



# MINUTES

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## 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, December 10, 2024 (9:30 AM)**

#### 1.0 Attendance

##### Present

- a) Chair
  - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
  - Jim Northcott
- c) Trustees
  - Barry Kletke
  - Justin Bolin
  - Rob Pirie
  - Jen Mertz
- d) Superintendent
  - Jeff Grimsdale
- e) Secretary Treasurer
  - Tahra Sabir
- f) Recording Secretary
  - Kristy Polet

##### Absent

- e) Deputy Superintendent
  - Wes Miskiman

#### 2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

Chair Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Treasurer Initials \_\_\_\_\_

### 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#20241210.1001**

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

Carried

#### 4.2 Out of In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20211210.1002**

**MOVED by Trustee Mertz** that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:50 AM. Carried

### 5.0 Approval of Agenda

#### 5.1 Approval of Agenda

**Recommendation: BD#20241210.1003**

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

Carried

### 6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

### 7.0 Presentation of Minutes

#### 7.1 Regular Minutes of November 26, 2024

**Recommendation: BD#20241210.1004**

**MOVED by Trustee Northcott** that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of November 26, 2024, as presented.

Carried

### 8.0 REPORTS

#### A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- All correspondence has been forwarded to all Trustees.

## B) Board Committees

No information to report on at this time.

### 8.1 In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20201027.1010**

**MOVED by Trustee Bolin** that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 11:38 AM.

Carried

### 8.2 Out of In Camera

**Recommendation: #BD20191126.1002**

**MOVED by Trustee Mertz** that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:50 AM. Carried

## C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Trustee Northcott and Chair Huntley presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting held December 6, 2024, in Airdrie, AB.

- Discussion and presentation of reports revolved around the following:
  - Legislation information, Elections, Collegiate Schools (how they differentiate from high schools), Charter Schools, Trustee Guide, Bill 29, MLA Breakfast at the ASBA FGM.
- Discussed "Backpack Full of Cash" screening held at the Rocky View School Division.

Trustee Kletke had no new information to present regarding the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

Trustee Pirie had no new information to present regarding Teachers Employee Bargaining Association (TEBA) due to the meeting being held simultaneously with the Regular Meeting of the Golden Hills School Division Board of Trustees.

Trustee Northcott presented a PowerPoint regarding Rural Transportation, this was to be shown at the Rural Caucus meeting during the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) FGM November 17-19, 2024.

## D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Transportation:
  - Currently have four routes that are being driven by relief drivers.
  - Four trainees test December 13 and 19, 2024, four other trainees will test end of January 2025.
  - Purchased 14 new buses, all buses should be delivered between mid January and late March 2025.

- Acquired a new Driving School Training Yard, located north of Strathmore.
- New Transportation Motto: Driving Hope, Fueling Possibilities.
- Facilities Update:
  - Learning Academy - kitchen area complete, replaced carpet and damaged ceiling tiles in some areas, removed three interior walls for space, relocated one radiant heating line, replaced security system and integrated it into Division Office zone, installed new network switch and installed wireless access points.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Acme School Update - Busy construction site, most of the steel columns for the school are now installed, working on the first layer of structure for the roof. Once that is underway, they will hoard off sections of the school so they can start heating inside and continue putting in all the plumbing and electrical. Pictures and videos were shown.
- George Freeman School (Friends of George Freeman School Society) received a Government of Alberta grant (CFEP) Community Facility Enhancement Program, this grant money will go towards upgrading the playground.
- Currently drafting a Strategic AI plan along with reviewing of policies and administrative procedure analysis.
- December 5, 2024 - held an Administrative Procedures Committee meeting.
- Provided information around Bill 29 and 27.
- Working on potential Collegiate School Programs that will include Industry and Educational partners.
- Will schedule school monitoring report visits to commence in 2025.

Recessed at 12:20 PM

Reconvened at 1:00 PM

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

### A) Action Items

#### 9.1 Calendar 2026/2027 (J. Grimsdale)

**Recommendation: BD#20211210.1006**

**MOVED by Trustee Pirie** that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed 2026/2027 School Year Calendar as a pilot for the school year.

Carried

## B) Information Items

### 9.2 Enrolment Monitoring Report (November 2024) (T. Sabir)

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

### 9.3 Technology Services Report (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the primary role of the Technology Services that supports the teachers, staff and students throughout Golden Hills School Division.

### 9.4 International Services Report (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on Golden Hills International Program, which provides opportunity for our resident students to experience global competencies by interacting with students around the world. The international students have the opportunity to learn English and benefit from quality academic programming.

## 10.0 Round Table Discussion

During this time the Trustees, Superintendent Grimsdale, and Secretary Treasurer Sabir toured the new location for the Learning Academy at 435B Hwy #1 Strathmore, AB.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

### 11.1 Adjournment

**Recommendation: BD#20241210.1007**

Adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Carried

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

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