

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills Public Schools was held on March 20, 2019 at the Regional Services Office. In attendance were Trustees J. Carson, J. Comeau, N. Keough, J. Lefebvre, K. McElroy, W. Scinski and J. Tuininga. Also in attendance were Superintendent D. Garbutt and Secretary Treasurer T. Meunier.

- Call to Order Chair Tuininga called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Acknowledgement Statement Chair Tuininga recited the acknowledgement statement from Administrative Procedure 60-20 Honoring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Culture.
- Amendments to the Agenda The following amendments were made to the Agenda:
 New Business – Action Items
 a) 2019-2022 Three Year Education Plan - Priorities and Strategies, including Proposed Focused Supports - Remove
 Committee Meetings attended from February 27, 2019 – March 19, 2019
 9) Neerlandia Public Christian School Council – meeting cancelled
- Adopting the Agenda – March 20, 2019
 7464/03/19 Moved by Trustee Lefebvre that the agenda be adopted as submitted and amended. Carried
- Adopting the Minutes – February 27, 2019
 7465/03/19 It was noted that ADLC teachers Jennifer McCormick, Tracy Dennis, Kyla Coulman, Patrick Fountain, Laura McCartney, Marquessa Heaton, and Jessica Luciuk were added to the list of teachers who provided trustees with demonstrations of teaching and learning at a distance.
 Moved by Trustee Comeau that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 held on February 27, 2019 be adopted as circulated and amended. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

- Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting – Proposed Policy Statement re: Speed Limit for School Buses
- Further to the February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and in accordance with motion number 7457/02/19, the Board reviewed the proposed policy position statement regarding the speed limit for school buses for submission to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3, for consideration at the ASBA 2019 Fall General Meeting.
- Chair Tuininga provided a summary of her research which included the following:
- In the 2017-2018 school year, there were 96,589 rural students transported daily by school bus in Alberta
 - Safety of students is a priority and school bus drivers have an excellent safety record with many procedures to follow
 - The Student Transportation Association of Alberta (STAA) has been advocating for the Ministry of Transportation to review the speed limits that school buses can travel since 2002
 - Canadian speed limits differ depending on the level of government under which the jurisdiction of the road falls
 - School bus drivers monitor road and weather conditions, and adhere to signs the same as any other driver
 - Alberta is the only province that has a transportation regulation that guides the speed of school buses:
 - o School buses can only travel 90 kilometres per hour (km/h) or the posted speed limit, whichever is less
 - o School buses that travel on major highways in Alberta could be travelling 10-20 km/h slower than the moving traffic around them
 - o The regulation about speed only applies when the vehicle displays the word 'School Bus'. If that is covered or removed, the bus can travel the posted speed limit
 - Earlier references to regulations on a speed limit for buses date back to as early as 1979 (40 years ago). Since then, we have seen road improvements, an increasing number of vehicles on the road, and further safety measures on buses including strobe lights and use of global positioning system (GPS)
 - The slower rate of speed can frustrate other drivers who might not be aware of the 90 km/h regulation

- When school buses are on roads with faster moving traffic, bus drivers report that other motorists: perform unsafe passing maneuvers, use of inappropriate hand gestures, honking and expletives, and tailgating
- There is no reason, from a mechanical standpoint, why school buses cannot travel at the posted speed limit, unless they have been manufactured with a speed governor
- A change in regulation to allow school buses to travel at the posted speed limit would address safety concerns and reduce ride times for students
- Examples of instances when bus rides would be reduced
- Chart with data on school bus and highway speed limits across Canada

Upon Board approval, Chair Tuininga will request letters of support from the following associations to be included with the proposed policy position statement:

- Student Transportation Association of Alberta (STAA)
- Alberta School Bus Safety Committee (ASBSC) and Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Committee (ASTAC)

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Moved by Trustee Scinski that the Board submit the Proposed Policy Position Statement requesting that the Minister of Transportation establish that school buses may operate at the same speed as the posted speed limit, as prescribed by law, as amended to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3, for consideration at the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting.

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

2019-2022 Three-Year Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tracy Meunier presented the background information on the Three-Year Capital Plan, including the following:

- Each year, Alberta Education requests jurisdictions to submit their Three-Year Capital Plan for new construction and major modernization. Funding for these projects is contingent on approval from Alberta Education
- Within the recent past, the Board received funding approval for their previous number one capital priorities: a replacement school at Neerlandia, as well as a major modernization and addition of six modular classrooms at Pembina North Community School
- Last year, the Board adopted the following priorities for the Three-Year Capital Plan:
 1. Barrhead Composite High School - full modernization
 2. Westlock Elementary School - full modernization
- The following are the provincial priorities for modernization projects:
 1. Health and Safety
 2. Current and Projected enrolments
 3. Utilization Rates
 4. Strategic Location
 5. Cost savings by right sizing
 6. Functionality (ability to meet and deliver programming requirements)
 7. Condition (as determined by facility audit)
- In November 2018, Alberta Education funded a Value Scoping Session for the Barrhead Composite High School (BCHS) facility. The session was facilitated by Cornerstone PMP Inc. Participants included: representatives from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure; Pembina Hills Public Schools and BCHS School Council; Town of Barrhead; County of Barrhead; Woodlands County; Tech-Cost Consulting; IBI Group
- The purpose and need for the Value Scoping Session was to:
 - o Provide functional and excellent facilities for students that meet with modern learning environment standards and meets the needs of the students, teachers, community and the Division
 - o Right-size BCHS facility to a minimum of 900 capacity, to meet declining enrolment and increase utilization
 - o Address building condition issues to improve functionality, operations and efficiencies
- Five performance attributes were examined and measured by participants:
 1. Program Compatibility – a measure of how well the building’s interior spaces meet their intended function and objectives of the overall educational program
 2. Operations and Maintenance – a measure of how easily the building and site can be maintained and operated over its expected useful life
 3. Building Organization – a measure of how well the interior spaces within the

- building are organized
4. Site Organization – a measure of how well the campus is organized
 5. Construction Phasing – a measure of the ease with which the project can be designed and incrementally constructed over 3.5 years
- The Value Scoping Report is pending; therefore, discussion on the scope of the work will not occur prior to the March 31 deadline for submission of the capital plan
 - On the advice of Alberta Education, if the Board approves the capital plan priorities contained in the recommendation, the Division will submit the original BCHS modernization report with reference to the Value Scoping Session conducted in November 2018. An addendum will then be made to the plan to better define the scope of the requested project in the upcoming months, based on the results of the pending Value Scoping Report.

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Moved by Trustee Keough that the Board adopt the following priorities for the Three-Year Capital Plan:

1. Barrhead Composite High School – scope of work to be determined, following receipt of Value Scoping Session Report
2. Westlock Elementary School – full modernization

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were presented:

- Alberta Education Letter re: 2018/19 – 2020/21 Three-Year Education Plan and 2017/18 Annual Education Results Reports
- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2019 Edwin Parr Teaching Award Nomination - Michelle Tran
- Alberta School Councils Association Advocacy Resolutions
- 2018 Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange (ASBIE) Annual Report
- 2019-02 Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) Trustees' Report
- Administrative Procedure 60-16 Extracurricular Activities, Supervision and Coaching

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDED

Committee Meetings attended from February 27, 2019 – March 19, 2019:

- Alberta Rural Education Symposium 2019
- Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3
- Barrhead & District Twinning Committee Welcome Dinner
- Barrhead Composite High School Council
- Board Planning
- Busby School Council
- Dunstable School Council
- Fort Assiniboine School Council
- Principals' Planning Session
- R. F. Staples Secondary School Council
- Swan Hills School Employee Long Service Awards
- Transportation Liaison Committee
- Westlock and District Community Health Council
- Yellowhead Regional Library

In Camera Session
7468/03/19
10:35 a.m.

Moved by Trustee McElroy that the meeting convene as an In Camera Session to discuss land, labour, legal matters.

Carried

Superintendent Garbutt and Secretary Treasurer Meunier left the meeting at 10:36 a.m., returning at 11:19 a.m.

7469/03/19
12:20 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Comeau that the meeting reconvene as a Regular Meeting.

Carried

Adjournment
12:20 p.m.

Chair Tuininga declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer



Unapproved