

BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools was held in the Administration Building Boardroom on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

PRESENT:

Chair: Lanie Parr

Trustees: Darcy Eddleston, Rose Gorniak, Bruce Marriott, Marie Isaman, Barry Livingston, Jim King, Stephanie Spornitz and Sheldon Archibald (all attended via video)

Administration: Rhae-Ann Holoien, Superintendent, Michelle Webb, Deputy Superintendent, James Trodden, Assistant Superintendent Bob Brown, Secretary Treasurer Faye Dunne, Recording Secretary

Absent:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Parr called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

The Board Chair shared a Treaty 6 Acknowledgement

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair asked for any additions to the agenda.

20-326 KING: Moves that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

20-327 LIVINGSTON: That the Minutes of the regular meeting held November 30, 2020 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. IN-CAMERA:

20-328 SPORNITZ: That the meeting move In-Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Superintendent, Webb, Secretary Treasurer, Brown and Recording Secretary, Dunne were in attendance.

Trustee Gorniak joined the meeting at 9:44am.

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E. IN-CAMERA Cont.:

- 20-329 **GORNIAK: That the meeting come out of In-Camera.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Finance:

- Cheque Lists Dated; November 18, 30, 2020
- Accounts Payable Cheque Lists Dated; November 18, 20, 25, 26, 30, 2020
- Manual Cheques Issued Dated: October 15 to November 18, 2020
- November 30, 2020 Cash Flow Statement

Assistant Treasurer Vivian Locher reviewed the cheque lists with the Board.

- 20-330 **GORNIAK: Moves that the accounts payable cheque lists for the period ending November 30, 2020 beginning and ending with cheques #130603 to #130702 and automated payments for the period ending November 30, 2020 beginning and ending with #800019214 to #800019299 and manual cheques issued #700001090 to #700001095 be received for information.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Vice Chair Spornitz took over the meeting. Board Chair Parr left the meeting at 10:38 am.

- November 30, 2020 Cash Flow Statements

- 20-331 **MARRIOTT: Moves that the Board accept the November 30, 2020 Cash Flow Statement for information.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair Parr rejoined the meeting at 10:40am and resumed chairing the meeting.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent's Report:

- Enrolment Reports
- RAP Scholarship Recipients

- Enrolment Reports

The information was shared with the Board. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions for clarity.

- RAP Scholarship Recipients

- 20-332 **LIVINGSTON: Moves that the Board recognize the achievement of the eight BTPS Students who were awarded High School Apprenticeship Scholarships with letters of congratulations.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Deputy Superintendent's Report:

- Staffing Reports
- Gratitude

- Staffing Reports

20-333 **KING: Moves that the Board accept the Teacher and Support Staff Reports as presented for information.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Gratitude

Deputy Superintendent Webb told the Board that she had recently met with the BTPS School Health and Wellness Champions and they shared their gratitude for the day off in lieu of Celebration Day and were also very appreciative of the Christmas letter and kind words from the Board.

H. Business Arising from Minutes:

The letters were reviewed.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter from Town of Wainwright re; Not Able to Host Joint Election

The Board gave direction to contact ECCS and the Town Administrator regarding the joint election request.

20-334 **SPORNITZ: Moves that the Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools support the PSBAA Draft Belief Statements.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Appeals; none

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- ASBA - Trustee Marriott reported that at the last zone meeting they had a session on the resolutions process. A Zone MELT Program committee has been struck to put a proposal together to help trustees understand the issues and concerns with the training. Committee reporting will be shared at meetings moving forward.
- PSBC - Vice Chair Spornitz reported that there has not been much activity although there will be a special meeting in January. All members are embracing online learning. The most recent session had Dr. Jody Carrington and Dr. David Irvine.

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K. TRUSTEE REPORTS Cont.:

- RCASB - Trustee Eddleston reported that there are no new updates at this time but the executive is currently creating the agenda for the next meeting with the Minister on January 13th. The Minister continues to take regular meetings with the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards which is very positive.
- TEBA - Trustee Eddleston reported that there were no new updates. He shared that the COVID-19 pandemic is making it difficult for central table negotiations.

L. TRUSTEE READINGS:

- None

M. INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Board Chair reviewed the information items with the Board.

Student Engagement - Creativity

Assistant Superintendent Trodden welcomed students from Edgerton, Amisk and Innisfree-Delnorte to the Student Engagement.

The Board Chair welcomed all the students and there was a round of introductions.

The students took turns answering the questions posed for the discussion. 1) What does creativity mean to you? 2) How are the different ways you get to be creative in your classes? 3) How has school helped you express your creativity?

The ideas shared during the discussion included everything from using your imagination, writing a story or song, videos, drawing or coloring, art and music.

The Board enjoyed hearing from all of the students and wished them a Merry Christmas.

20-335 **MARRIOTT: That the board meeting recess for lunch.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m. in the Boardroom with all Trustees present.

D. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk

MLA Armstrong-Homeniuk, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville joined the meeting via phone and there was a round of introductions. The Board asked the MLA for information and updates on a number of topics including the Provincial Transportation Task Force, Program Unit Funding changes and vaccine procurement. The Board was interested to know if teachers would be included in some of the targeted groups. The MLA told the Board that there are no plans at this time to do so, however, the situation is very fluid. The Board had an opportunity to share a thank you to government for making diplomas optional this year and not having the PAT's. The Superintendent shared a thank you for the lead time before the transition back to at-home learning. She told the MLA that was a positive experience and students seem more engaged this time. She was also happy to be able to tell parents that students could come to school by appointment and students with exceptionalities will be welcomed in the schools. Superintendent Holoien said that it has been good working with AHS and has been appreciative of their support through the process although BTPS has relatively small COVID cases. The Board and the MLA are looking forward to meeting face to face in the future.

N. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- RAP High School Scholarship Recipients
- MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
- December Student Engagement
- Trustee Continued PD and Learning

20-336

KING: That the board meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Time: 2:04 pm hours 14:04(PM)

Board Chair

Recording Secretary