



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

Chair K. Wilkinson, Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, F. Soucy, A. Petrowski were present.

Also present: B. Szymesko, Superintendent, S. Desjardins, Secretary Treasurer.

Turtle River School Division operates on Treaty 2 lands; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. The Turtle River School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

The Turtle River School Division will focus on meeting the overall needs of its students. In doing so, the Board will maximize the use of specialized programs and facilities to provide the greatest opportunities for student learning and growth. The implementation of these programs is guided by goals that assist students to reach the high degree of self-actualization necessary to become self-sufficient contributing members of society.

1.00 Call to Order at 7:10 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Additions to the Agenda.

4.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Board approve the amended agenda.

Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the regular board meeting on August 22, 2023 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.

Carried.

6.00 Business Arising from the Minutes.

7.00 In-Camera.

Resolution No. 3 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Resolution No. 4 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Board move out of the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.



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8.00 Delegations.

9.00 Board Committee Reports.

C.U.P.E. Negotiation meeting is being held on September 14, 2023.

10.10 Superintendent's Report

Strategic Planning Up-date:

September 27th has been selected for our Strategic Planning day. All principals and Division Office staff will be participating.

Roy Seidler will be our facilitator. Odette Labossiere will also help facilitate the day.

Technology Safety Presentations:

Val Caldwell will be presenting to all our grade 5-12 students and staff during the following dates (September 18-22). She will address the use of technology and social media. Also the safe use of technology for all children. Each school will receive a day of her services plus an evening presentation to all parents and community members (poster attached).

Enrollment Report was provided.

Staffing up-dates was provided.

Access to Menstrual Products Initiative 2023/2024:

The partnership between the departments of Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning and Shoppers Drug Mart continues. Starting in August 2023, monthly ordering will continue to be made available to all school divisions (attachment of letter).

Student Presence and Engagement:

Student presence and engagement promotes regular attendance at school and supports great success and achievement. Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning (attachment of draft policy).

Resolution No. 5 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

Resolution No. 6 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.



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Resolution No. 7 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution No. 8 (Petrowski/Whyte) That a designated surplus be set up in the amount of \$51,577.90 to replace the motor and transmission on school bus 32:36.

Carried.

Resolution No. 9 (Soucy/Senkowski) That a designated surplus be set up in the amount of \$70,000 to fund the unfunded portion of Expanded Capital Program Roof Top Units Project TR DIV MT 2021 1.

Carried.

Staffing

Kelly Zastre has resigned as a regular bus driver, we have a spare covering the route at this time.

Yearend Surplus Status

Although we have not finalized yearend yet it looks like we are right on budget for the 23/24 school year. If we set up a couple of designated surplus as above, we will be approx.. 1.28% over our 4% surplus allotment. Our salary liabilities will use this all up and more. Our auditors will be here the first week in October and will be present at our October 10th board meeting.

Resolution No. 10 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 11 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Accounts as presented be paid. A/P cheques numbered from 027644 to 027662 in the amount of \$305,302.02. A/P cheques numbered from 027663 to 027693 in the amount of \$61,098.97.

Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

We have re-categorized the old policy manual and changed the name of all the "policies" to "Administrative Procedures". No content has been deleted or changes at this time.

Resolution No.12 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the re-categorized Administrative Procedure which is under the management of Superintendent and/or Secretary Treasurer as stated in our decision making matrix be approved.



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12.2 Information

- Email from the Ste. Rose Basketball Court.
- Manitoba Grade 12 Provincial Tests Letter – Dated Aug 2, 2023
- Peace Days – Letter Dated Aug 1, 2023
- Enrollment Report

12.3 MSBA Information

- Memo – Jun 2023 Electronic Signatures
- Toolkit for Diverse Collection Development and Intellectual Freedom in Manitoba Schools July 11, 2023 update
- Reminder – MSBA Strategic Plan Survey 2023-2026 (Boards have until September 29, 2023 to submit feedback)
- Memo – Board Delegations procedure
- Memo – Student Accident Ins. MB. Health Coverage September 2023
- Student Accident Parent Cover Letter – 2023-2024

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

Resolution No. 13 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of October 10, 2023 to October 13, 2023 as outlined in the new business report item a) be approved.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 14 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.