Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Start time: 9:30 AM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance

Present were:

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

Superintendent
- Terry Pearson

Associate Superintendent
- Rick Hayes
- Brian Taje
- Sherri Senger

Communications Coordinator
- Sherry Knull

Call to Order

Board Chair Barb Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 9:36 a.m.

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Barb Johnson 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 #WR20181113.1001
Moved By: Rhonda Peters
That the agenda for meeting Regular Board Meeting (2018/11/13) be adopted with the addition of 9.6 Gwynne Parent Provided Bus and 12.7 Trustee Expense Claim.
Minutes Approval

**Resolution #WR20181113.1002**
Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2018/10/23) be adopted as presented.

Carried

Board Policy Review

**(Action)**

**(Issue #20181106003)**

It has been the Board's practice to review each Board Policy after an election year.

The Board reviewed the following policies:

- **Board Policy 7: Board Operations**
- **Board Policy 8: Committees of the Board**

The Board did a review of Policy 7: Board Operations during its Organizational Meeting in September.

The Board started reviewing the above mentioned policies and postponed further discussion until later in the meeting because the Gwynne Transportation Appeal discussion was scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Gwynne Transportation Appeal

**(Action)**

**(Issue #20181105003)**

Mr. Loiselle, Transportatin Manager and Mrs. Mcallum entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

At the October 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Ms. N. Mcallum appealed the transporation policy regarding student transportation and the location of a bus stop in Gwynne.

Mr. Loiselle and Ms. Mcallum met with the County of Wetaskiwin to gain a better understanding of the traffic count data on October 25th, 2018 with Neil Powell from the County of Wetaskiwin.

Mr. Loiselle presented an update on the information regarding the County traffic count in comparaison to the information he had gathered. It was noted that there may be an opportunity for the Gwynne community to work with the County of Wetaskiwin and request a walk way be installed in this area.

Discussion ensued.

Information

Trustee Lynn Ware excused herself from the vote and meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Resolution #WR20181113.1003

Moved By: Leanne Axelsen
That the Board uphold Board Policy 16: Student Transportation in regard to this appeal.

Carried

Trustee Lynn Ware entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.
Mr. Loiselle and Ms. Mcallum left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Brian Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction reviewed the proposed Trustee School Visit schedule, and proposed discussion questions.

Mr. Taje also presented the draft Memorandum that will be distributed to Principals.

Additionally, Mr. Taje presented a discussion guide and schedule which will be utilized for the 2018-2019 Trustee School visits. Trustees discussed the purpose and outcomes of the visits.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

The Associate Superintendent, Business Ms. Sherri Senger was contacted by Mr. John Goofers, Norwood Developments Ltd. who has offered to sell the three residential lots adjacent to the Norwood School parking lot.

Mr. Goofers did not indicate the price of each lot but did express that he would be willing to accept a long-term payment arrangement if the Board were to purchase all three lots as a package. Ms. Senger presented Mr. Goofers offer to sell the properties as a question to the Board. A map of the area was presented and the Board reviewed the location and proximity to the Norwood School.

The Board discussed and reviewed the opportunity to purchase the property offered for sale by Mr. Goofers.

Trustee Randy Ermineskin entered the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Resolution #WR20181113.1004
Moved By: Randy Ermineskin
The Board of Trustees is not interested in purchasing the adjacent property offered for sale in close proximity to the Norwood School.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools welcomed Mr. Cory Rasmusson and Ms. Christine Belbeck who were in attendance to speak to the following motion which was approved by the Board at its meeting on April 24, 2018.

Resolution No. WR2018042401003: That the Superintendent work with the Gwynne School Parent Association to evaluate the transportation of school of choice students to Gwynne School.
Dr. Pearson presented detailed history and information to the Board. Mr. Rasmusson and Ms. Belbeck provided background and information to the Board. The delegation thanked Dr. Pearson and Ms. Senger for the opportunity to work together to find a solution and opportunity for the continuation of the parent provided transportation to Gwynne School.

**Resolution #WR20181113.1005**

Moved By: Lynn Ware
That Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools use the same bus contractor as the Gwynne School Parent Association (GSPA) uses to transport City of Wetaskiwin students to Gwynne and back starting in September 2019.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Resolution #WR20181113.1006**

Moved By: Randy Ermineskin
That Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools pay the standard bus transfer contract rate and that the Gwynne School Parent Association pay the difference that the contractor would charge to transport City of Wetaskiwin students to Gwynne School and back.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Togetherness For Students**
(TM)
(Association)
(Issue #20181106005)

Trustees attended the PSBAA Governance, University II and Fall General Meeting October 24 to 26, 2018. During the course of the various sessions, PSBAA announced its Together For Students campaign. School boards that are members of PSBAA were asked to discuss the campaign at their next school board meeting and determine if the Board would pass a motion supporting the campaign.

Trustee Becker, presented the "Together for Students" campaign video as information.

**Resolution #WR20181113.1007**

Moved By: Karen Becker
That the Board support the Public School Boards Association of Alberta "Together for Students" campaign.

**Votes:**

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

**Carried**

**Board Advocacy Committee**
(TM)
(Association)
(Issue #20181105001)

The Board reviewed 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
It was the consensus of the Board to remove CA RCSD Hold Harmless Funding, School Fees, STAR Transportation Agreement

Add:
- Rural Sustainability

Trustee Lynn Ware reviewed the minutes from the October 4, 2018 Support Staff Meeting minutes as information.

Mr. Brain Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instructions reviewed the revisions to the Strategic 3-Year Education planning document and introduced the changes for feedback in preparation for the Board's review, finalization, and approval of its 2018-2021 plan. Revisions to the planning document reflect changes to the Board's foundation statements and strategic education priorities.

Mr. Taje presented information and feedback to support continued preparation of the Strategic Education Plan.

Trustee Becker requested that we consider highlighting the Registered Education Saving Plan information as we move forward with the new priority for high school completion.

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised the Board of changes that became effective March 1, 2019, indicating any person who wants to obtain a Class 2 (school bus driver) driver’s license must take the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program. The MELT program is an 80 hour standardized curriculum that consists of in-classroom, in-vehicle (in-yard where the vehicle is not moving) and on-road training. All students will also be required to pass an enhanced knowledge and road test to obtain their commercial driver's license.

Class 2 driver’s license holders who obtained their license on or before October 9, 2018 will not be required to take the MELT program. Drivers who obtain Class 2 license between October 10, 2018 and March 1, 2019 will be required to retake the new enhanced knowledge and road test (at government expense) when it becomes available in March 2019.

In addition, Class 2 drivers must complete a 20 hour 'S'Endorsement training program.

Effective March 1, 2019, all Class 4 drivers (activity bus drivers) must complete a 20 hour 'S'Endorsement training program prior to driving.

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that over the past few months playground equipment inspections have been completed at every site. The final report, was attached, and provides a table for each school which identifies a compliance rating for each play space.

Hazards are broken down into the following classes:

Class A: Could cause a fatality or a severely debilitating injury
Class B: Could cause injury, but not life threatening
Class C: Could cause minor injury or just non-compliance

Hazards that fall into Class A must be addressed. This may mean the removal of certain pieces of equipment. WRPS does not receive government funding for the replacement of playground equipment. It is also understood that parents were the ones who raised money to purchase playground equipment and that it will be parents who will have to raise money to replace any equipment that is removed.

All schools who have Class A hazards identified in the report will be contacted by the Associate Superintendent, Business, who will be requesting that she and the Director, Facilities be added to the agenda of the school's first parent council meeting in 2019 in order to explain the findings of the report and to discuss next steps moving forward.

Information

Winfield School - Public Forum
November 29, 2018
(Information)
(Issue #20181031002)

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools advised that the Board determined at their October 9, 2018 Board Meeting that they would like to embark on a broader community consultation that could include potential partners. The Board decided to host the consultation on November 29, 2018 at the Winfield School.

The process was established by the Board with findings for opportunities to partner in the Winfield Community by asking the following:

- To determine possible partnerships to offer programming and services as part of the construction of a new Winfield School
- How many partnership opportunities there might be?
- Determine if there is community interest and support for such partnerships.
- To see if there are alternatives that could be included in the facility that could enhance this community.

Presented as information was a poster and documents that pertain to the facilitation of this consultation.

Information

Board Annual Work Plan
(Information)
(Issue #20181024001)

Legal Opinions
(Information)
(Issue #20181106001)

The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information.

Information

Trustee Barb Johnson advised that there was a concern regarding the criteria for seeking a legal opinion.

The question has arisen about whose responsibility it is to seek a legal opinion on a particular issue. Board Chair, Barb Johnson requested input and discussion regarding the parameters as to when Administration seeks legal opinion.

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools indicated that had spoken with neighboring school boards regarding practices and policy on the criteria for seeking legal opinion. Dr. Pearson presented this information.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that further consideration should be considered when the Board reviews Policy
On October 25, 2018 the Associate Superintendent, Business received an email from Ms. Teri Pelletier, CAO Town of Millet, advising that on October 24, 2018 the Town of Millet Council 'agreed to undertake a reassessment of the Millet School'.

The WRPS Project Manager provided access to Millet School on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. WRPS is waiting to hear what the Town of Millet is considering in regard to the Millet School.

Board Chair Barb Johnson, reviewed the Trustee Expense Claim form with trustees in order to provide clarification for use.

It was noted that it would be helpful to include how to complete the expense claim form as part of the new trustee orientation information.

The County of Wetaskiwin held its Organizational Meeting on October 16, 2018 and determined the following:

Reeve Councillor: Terry Van de Kraats
Deputy Reeve Councillor: Josh Bishop

County / WRPS Joint Committee members are as follows:
Reeve: Terry Van de Kraats
Councillor: Bill Krahn
Councillor: Josh_Bishop

The Board continued with the Review of Board Policy 7: Board Operations & Board Policy 8: Committees of the Board where previously discussed revisions were implemented over the lunch hour for consideration at this time.

Resolution #WR20181113.1008
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That Board Policy 7: be adopted as revised.

November 15 Local Negotiations - Mediation Session 8:00 a.m.
November 18 - 20 ASBA Fall General Meeting Westin Hotel
November 27 Regular Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
November 29 FOIP Training 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 29 Community Consultation - Winfield School
December 3 ASBA Zone 4 - Wetaskiwin to Host

Resolution #WR20181113.1009
Moved By: Dave Gursky
That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 4:09 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 Report.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #WR20181113.1010
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That the meeting moves Out of Camera at 4:20 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business