



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present

- a) Chair
 - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
 - Jim Northcott
- c) Trustee
 - Barry Kletke
 - Jen Mertz
 - Rob Pirie
 - Justin Bolin
- d) Superintendent
 - Jeff Grimsdale
- e) Deputy Superintendent
 - Wes Miskiman (excused himself at 11:00 AM)
- e) Secretary Treasurer
 - Tahra Sabir
- f) Recording Secretary
 - Kristy Polet

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

3.0 Acknowledgment

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (District 3 and 4), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1001

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:33 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1002

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:54 AM.

Carried

Recessed at 10:55 AM

Reconvened at 11:35 AM

4.3 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20241031.1003

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 11:36 AM.

Carried

4.4 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20241031.1004

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 12:02 PM.

Carried

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20241929.1005

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of:

- 9.5 Superintendent Regulations (Action Item)

Carried

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of September 24, 2024

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1006

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of September 24, 2024, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) new website.
- October 4, 2024, Municipal Affairs Webinar, Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20) - amendments to the LAEA that impact Trustees.
- Acknowledgment of the Tyrrell Museum and Gift Shop for their generous donation to the Lois Hole Banquet and Silent Auction at the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Fall Conference.
- Update on the Livingstone Range letter regarding the Alberta Teaching Profession Commission (ATPC) outlining the boards' concerns regarding the ATPC complaint process and to support previous letters from other school districts.
- Reviewed meeting dates for Committee of the Whole, to be determined.
- Reviewed the October 10, 2024, Minister's Meeting Summary.
- October 21, 2024 - Speaker's Corner - ASBA Professional Learning, How Culturally Responsive Governance and Leadership in Education Impacts Student Learning, guest speaker Dr. Shelley Wilton.
- November 17-19, 2024, ASBA FGM Policies Bulletin and Updates.
- October 18, 2024, Statement from Minister McIvor "Local political parties will not be permitted for school board election".
- October 25, 2024 - discussed the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Recruitment and Retention of Teachers and Professional Staff in Rural and Northern AB Research Paper Presentation. (located on their website)
- Reminder - Rural Caucus Meeting will be held November 17, 2024, from 1-3:00pm in the Devonian Room during the ASBA FGM at the Westin Edmonton.
- Canadian Gypsum Company (CGC) will be hosting Community Information Events in Strathmore, Carseland, Langdon and Chestermere in October and November.
- October 28, 2024, ASBA launched the MLA Breakfast Toolkit and Resources, this provides assistance to boards to connect with their area MLA. The MLA Breakfast takes place Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Recessed at 12:13 PM

Reconvened at 12:46 PM

B) Board Committees

No information to report on at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Chair Huntley, Vice Chair Northcott and Trustee Pirie presented information on the ASBA Zone 5 meeting that was held October 4, 2024.

- Discussed the Position Statement Development Process, no emergent issues brought to the floor.
- ASBA Learning Session: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 Bill 20.
- Discussed Elections - counting ballots, who pays the Poll workers to count ballots, impact on costs.
- Impact of Chartered Schools Survey.
- Trustee Northcott will put his name forward for the Edwin Parr Committee.

Trustee Kletke presented information from the Public School Boards Association of Alberta Fall Conference that was held October 16-18, 2024.

- Lois Hole Dinner, Lecture and Fundraiser was a success, well done.
- Business portion went well, there will be a 5% increase to the Membership Fee.
- Trustee Kletke conducted a question period on Environmental Scan as per PSBAA
 - How is your divisions relationship with your local municipalities? Good working relationship
 - Site prep? Follow check list
 - Will not or can not get land to build schools on? So far, no issue for GHSD

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following items:

Finance Update:

- Avail LLP Auditors will be at Division Office October 28-29, 2024, conducting GHSD year end for August 31, 2024.

Transportation Update:

- Currently we have five (5) routes being covered by relief drivers.
- New training started October 1, more to follow in November and December.
- Fuel prices are ranging from \$1.38 to \$1.42.
- Student Transportation Association of Alberta (STAA) Conference was held October 23-24, 2024. Wayne Funk, Transportation Manager and Meghan Johnson, Assistant Transportation Manger attended the conference.
- Stop Arm Cameras have been installed on some buses, two in Strathmore, one in rural area of Strathmore, two in Drumheller, in the process of ordering four more cameras.
- Insurance Update:
 - Insurance Premium Renewals - value of buildings has increased, Auto premiums have decreased, and Liability premiums have stayed the same.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented on the following topics:

- October 9, 2024, Leadership Series held in conjunction with Calgary Regional Consortium. Dr. Tranter presented to over 120 Lead Teachers, Administrators, Instructional Coaches, Educational Consultants and Family School Community Resource Workers on Powerful Pathways to Lead Learning.
- October 15, 2024, Teacher Liaison Advisory Committee Meeting - this group is made up of seven Teachers and one Administrator along with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, discussion revolved around a number of topics.
- October 23, 2024, hosted the second New Teacher Orientation Day. Over 40 Teachers participated, learning revolved around Powerful Learning Framework and specific topics of Assessment, and Critical Thinking.
- October 24, 2024, Administrative Procedures Meeting - reviewed and updated several Administrative Procedures, they will be brought to the December Board Meeting.
- October 24, 2024, Princess and Warrior Pageant held at the Strathmore High School, very positive feedback from schools and parents.
- October 29, 2024, New Curriculum K-4 Meeting.
- October 30, 2024, New Administrator Orientation. - Reviewing Cell Phone Administrative Procedure with Administrative Procedure Committee and then our Administrators Group in November, then it will be brought to the Board of Trustees in December.
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies - School event calendar to be circulated.

- Acme School Update - busy construction site, making progress, all the concrete foundation (pilings and grade beams) should be complete by the end of October. The steel (main structure for the school as well as roof trusses) scheduled to arrive this week as well.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Annular Modular Request (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1007

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended modular requests for the 2025/2026 school year.

Carried

School	Request
Strathmore High School	1 modular
Trinity Christian Academy	2 modulars
Total	3 modulars

9.2 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - Acme School (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1008

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Acme School to Portugal and Spain from March 31, 2026 to April 11, 2026 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

9.3 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - NorthStar Academy (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1009

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for NorthStar Academy to Ireland, Scotland and England from April 2, 2026 to April 12, 2026 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

9.4 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - Drumheller Valley Secondary School (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1010

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Drumheller Valley Secondary School to Italy and Spain from April 2, 2026 to April 12, 2026 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

9.5 Superintendent Regulations (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20241031.1011

MOVED by Trustee Pirie, as per August 30, 2024, Superintendent of Schools Regulation, that the Board of Trustees approve Schedule F effective January 1, 2025.

Carried

B) Information Items

9.6 Human Resources Monitoring Report (W. Miskiman)

Deputy Superintendent Miskiman presented the Human Resources Monitoring Report to the Board of Trustees, which illustrates information on staffing demographics and levels to assist the Board in fulfilling its governance role.

9.7 Enrolment Monitoring Report (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on Enrolment for the month of September 2024.

9.8 IMR Monitoring Report (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the combined funding for Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) and on the Capital Maintenance Renewal (CMR) funding. This funding is considered necessary for annual preservation and maintenance of buildings.

9.9 Annual Education Results Report (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale reviewed the draft Annual Education Results Report with the Board of Trustees for information and to solicit any further input. The finalized document will be submitted to Alberta Education on November 29, 2024.

10.0 Round Table Discussion

11.0 School Monitoring Report Visit

11.1 Three Hills School

The Board of Trustees will reschedule the Three Hills visit to a later date.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20241029.1012

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____