



Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **June 10, 2015 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 reviewed and discussed transportation services for typically developing pre-school children attending Early Education programs operated by Pembina Hills. They rescinded a previous motion which enabled transportation of typically developing pre-school children to designated early education sites. The Board will continue to transport students that qualify for transportation funding to early education sites.
 - The Board passed a motion that there be no increase to the ADLC contract marker rates for the 2015-2016 School Year.
 - Principal Darcie Eamor provided the Pembina North Community School Report, highlighting the following:
 - The school's motto "United we achieve excellence."
 - Overview of the school's elementary and junior high programming.
 - The school's involvement in Career Technology Studies.
 - School Council Members Karen Gabel and Joanne Kaliel presented the Pembina North Community School Council Report, highlighting the following:
 - An overview of how the PNCS School Council was formed and that it includes representatives from all four communities (Fawcett, Flatbush, Jarvie and Dapp).
 - Meetings are held every two months, with consistent attendance of about 20 per meeting.
 - The importance of student involvement in the communities.
 - They thanked the Board for the support and opportunity to participate in Council of School Councils Meetings.
- The School Report and School Council Report concluded with a recording of the school song, "My Pembina (It Feels Like Home)" and a slideshow.
- Assistant Superintendent Mark Thiesen provided an information report to the Board on High School Redesign, which included presentations from the following R.F. Staples teachers:
 - Teachers Colleen Toews, Stephen Womack provided an overview of their jointly taught Biolish 30 class (combination of Biology 30 and English 30). They were pleased to report that student engagement has dramatically increased.
 - Teacher Perry Kulmatyski shared details from his Math 20-1 Flipped Classroom and how it is improving student success and engagement.
 - Director of Facilities and Transportation Tracy Tyreman provided the Facilities and Transportation Accountability Report to the Board. [Click here for details.](#)
 - A motion to replace the Neerlandia Christian Education Society Express Bus with a PHRD bus for the 2016-2017 School year will be discussed at the second Regular Board Meeting in September 2015.

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- A motion to expand the Pembina North Community School attendance area to include the Sunniebend Road from Hwy 44 west to RR 272 will be discussed at the June 24th Regular Board Meeting.
- The Board approved the addition of a Communications Director position for one year to build the Division's capacity in the area of communications.
- The Board passed a motion that the August 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be rescheduled to August 25, 2015.
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Non-Union Support Staff Employment Conditions Handbook, inclusive of a 2% general salary increase, as well as an increase to the Health Spending Account from \$420 to \$660 per year. The Board also approved an increase in the employer share of health benefits from 95% to 97%.
- The Board approved 2015-2016 Contractor Rates for contract bus operators, contract caretakers, and contract grass cutters, inclusive of a 2% increase.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 24, 2015 at the Regional Services Office in Barrhead.
- 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.