

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAS HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE DIVISION BOARD OFFICE
KILLARNEY, MANITOBA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert MacTavish Garth Nichol Shirley Highfield
Karen Wear Rodney Hintz

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIUM Leah Cann

MEMBER REGRETS:

ADMINISTRATION: Grant Wiesner, Interim Superintendent
Kathy Siatecki, Secretary-Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIUM

ADMINISTRATION REGRETS

1:01 Mr. Nichol called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone.

1:02 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Cann Hintz

That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

1:02 **DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1:03 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Highfield MacTavish

That the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

1:04 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Mrs. Highfield, Chair of the Committee, presented her report on the following:

- i) Operations Report
- ii) Transportation Report

Highfield Hintz

CARRIED

1:05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1:07 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- a) Superintendent:

Mr. Grant Wiesner provided a written report on the following topics:

- i) Advocacy Plan- Bill 64

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item and recommend the following;

- a) disperse the remaining 6 signs and place on the boulevards of their respective locations
- b) Send another letter to our respective municipalities
- c) Sending another letter to our respective MLA's
- d) Social campaign on Facebook (3 posts/weekly) using MSBA content from Local Voices/Local Choices.

1:06 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wear Highfield

That we move into Committee of The Whole.

CARRIED

Wear Hintz

That we move out of the Committee of The Whole.

CARRIED

1:07 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

FOR ACTION:

FOR INFORMATION:

(Refer to file.)

- a) MSBA, e-mail, August 5, 2021 re: Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022
(attachment)
- b) CUPE, letter to Superintendent, August 3, 2021 re: Bill C-5 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Annual Observance (attachment)
- c) MSBA, e-mail, August 5, 2021 re: The Canadian Peoples Union “Notice” to School Divisions (attachment)
- d) MSBA, e-mail, August 4, 2021 re: MSBA Datebook status (attachment)
- e) MSBA, e-mail, July 29, 2021 re: Labour Relations: CPI Unemployment Update (attachment)
- f) MET, letter, July 19, 2021 re: Covid 19 impacts on student learning (attachment)
- g) TMSD, letter, July 19, 2021 re: Response to FIPPA request (attachment)
- h) Municipality of Stuartburn, resolution, July 7, 2021 (attachment)
- i) MSBA, e-mail, July 6, 2021 re: Bill - 25 (attachment)
- j) MSBA, e-mail, June 28, 2021 re: Fall General and Regional Meetings, September, 2021 (attachment)
- k) RM of Grahamdale, resolution, June 23, 2021 (attachment)
- l) TMSD, letter, June 17, 2021 re: student accomplishment and congratulations (attachment)
- m) MSBA, e-mail, June 16, 2021 re: E-News (attachment)
- n) MET, letter, June 15, 2021 re: Labour Relations: Reiteration of Bill 28’s collective bargaining mandate. (attachment)

1:07 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

b) Superintendent:

Mr. Grant Wiesner provided a written report on the following topics:

- ii) Staffing Updates/New Staff Orientation
- iii) COVID-19 Updates
- iv) Statutory Holiday
- v) URIS
- vi) Kindergarten DIAL – 4 Results

MacTavish Hintz

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- Item 2) Refer to Further Business
- Item 3) Refer to Further Business

c) Secretary-Treasurer:

Ms. Kathy Siatecki provided a written report on the following topics:

- i) Finance
 - a) Accounts
 - b) Projected F/S June, 2021
 - c) Safe Schools Report June, 2021
 - d) Year-End
 - e) Organizational Board Meeting
 - f) COVID-19 Financial Resources for 2021-2022
 - g) Personnel Inquiry

MacTavish Wear

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- Item e) Refer to Further Business
- Item g) Refer to In-Camera

1:08 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1:09 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1:10 INFORMATION:

- a) Trustee Concerns, Workshops, Conferences
- b) MSBA/Government Items
- c) Employee Group Report

1:11 FURTHER BUSINESS:

1:08 ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Superintendent
- 2. COVID-19 Updates

Senior Administrators met virtually with Dana Rudy, Deputy Minister of Education on Thursday, August 5 to learn of updates in relation to the reopening of schools in September, 2021. We will be meeting with Dr. Roussin and Public Health on August 17 for further information/changes to back-to-school planning. As we have learned, COVID-19 school plans are subject to change quickly.

- *All staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to continue wearing masks when in schools or on school buses, and school divisions will continue to make masks available along with hand sanitizer. Masks are a recommendation, not a mandate.*

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item and recommend the Superintendent provide a draft of the recommendations on the use of masks in our school environment (inclusive of Transportation)

Refer to Superintendent

- 3. Statutory Holiday

The federal government has declared September 30 a statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Manitoba school divisions have not yet received confirmation as to whether this day will be considered as such within school divisions. Mr. De Ruyck has discussed this with Morgan Whiteway, and has contacted Manitoba Education, asking for further clarification. Based on the CUPE collective agreement, if schools are open on September 30 and TMSD requires CUPE employees to work, they would be paid 2.5 times their regular pay for that day, as per article 25 in the Employment Standards Code. When TMSD knows what the province has decided, we will communicate with April McDonald, as well as all CUPE employees with a memo confirming what is occurring.

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item no further action is required at this time.

To be received as information.

b) Secretary-Treasurer

- e) Organizational Board Meeting, September 8th, 2021. Is it the intent of the Board to have a full organizational meeting or continue with status quo for positions of Board Chair, Vice Chair and Chair of Negotiations? We did this last year and am wondering if the Board wishes to have status quo remain, before I prep the agenda for the organizational board meeting.

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item and recommend that for the 2021-2022 all positions on the board remain status quo and no organizational meeting is required. The September 8th, 2021 will be deemed as a regular board meeting.

Refer to Secretary-Treasurer

2:00 MOTIONS:

- a) Motions that have served notice:
b) Tabled Motions:
c) Regular Motions:
d) Motions that must serve notice

2:01 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) Two meetings per month starting September 8th, 2021
b) Breakfast meeting with Administration

2:02 IN-CAMERA SESSION:

Wear MacTavish

That we move into In-Camera

CARRIED

Trustee Cann excused herself from the meeting

- a) Personnel Item – CUPE Local 1719, Bus Driver Association, personal contracts

Trustee Cann returned to the meeting
Mr. Wiesner excused himself from the meeting

ii) Personnel Item – K. Siatecki

Highfield MacTavish

That we move out of the In-Camera

CARRIED

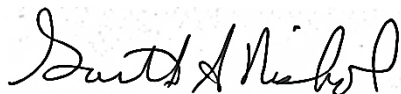
Mr. Wiesner returned to the meeting.

Motion #21-22 Highfield Wear

That the Turtle Mountain School Division Board of Trustees revise the contract of the interim Superintendent's contract from September 1, 2021 to August 16, 2021.

CARRIED

2:03 Hintz to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.



GARTH NICHOL
Board Chairperson



KATHY SIATECKI
Secretary-Treasurer