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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **June 24, 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 adopted the 2015-2016 Operating Budgets for Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 (PHRD) and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC).
 - In 2015-2016 PHRD is budgeting expenses of \$57,296,423; ADLC is budgeting expenses of \$21,591,719 for a combined budget of \$78,888,142
 - The 2015-2016 PHRD budget calls for a deficit of \$1,877,245. The reason for the deficit is to account for the expenses of 10 projects that will be funded from existing reserves.
 - \$991,675 in projects will be funded by the Co-op Pool operating reserve. These projects are identified within the jurisdictional strategies of the Education Plan.
 - \$735,570 are projects that will be funded by individual schools reserves
 - \$150,000 of the Board & System Administration operating reserve will be targeted for a capacity building project in the area of communications and engagement.
 - As part of the strategic planning process this past spring, the Board identified the need to build capacity in the area of communications and engage communities in a more robust manner.
 - The project will include the secondment of an individual for one year who will build an infrastructure of communications practices and processes that will support division communications and engagement efforts into the future.
 - Pembina Hills is projecting a decline of 89 students in Kindergarten and 26 students in grades 1-12.
 - ADLC is projecting to serve the same level of enrolment as 2014-2015 projections – 42,000 school aged Alberta students in 60,000 course enrolments (5,000 fte) in addition to 2,200 mature student enrolments (1,467 fte).
- Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Mark Thiesen presented the following jurisdiction strategies for the Three-Year Education plan:
 - PHRD will enhance school administrators' instructional leadership capacities through a PD plan framed by a Professional Learning Community model.
 - Principal-led Professional Learning Communities at each school will activate purposeful and measureable strategies specifically relevant to the school and aligned with jurisdiction priorities.
 - Under the framework of Universal Design for Learning, PHRD will implement strategies to support teaching and learning in an inclusive environment.
 - PHRD will design and facilitate professional learning opportunities that develop professional capacity to implement innovative teaching and learning (Collaborative Lead Teacher strategy, Literacy, Numeracy, Moving Forward With High School Re-design).
 - PHRD will build school staff capacity to support the mental well-being of Tier 2 and 3 students and families (Mental Health Strategy).

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- PHRD will engage with its communities to expand the boundaries of our Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments.
- Assistant Superintendent of ADLC Cam Oulton presented the summary of key strategies for the Three-Year ADLC Education Plan.
- The Board passed a motion to amend the Pembina North Community School attendance area to include a portion of the Sunniebend Road west of Highway 44.
- The Board adopted the 2015-2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. A copy of the schedule can be accessed at <https://docushare.phrd.ab.ca/dsweb/Get/Document-410113/2015-2016%20Board%20Meeting%20Schedule%20Approved.pdf>.
- The Board adopted Rates Annex 3 (RA3) – Transportation Rates for 2015-2016 and Rates Annex 6 (RA6) – Rental Rates for the Board-owned residence at Swan Hills, Alberta. A copy of the Rates Annex' can be access at <http://www.phrd.ab.ca/Rates%20Annex.php>.
- The Board adopted a revised Policy framework and Policies that moves existing Guiding Principles to Policies and Administrative Procedures where appropriate. Formatting and editing of the new Policies will occur over the summer and will be posted on the Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 website.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Regional Services Office in Barrhead. This meeting will also serve as the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- 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.