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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: The following highlights are not an official record of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7. They are intended to provide a brief overview of the Regular Board Meeting. For a complete record, please refer to the official [minutes](#) of the meeting.

- The Board adopted the 2014-2015 Operating Budgets for Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.
 - The 2014-15 Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 operating budget is based on the following assumptions:
 - Projected 1.67% enrolment decline for grades 1-12 (157 students)
 - Projected 21.37% decline in Kindergarten enrolment (97 students)
 - 0% increase in grants
 - 2% funding rate increase for K-3 Small Class Size
 - Inclusive Education funding increase of 2%
 - Restoration of 2013-14 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) funding decrease
 - Continued 10% decrease in funding for Board & System
 - Budget mitigation funding from Alberta Education for jurisdictions estimated to lose > 5% of funding as a result of the budget
 - Pembina Hills is projecting an operating deficit of \$474,793 in 2014-2015
 - The 2014-15 Alberta Distance Learning Centre operating budget is based on the anticipated amendments to the Service Agreement
 - Projected Alberta Education funding - \$17.77 million (2013-14 = \$20.18 million)
 - Combined PHRD and ADLC 2014-2015 operating budget expenses = \$75.63 million (2013-2014 = \$78.06 million)
- The Board approved the tender and awarding of the contract for the installation, connection and setup of six (6) modular classrooms at Pembina North Community School in Dapp to Monteith Building Group Ltd. in the amount of \$687,000, plus GST, subject to the approval of Alberta Infrastructure.
- The Board discussed their response to the Task Force Report and Recommendations for Teacher Excellence as well as opportunities to provide feedback.
- The Board passed a motion to not increase ADLC Contract Marker rates for 2014-2015.
- The Board authorized the following Locally Developed Courses and the resources used to teach the course, administered by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre:
 - Learning Strategies 15-3, 25-3, 35-3, 15-5, 25-5, 35-5 acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1
 - Forensic Science 25-5 and 35-5 acquired from Edmonton School District No 7

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- R.F. Staples Secondary School teacher Colleen Sereda along with four (4) students and two (2) staff chaperones joined the meeting via video conferencing to present an overview of their recent international field trip to Italy as part of their CTS Photography class. The trip provided students an opportunity to make the curriculum 'real life' and to take pictures in a different country, while experiencing a different culture and language.
- Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Mark Thiesen provided an overview of the administrative processes involved for schools wishing to participate in all off-site activities, including international field trips, as outlined in Administrative Procedure 60-3 Field Trips, Excursions and Tours.
- The Board approved the R.F. Staples Secondary School International Field Trip request to Eastern Europe (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and Hungary) scheduled for March 18 to 28, 2015, in principle, pursuant to Policy 60-03.
- The Board ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local No. 1661 for the three (3) year period ending August 31, 2016.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the ASBA 2014 Budget and Bylaws Bulletin which will be considered at the ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 2, 2014.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 11, 2014 at Neerlandia Public Christian School.
- The Board encourages the public to attend their Board Meetings. Please refer to the [Pembina Hills website](#) for a complete listing of meeting dates and locations.