



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Jennifer Mertz

c) Trustees

- Barry Kletke
- Rob Pirie
- Justin Bolin
- Jim Northcott

d) Superintendent

- Bevan Daverne

e) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

f) Associate Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman

h) Recording Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Absent:

g) Deputy Superintendent

- Dr. Kandace Jordan

Guest:

- Sean Feagan - Strathmore Times (via conference call 11:10 a.m.)

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

3.0 Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that we are on lands in the Treaty 7 area. We are making this acknowledgment to demonstrate our commitment to work together as a community in laying the foundation for reconciliation through education.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: #BD20200428.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:36 a.m.

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: #BD20200428.1002

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:03 a.m.

Break

Recessed at 11:03 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: #BD20200428.1003

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of March 24, 2020

Recommendation: #BD20200428.1004

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of March 24, 2020.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed March 30, 2020 conference call with the Honorable Minister Adriana LaGrange and Deputy Minister Andre Corbould.
- March 31, 2020 webinar with Ross McLennon. Discussion based around a non-unionized focus, essential versus non-essential workers, notice requirement, wage replacement option, benefits and vacation pay.
- April 1, 2020 zoom meeting with GHSD Board of Trustees, summary of the Board Chair meeting and discussion on all options being explored for support staff layoffs.
- April 2, 2020 conference call with GHSD Board of Trustees - update on layoff situation.
- April 3, 2020, Chair Huntley, Vice Chair Mertz and Trustee Pirie attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 zoom meeting.
- April 21, 2020, Chair Huntley and Trustee Kletke attended the Public School Boards' Association (PSBAA) zoom meeting.
 - Discussion included;
 - Theodore Case,
 - Inequities of online learning,
 - Consideration of First Nations Members,

- Redesign of the Advocate (digital newsletter),
 - Ideas for the Fall General meeting (possibility of extending an invitation for two parent council members per division to attend),
 - Proposed resolution at ASBA that Weighted Moving Average (WMA) would apply only to division with declining enrolment,
 - Participation of National School Boards Association (NSBA) president, Elizabeth Branham at the May Council meeting.
- April 22, 2020, draft letter to our School Council Chairs in regards to ASBA.
 - Discussed Alberta Education Survey that Chair Huntley took part in.
 - Discussed upcoming ASBA meeting being held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in regards to Alberta School Board Insurance Exchange (ASBIE).

B) Board Committees

Trustee Pirie and Vice Chair Mertz presented information on Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting.

- Edwin Parr Award will be announced closer to fall.
- Upcoming Zone 5 zoom meeting being held on Friday, May 1, 2020 will discuss budget and review the possibilities of voting virtually for the ASBA SGM.
 - Invitation to join the meeting is open to all Trustees - please watch video prior to meeting.

Trustee Kletke has no new information to report on at this time from the Public School Boards Association (PSBAA).

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Nothing to report on at this time.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following:

- Received new product funding - will be submitting projects to the government which will extend the life of our buildings.
- Installing new fencing and floodlights in our Northern and Strathmore maintenance shops due to theft.
- Updated demolition progress of the three schools, Central Bow Valley, Standard and Hussar.
 - Concrete is 90% crushed.

Associate Superintendent Miskiman presented information on the following:

- HR Update:
 - Voluntary Work from Home Program Update:
 - Implemented due to COVID-19, working well, success hinges on communication between staff and principals.
- Layoff Update:
 - Notice was given March 31, 2020 to 206 Support Staff and International Dorm Staff (April 30 end date), 72 Bus Drivers (April 7 and April 14 end dates)
 - Layoffs were necessary due to the temporary funding reduction that was announced, all money will be reallocated to support Alberta's COVID-19 response.
 - Each school will have a GHSD staff member trained on Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to help laid off employees apply for the benefit.
- Spring Staffing will start the week of May 4, 2020.

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following:

- Grad 2020 Ceremonies have been canceled, schools are exploring different options.
- Long Service Awards (LSA) have been canceled, exploring ideas.
- Learning at Home - going over well, less than half of our students are doing work on hard copies, high school is only 10% hard copies.
- Teachers and Family School Resource workers are not leaving families isolated; they are continually connecting with parents and students.
- Superintendent Daverne received an appreciation letter from a family that has students in our schools.
- Facebook, #ablearningathome, schools in Alberta are posting positive, learning videos on the Facebook site.
- Start up of 2020-2021 School Year - not sure what to expect, researching our technology platforms.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Information Items

9.1 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (March 2020) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir reviewed Monthly Enrolment for the month of March 2020 for information.

9.2 Second Quarter Financial Report (Dec/Jan/Feb) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the Second Quarterly Financial Report for the months of September 2019 to February 2020.

9.3 Funding Reduction 2019/2020 - COVID-19 (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Temporary Funding Reduction - COVID 19 that the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Andre Corbould announced on March 31, 2020. This adjustment is to reflect reduced service requirements in an at-home learning environment. All savings from these adjustments will be reallocated to support Alberta's COVID-19 response.

9.4 Budget Reporting 2020-2021 (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented updated information on Budget 2020-2021.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: #BD20200428.1005

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 12:12 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____