools.

- Drayton Valley Schools
- CETC Request”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

126/19 Moved by Mae Tryon:
 “that the Board of Trustees now (3:12 pm) meet in open session.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CETC REQUEST

127/19 Moved by Julie Andrew:
 “that the Board of Trustees deny the request from CETC for a letter of support for
 the feasibility study of the cannabis education program.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

128/19 Moved by Gary Thompson:
 “that the Regular Board Meeting of November 26, 2019, be adjourned at (3:14 pm)”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Russ Hickman
Chair

Ama Urbinsky
Secretary Treasurer