Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Start time: 9:30 AM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance

Present were:

Trustee
- Lynn Ware
- Leanne Axelsen
- Karen Becker
- Randy Ermineskin
- Barb Johnson
- Jayne Pettifor
- Rhonda Peters

Superintendent
- Terry Pearson

Associate Superintendent
- Rick Hayes
- Brian Taje
- Sherri Senger

Central Administration
- Shannon Dewald

Communications Coordinator
- Sherry Knull

Absent:

Trustee
- Dave Gursky

Call to Order

Lynn Ware, Board Chair called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 9:30 a.m.

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."

Information
Consideration of Agenda

Resolution #WR20180619.1001
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the agenda be approved with the addition of 9.5 Trustee Orientation Request, 13.2 Minister’s Email, 17.3 CEO Evaluation, 17.4 Board Self Evaluation.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution #WR20180619.1002
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2018/05/22) be adopted with a revision to remove a bracket in Policy 8: and that the Ashoro representative report be revised to be from Barb Johnson.

Carried

WCHS Student - To Pitch Sustainable Housing Plan In Ottawa (Celebrating Excellence) (Issue #20180523002)

Mr. Kris Denney, Principal - Wetaskwin Composite High School was in attendance to introduce Ms. Sephora Buffalo, a Wetaskiwin Composite High School student who was offered the opportunity to participate in the Education First’s Canadian Youth Ambassador Program.

Sephra Buffalo, 17, a Maskwacis resident was one of 30 students selected from across Canada to take part in Education First’s Canadian Youth Ambassador Program. Winners were given the opportunity to visit Toronto and then Ecuador at the end of March to conduct workshops and help build a school. On the weekend of May 25-27, she and her peers met with Members of Parliament and Senators in the nation’s capital to discuss steps forward on how to make her sustainable housing proposal a reality.

Sephora Buffalo has been selected to the youth ambassador program, where she will have a chance to submit her ideas and talk about her community. Her winning submission proposes using shipping container homes to alleviate housing issues in the Maskwacis community. The project focused on building structures that are built to last and are easily put up in the community. According to a 2011 survey, nearly 35 per cent of on-reserve and eight per cent of off-reserve First Nations people in Alberta lived in homes with more than one person per room. For the non-Aboriginal population, this number was only four per cent. Nearly one-third of First Nations people reportedly lived in homes requiring major repairs. On-reserve was even higher at 54 per cent. Sephora presented to the Board on her experiences and outlined her project.

The Youth Ambassador program is an amazing opportunity that will help Sephora develop skills in creative thinking and teamwork as well as give her access to the policy-makers in Ottawa.

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Mr. Denney, Sephora Buffalo and members of the delegation left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Information

SLIC - Student Leadership

Ms. Jodie Mattia, District Principal was in attendance to present on the May 17, 2018 Student Leadership Initiative Conference that was planned and led by the staff and students at Falun Elementary School. Ms. Mattia indicated that this was the 7th annual SLIC conference hosted in
Initiative Conference - May 17, 2018  
(Celebrating Excellence)  
(Issue #20180605002)

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools. The focus of the day was Leading by Example.

The students were engaged in Elder teachings, Indigenous games and art. The day was supported by the Falun team, Mental Health Capacity Building Team, Elder Lorraine White, Elder Ken White, and Gloria Stoney and Darrin Park of the Terry Fox Foundation was the Inspirational Speaker.

The students and staff did an outstanding job and have received positive feedback on the impact of the day.

School Community Health Partnership  
(Representative Reports)  
(Issue #20180605001)

Ms. Jodie Mattia, District Principal presented to the Board of Trustees the background and sharing the work of the School Community and Health Education Partnership (SCHEP) within Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools.

Ms. Mattia presented on the different aspects of the partnership within our schools and sites, Alberta Health Services, Mental Health Capacity Building Program, Boys and Girls Club and other community agencies and highlight the work taking place in our school division regarding the well-being of our students and staff.

SLIC - Student Leadership Initiative Conference - May 17, 2018  
(Celebrating Excellence)  
(Issue #20180605002)

Jodie Mattia left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Board Annual Work Plan  
(Action)  
(Issue #20180523001)

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools advised that the Board directed that the Board Annual Work Plan be amended to include the scheduling of meetings with the Minister of Education and local Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Discussion ensued regarding inviting the MLA's and MP's to meet with the Board early in the school year next year.

Resolution #WR20180619.1003  
Moved By: Barb Johnson  
That the Board approve the Board Annual Work Plan as presented.  
Carried

Transportation Regulation Consultation  
(Action)  
(Issue #20180606002)

Trustees that attended the ASBA Spring General meeting were asked to complete the Transportation Regulation Consultation survey. It was determined at the ASBA meeting that school boards should place this item on their agenda to get input from all members of the Board.
The Board reviewed and discussed the Transportation Regulation Consultation survey and provided input.

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Lynn Ware left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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Lynn Ware entered the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

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2018-2019 Board /Admin Meeting Calendar
(ACTION)
(Issue #20180606003)

The Board determined that it wished to commence its review of site-based versus centralized budgeting in September, 2018. The Board has tentatively scheduled a Board Retreat for September 10 and 11, 2018. As such, the Superintendent recommends that the Board consider holding a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 26, 2018.

Resolution #WR20180619.1004
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the Board meet in Committee of the Whole on September 26, 2018 to commence its review of site-based versus centralized budgeting.

Carried

July or August Board Meeting
(ACTION)
(Issue #20180606005)

Trustee Gursky advised that he would like to have trustees hold a meeting of the Board in either July or August.

Policy 7: Board Operations, Section 2 Regular Scheduled Meetings, subsection 2.2 states, "There shall be no regular scheduled meetings during July and August."

This item was tabled until until September 25th, 2018 to determine if the agenda item gets addressed at the September 10 & 11, 2018 Board Retreat.

Information

Trustee Orientation
(ACTION)
(Issue #20180619001)

Trustee Peters requested that she be offered further mentoring or orientation over the summer to ensure she has a good understanding of school board governance.

It was the consensus of the Board that two or three days be allocated towards the allocation of further orientation with Trustee Peters.

Information

The meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Teacher Board Advisory Meeting
(Committee Reports)
(Issue #20180531002)

Trustee Barb Johnson reported on the May 8, 2018 Teacher-Board Advisory Committee as information.

Information

Council of School Councils
(Committee Reports)
(Issue #20180606001)

Trustee Leanne Axelsen reported on the Council of School Councils meeting held on May 30, 2018 as information.

Information
Audit Committee Meeting
(Committee Reports)  
(Issue #20180606006)

Trustee Jayne Pettifor reported on the June 6, 2018, Audit Committee of the Board meeting. The Audit Committee met with representatives of Grant Thornton LLP to review the audit plan and schedule the preparation of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2018. During the Audit Committee meeting, the Associate Superintendent, Business reviewed the Management Letter recommendations resulting from the prior year’s audit and trustees had an incamera discussion with the auditors in order to identify any areas of concern they may have to which they would like the auditors to pay close attention to as part of the audit process.

Next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018, during which the committee will review the draft audited financial statements in order to identify any questions or concerns they may have prior to making a recommendation to the entire Board of Trustees.

Information

Board Advocacy Committee
(Committee Reports)  
(Issue #20180607013)

The Board determined and discussed the following topics would be placed as "parking lot" items on the Board Advocacy Committee agenda:

- CA RCSD Hold Harmless Funding
- PUF Funding
- School Fees
- STAR Transportation Agreement
- Option opportunities in schools
- Winfield School New School Construction
- Transportation Funding
- Operational and Maintenance Funding
- CEU Cap

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Trustee Non-Taxable Portion of Honoraria
(Information)  
(Issue #20180530001)

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that currently, 1/3 of a trustee’s honoraria is considered tax exempt. The proclamation of Federal Government Bill C 44, which received royal assent on June 22, 2017, states that effective January 1, 2019 non-accountable allowances paid to elected officers of a school board will be included in their income.

Ms. Senger referred to Bill C 44 and referenced the following information. Page 2, Summary, Part 1 - implements certain income tax measures proposed in the March 22, 2017 budget by; (d) eliminating tax exemptions of allowances for members of legislative assemblies and certain municipal officers, as well as;

Page 14, Section 6 (3) - Subsection 81 (2) and (3) of the Act is repealed and (6) subsection (3) comes into force January 1, 2019.

The effect of this change on individual trustees varies depending on their individual personal tax situation. Shannon Dewald, Director Business Services, ran a few scenarios and the tax implication varies from $0 to $2,000. Ms. Dewald also enquired with neighboring school boards as to
whether or not changes have been made to trustee compensation as a result of Bill C 44. She determined that there have not been any motions made to increase trustee compensation.

**Information**

Ms. Sherri Senger, advised that Board that on May 25, 2018, the Associate Superintendent, Business and the Director, Facilities toured a team from the Capital Planning Branch of Alberta Education through Parkdale School and Winfield School as a follow up to the Board's 2019-2022 Three Year Capital Plan.

The purpose of the facility tours was to provide Capital Planning representatives with an opportunity for an in-depth review of the Board's identified needs related to these two facilities in order that they would be in a position to advocate on the Board's behalf when the Minister is determining which capital projects to approve.

Mr. Travis Hovland, Director, Capital Planning North provided the following feedback;

**Parkdale School**

Very clearly understood the needs and was supportive on advocating for a new school.

**Winfield School**

Very clearly understood the issues with the facility. Enquired, based on the utilization rates and ages of the facilities, in particular across the west end, whether the Board had given consideration to a more regional approach to addressing student accommodation issues. He further indicated that this type of discussion and analysis would be useful in enabling him to advocate on behalf of the Board and in making a case that a capital approval for WRPS would have the broadest possible impact on student learning within the jurisdiction.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the board embarking on more extensive strategic planning commencing next year.

**Information**

The meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

A letter of response was received from Minister Eggen advising the Board that he has agreed to conduct an independent review of the 2018 Special Needs Tribunal Report regarding the apportionment of costs.

Board Chair Ware indicated that she received a communication from Alberta Education indicating that the Minister received more than 300 applications for the Minister’s Youth Council from junior and senior high school students across Alberta. The Minister indicated that it was his pleasure to announce that the following student from your school district has been selected for the 2018/19 Minister’s Youth Council:

**Sienna Dickson, Wetaskiwin Composite High School**

Working at the provincial level, this 33-member council will share diverse
student perspectives and provide input on education issues. Collectively, the council will bring a broad and diverse range of life experiences, knowledge and skills from all types of Alberta schools.

All council members have received phone calls from department staff, and follow-up email messages have also been sent. This summer, Alberta Education staff from the Strategic Engagement Branch will contact council members and their parents with more details. All travel and accommodation arrangements and costs, as well as supervision, will be taken care of by the Government of Alberta.

Council members will attend three meetings in Edmonton at the Bennett Centre: October 12 to October 15, 2018; February 1 to 4, 2019; and May 3 to 6, 2019. Each meeting will begin Friday evening and end on Monday afternoon.

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**ASBA Zone 4**

Representative Jayne Pettifor reported on the ASBA Zone 4 meeting held on May 28, 2018 as information. Trustee Pettifor also reported on the Edwin Parr awards and the ASBA Spring conference and meeting.

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**ASHORO Friendship Society**

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

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**Canadian Parents for French**

Barb Johnson the Board representative for the Canadian Parents for French indicated that there has been no meeting.

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**Leaders of Tomorrow**

Leanne Axelsen is the Leaders of Tomorrow representative she reported that the wrap up meeting will be held on June 20th, 2018.

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**Leadership Team**

The Leadership Team met on June 7th, 2018, Trustee Lynn Ware and Trustee Rhonda Peters presented a brief report.

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**Public School Board Association**

Trustee Jayne Pettifor, PSBAA Representative presented a report on the PSBAA fall conference.

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**Rural School Boards Caucus**

The Board's representative Trustee Karen Becker reported on the Rural School Boards Caucus as information.

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**Teacher Employer**

Barb Johnson the Board's representative of the Teacher Employer
Bargaining Authority
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20180607008)
Bargaining Authority advised that they will report in the confidential section of the agenda.

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Wetaskiwin Community Learning Program
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20180607009)
Trustee Barb Johnson the representative of the Wetaskiwin Community Learning Council provided a brief report.

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Yellowhead Regional Library
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20180607010)
Board representative Randy Ermineskin provided a brief report on the Yellowhead Regional Library.

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Trustee School Council Activity Reports
(Representative Reports)
(Issue #20180607011)
As trustee representatives on their respective school councils, trustees reported on their respective schools.

Trustee Ware - Gwynne, Clear Vista & Colony Schools
Trustee Becker - Alder Flats, Buck Mountain Central, Winfield & Lakedell
Trustee Randy Ermineskin - Maskwacis
Trustee Johnson - Norwood, EEWFWC
Trustee Gursky - Griffiths-Scott Middle School
Trustee Axelsen - WCHS & Parkdale
Trustee Pettifor - Centennial & Ecole Queen Elizabeth
Trustee Peters - Lakedell, Falun, Pipestone, Pigeon Lake

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Upcoming Events
(Upcoming Events)
(Issue #20180607012)
June 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
June 19, 2018 Board Annual End of Year / Staff Luncheon 12:00 p.m.
August 15 to 18, 2018 PSBC Meeting - Medicine Hat, AB
August 24 to 25, 2018 ASBA Leadership Academy - Canmore, AB

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Resolution #WR20180619.1005
Moved By: Rhonda Peters
That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:30 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 Personnel Update, Bargaining, Superintendent (CEO) Evaluation, Board Self Evaluation.

Carried

Resolution #WR20180619.1006
Moved By: Randy Ermineskin
That the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 3:08 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #WR20180619.1007
Moved By: Randy Ermineskin
That the Board approve the Superintendent evaluation report as developed during the evaluation workshop of June 13, 2018 as an

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accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period June 8, 2017 to June 13, 2018 and further the Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and sign the report on the Board's behalf.

Carried

Resolution #WR20180619.1008
Moved By: Jayne Pettifor
That the Board approve the Board self-evaluation report as developed at the facilitated workshop of June 14, 2018 and that the Board Chair be authorized to monitor the priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for Board consideration as deemed appropriate.

Carried

Adjournment
Barb Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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Board Chair

Associate Superintendent: Business