Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Board Meeting
Date : Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Start time : 9:30 AM
Location : Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance

Present were:

Trustee
- Lynn Ware
- Leanne Axelsen
- Karen Becker (via telephone @ 11:00 a.m. & 1:05 p.m.)
- Randy Ermineskin
- Barb Johnson
- Jayne Pettifor
- Rhonda Peters
- Dave Gursky (via telephone @ 11:00 a.m. & 1:05 p.m.)

Superintendent
- Terry Pearson

Associate Superintendent
- Rick Hayes
- Brian Taje
- Sherri Senger

Central Administration
- Shannon Dewald

Communications Coordinator
- Sherry Knull

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Lynn Ware began the meeting with the Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement as follows:
"We acknowledge that we are on Treaty Six territory and we recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands."

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #WR20180410.1001
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the agenda for meeting Regular Board Meeting (2018/04/10) be approved as presented.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution #WR20180410.1002
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2018/03/13) be adopted as presented.
Carried

2019-2022 Capital Plan

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that the Board's 2018-2021 Three Year Capital Plan included the following projects;
New Construction or Modernizations
- Winfield School
- Parkdale School
- Buck Mountain Central School

Subsequent to this plan;
Buck Mountain Central School - The Operations and Maintenance Department hired The Workun Garrick Partnership to assess the structural, mechanical and electrical systems and prepare a Scoping Report to identify and quantify all noted deficiencies at Buck Mountain Central School. The Scoping Report was received in January 2018 and the report identifies deficiencies related to the heating, plumbing, ventilation and electrical systems. While the deficiencies noted in the report need to be addressed, the combined estimated cost to address them is well under the one million dollar limit that is necessary in order to make a request for 'capital' funding. Any repairs or replacements of the deficient systems will need to be funded from Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal funding.

In developing the 2019-2022 Three Year Capital Plan, the Associate Superintendent, Business would recommend removing Buck Mountain Central School.

Resolution #WR20180410.1003
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the Board of Trustees approve the 2019-2022 Three Year Capital Plan which reflects the Boards capital funding requests, in priority order, as;
Priority #1 - a new replacement Winfield School, and
Priority #2 - a new replacement Parkdale School.
Carried

2018-2019 Board Approved Fees

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that during the 2016-2017 school year school board's were advised by the Minister of Education that they would not be able to charge an Instructional Material Fee intended for basic instructional supplies starting in the 2017-2018 school year. In response, AP 505 Student Fees was amended to provide clarification related to the category of fees that the school board would charge. These categories include:
- Fees for enhanced educational services, approved by the School Principal;
- Fees for non-curricular services, approved by the School Principal; and
• Transportation services for students who do not qualify for government funding, approved by the Board of Trustees

Form 505-1 currently reflects Board Approved fees for Careers & Technology Foundations and Band Equipment Rental however if these fees are for basic instructional services, no fee can be charged and if these fees are for enhanced educational services the fees should be approved by the School Principal (AP 505).

Resolution #WR20180410.1004
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the Board of Trustees eliminate the Board Approved Fees specifically related to Career Technology Foundations and Band Equipment Rental as any related fee charged is deemed to be for enhanced educational services.

Council of School Councils
(Council Reports)
(Issue #20180308001)

Trustee Leanne Axelsen reported on the Council of School Councils met on March 7, 2018 and as per Policy 9 the minutes of those meetings are submitted to the Board as information.

Audit Committee of The Board
(Council Reports)
(Issue #20180320001)

Trustee Jayne Pettifor reported on the Audit Committee which met on March 14, 2018 the minutes were presented as information.

Ottawa Leadership Forum Report
(Information)
(Issue #20180403002)

Ms. Emily Briand was in attendance to provide the Board with an overview of her experience in attending the Leadership Forum in Ottawa. The Board contributed $300.00 to support Ms. Emily Briand's attendance at a Leadership Forum.

Human Resources Support/Administration Committee
(Council Reports)
(Issue #20180323002)

Mr. Rick Hayes, Associate Superintendent, Personnel presented the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Human Resources/Administration Staff Committee and provided a brief report on the discussion and outcome of the Support Staff committee meeting.

Maskwacis Education Council Update
(Council Reports)
(Issue #20180403001)

Mr. Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction presented an activity report, including highlights March 14, 2018 Maskwacis Education Council meeting as information.

EDI Community Profile Report 2016
(Information)
(Issue #20180313001)

Brianne Peshko, Health Promotion Facilitator, of the Community Learning Program, requested an opportunity to present the Early Development Instrument (EDI) Community Profile Report 2016 to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Peshko is a member of the Wetaskiwin and Area Early Years Coalition. Their presentation indicated that the EDI results help to inform communities where Wetaskiwin and area children measure in age-appropriate developmental expectations in five domains (e.g., physical health & wellbeing, social competence,
emotional maturity, language & cognitive development, communication skills and general knowledge).

Board Chair Lynn Ware thanked Ms. Peshko for the informative presentation.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:01 a.m. Trustee Dave Gursky and Trustee Karen Becker joined the meeting remotely by telephone at 11:01.

Board Advocacy Committee
(Committee Reports)
(Issue #20180316001)

The Board reviewed the list of topics on the Board Advocacy Committee agenda.

Trustee Lynn Ware advised that she has received a letter from the Town of Millet regarding the Public Forum held to determine community interest in acquiring the Millet School building. Trustee Ware read the letter from the Town of Millet and will be drafting a response.

Appreciation Committee Report
(Committee Reports)
(Issue #20180323001)

Mr. Rick Hayes, Associate Superintendent: Personnel advised that the Appreciation Committee met on January 23, 2018. Mr. Rick Hayes presented an overview of the Appreciation Committee meeting and advised that the Board Recognition Night scheduled for May 11, 2018.

Principal Supervision and Evaluation
(Division Staff Report)
(Issue #20180228001)

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools provided the Board with an overview of the principal supervision and evaluation process as information.

Administrative Procedure 434: Principal Supervision and Evaluation states, “The Division believes that outstanding organizations require excellent principals. As such, the Division is responsible to assess and monitor the performance of principals as well as to foster and support the pursuit of excellence in the employee’s chosen profession.” To support and provide guidance to principals Administrative Procedure 437: Principal Performance Standards identify the knowledge and skills required of principals to guide their professional development, supervision and evaluation.

Wetaskiwin Regional Division No.11 Financial Profile
(Information)
(Issue #20180313005)

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent advised that each year Alberta Education prepares a financial profile based on financial information reported in the audited financial statements of each school jurisdiction and compares specific financial indicators of school jurisdictions of similar size.

Ms. Senger, reviewed the profile for Wetaskiwin Regional Public
Information

Schools for the school years 2012/13 to 2016/17 and a legend that reflects those jurisdiction considered to be of similar size.

2018-2019 Budget Critical Assumptions
(Information)
(Issue #20180323005)

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business presented Trustees with information is the 2018-2019 Budget Critical Assumptions document which outlines the implications of the 2018 Provincial Budget announcement on Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools projected revenues and outlined the assumptions used to generate projected costs.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

WCHS, PLRS and BMCS High School Redesign Alternative Calendar Request
(Action)
(Issue #20180403003)

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Trustee Dave Gursky and Trustee Karen Becker joined the meeting remotely via telephone at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Kris Denney, Mr. Jon Meyers, Ms. Melissa Humby the three high school principals were in attendance to present to the Board on the benefits of collaboration days built into the High School Redesign calendar. The principal's highlighted the fact that in order to meet the the work that is being guided by Response to Intervention (RTI) and Professional Learning Community (PLC) frameworks, it is necessary to provide adequate time to improve student learning. The principals apprised the Board of how the benefits of High School Redesign collaboration days built within the school year calendar meet the needs of the project.

Buck Mountain Central School (BMCS) and Pigeon Lake Regional School (PLRS) continue involvement in the High School Redesign project with Alberta Education, with Wetaskiwin Composite High School (WCHS) wanting to implement this for 2018-2019. WCHS, BMCS and PLRS seek Board approval for an alternative school calendar based on their High School Redesign projects.

The Board approved alternative high school redesign calendars for the last three school years at the request of BMCS and PLRS to provide teachers collaboration time supporting their High School Redesign initiatives. At the time of the approval, the Board requested it be kept apprised of the benefits of High School Redesign, including the alternative calendar. In addition, WCHS would like to implement the HSRD initiative for 2018-2019.

Resolution #WR20180410.1005
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the Board approve the High School Redesign alternative calendar for Buck Mountain Central School, Pigeon Lake Regional School and Wetaskiwin Composite High School as presented, for the 2018-2019 school year.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #WR20180410.1006
Moved By: Karen Becker
That the board rescind Resolution #WR20180314.1003

Votes:

In Favour: Leanne Axelsen, Karen Becker, Lynn Ware, Dave Gursky, Randy Ermineskin, Rhonda Peters
Opposed: Jayne Pettifor, Barb Johnson

Carried

Resolution #WR20180410.1007
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
The Board approve the 2018 - 2019 Redesign Calendar for all K-8 and K-6 schools.

Votes:

In Favour: Leanne Axelsen, Dave Gursky, Karen Becker, Rhonda Peters, Lynn Ware
Opposed: Jayne Pettifor, Randy Ermineskin, Barb Johnson

Carried

2018-2019 Projected Alberta Education Revenues

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that every year after the provincial budget announcement Alberta Education posts a funding profile on their website for each school authority. The funding profiles are calculated based on Alberta Education’s projected enrollments for each school authority.
Ms. Senger reviewed a document which reflects the funding profile calculated by Alberta Education and comparatively the funding anticipated using the WRPS projected enrollments.

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Board Annual Work Plan

The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information. Discussion ensued regarding adding an ASBA Emergent item surrounding the Nutrition Program increase in funding at the expense of cuts in other areas.

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ASHORO Friendship Society

Trustee Barb Johnson presented a report as the representative on the ASHORO Friendship Society.

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ASBA Zone 4

ASBA Zone 4 Representative Lynn Ware reported on ASBA Zone 4 meeting held on March 26, 2018 at the Battle River School Division in Camrose.

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Canadian Parents for French

Barb Johnson the Board representative for the Canadian Parents indicated there was no report at this time.

Information

Leaders of Tomorrow

Trustee Leanne Axelsen reported on the April 5, 2018 Leaders of
Tomorrow meeting.
The Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Event will be held on April 16, 2018, at the Reynolds Alberta Museum at 6:30 p.m.

Leadership Team
The Leadership Team met on April 5, 2018, Board Chair Lynn Ware provided a verbal report on the meeting as information.

Public School Board Association
Trustee Karen Becker, PSBAA Representative indicated that the next PSBC meeting will be held April 13 & 14, 2018 Trustee Jayne Pettifor will try to attend.

Rural School Boards Caucus
The Board's representative Trustee Karen Becker indicated that there was no report on the Rural School Boards Caucus at this time.

School Community Health Education Partnership (SCHEP)
Jayne Pettifor the Board representative on the School Community Health Education Partnership (SCHEP) indicated that the next meeting is May 28th, 2018.

Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority
Barb Johnson the Board's representative of the Teacher Employer Bargaining Authority provided a brief report.

Wetaskiwin Community Learning Council
Trustee Barb Johnson the representative of the Wetaskiwin Community Learning Council indicated that the amalgamated group will now be called the Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program.
It was noted that there has been conversation that the City of Wetaskiwin has decided to close the Wetaskiwin Archives. A brief discussion ensued about a concern as to where all documents will be going if the Archives is closed.

Yellowhead Regional Library
Board representative Dave Gursky indicated that the Yellowhead Regional Library has no report at this time.

Trustee School Council Activity Reports
As trustee representatives on their respective school councils, trustees provided a brief report to the Board on their school council meetings.

Upcoming Events
April 16, 2018, Leaders of Tomorrow Event 7:00 p.m.
April 23, 2018, ASBA Zone 4 Meeting
April 24, 2018, Regular Board Meeting
Expulsion Commitee Report
(Confidential)
(Issue #20180323003)

Resolution #WR20180410.1008
That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:57 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Expulsion Commitee Report.

Resolution #WR20180410.1009
Moved By: JaynePettifor
That the meeting moves Out of Camera at 3:10 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

Resolution #WR20180410.1010
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:11 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business