

MINUTES

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE DIVISION BOARD OFFICE
KILLARNEY, MANITOBA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert MacTavish Shirley Highfield Karen Wear
Rodney Hintz

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIUM Leah Cann Garth Nichol

MEMBER REGRETS:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIUM

ADMINISTRATION REGRETS

1:00 Mrs. Highfield called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone.

1:01 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TREATY LAND:

“The Turtle Mountain School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis nation. The Turtle Mountain School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory.”

1:02 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Wear Hintz

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1:03 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- i) Presentation of the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements – MNP, Matt Stie presenting

- i) Motion No. 21-28 McTavish Nichol

That the audited FRAME Financial Statements of the Turtle Mountain School Division for the 2020-2021 financial year be approved as attached.

CARRIED

1:04 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

McTavish Wear

That the minutes of the September 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be revised as attached.

CARRIED

Hintz Cann

That the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be revised as attached.

CARRIED

1:05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1:06 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

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

- i) Operations Report
- ii) Transportation Report

Hintz Wear

CARRIED

1:07 CORRESPONDENCE:

FOR ACTION:

FOR INFORMATION:

(Refer to file.)

- a) Pembina Trails SD, e-mail, September 13, 2021 re: Chair and Vice Chair 2021-2022 (attachment)
- b) MSBA, e-mail, September 15, 2021 re: CPI Update (attachment)
- c) MSBA, e-mail, September 29, 2021 re: E-bulletin (attachment)
- d) MSBA, e-mail, September 29, 2021 re: Emergency Orders (attachment)
- e) MSBA, e-mail, September 29, 2021 re: ICT Accessibilities Standard (attachment)
- f) MSBA, e-mail, October 6, 2021 re: Veterans Week (attachment)
- g) MSBA, e-mail, October 6, 2021 re: CSBA 2020-2021 annual report:
<https://www.cdnsba.org/flipbook/2021-annual-report/?page=1>
- h) MSBA, e-mail, October 6, 2021 re: Excellence in Teaching Awards (attachment)

1:08 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- a) Superintendent:

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

- i) COVID 19 Updates
- ii) Professional Development
- iii) Provincial Assessments
- iv) Continuous Improvement Report
- v) Schedule of Board Meetings

MacTavish Wear

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Item i) Refer to Further Business

- b) Assistant Superintendents:
 - i) New Staff Orientation
 - ii) Responsibilities of the dual roles
 - iii) Student Services Meeting
 - iv) Other Meetings
 - v) Staff Support
 - vi) Staff Hiring
 - vii) Professional Development

Wear Cann

That the report be received.

CARRIED

c) Secretary-Treasurer:

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

- i) Finance
 - a) Accounts

Hintz MacTavish

That the report be received.

CARRIED

1:09 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Negotiations Committee – At the time of this meeting, the CUPE Contract is not yet available for signature. More to follow when we are aware of the availability.

1:10 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1:11 INFORMATION:

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

1:11 FURTHER BUSINESS:

1:08 ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Superintendent

1. Updates in Relation to COVID-19:

- To date, we are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst staff or students in any of our schools.
- **Rapid Testing of Staff:** This will begin on either October 18, 2021, or when the test kits arrive. Rapid test kits will be provided for unvaccinated staff/casual staff/substitute teachers and EAs/spare bus drivers. Staff are required to

complete three rapid tests a week, two at home, and the third at their school/site, in front of a supervisor. They also need to fill out an attestation form once a week. Casual staff/substitute teachers and EAs/spare bus drivers have to complete a rapid test prior to reporting to work. School divisions have been asked to develop policies and procedures for rapid testing of staff in school divisions.

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item and recommend a review of the new policy and procedure meet the requirements for the rapid testing requirements. Policy I-18 and corresponding procedure were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Refer to Motions

2. 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates:

The Education Specific Meeting for Mayfair Colony School has been requested to start at 7 pm, to accommodate colony student and parent schedules.

The Board of Trustees reviewed this agenda item and recommend that all the Education Specific meetings be suspended to comply with Public Health Orders.

Refer to Motions

2:00 MOTIONS:

a) Motions that have served notice:

b) Tabled Motions:

c) Regular Motions:

ii) Motion No. 21-29 Hintz Nichol

That Policy F-4 (Disposal of Division Owned Assets) be revised as attached.

CARRIED

iii) Motion No. 21-30 MacTavish Cann

That Policy I-18 (Mandatory COVID-19 Testing of Staff and Visitors) be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

iv) Motion No. 21-31 Wear Nichol

That Policy G-9.1 (Distance Learning Courses (Grades 9-12) COVID-19 Medical Accommodations) be adopted as attached.

CARRIED

- v) Motion No. 21-32 Wear Nichol

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, that Education Specific Meetings be suspended for the 2021-2022 school year.

CARRIED

- d) Motions that must serve notice

2:01 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2:02 IN-CAMERA SESSION:

MacTavish Wear

That we move into In-Camera

CARRIED

- i) Personnel Update – G. Wiesner
- ii) Personnel Item – G. Wiesner
- iii) Procedure Discussion – G. Wiesner
- iv) Student item – G. Wiesner

Mr. Wiesner, and Ms. Siatecki were excused from the meeting

- v) Personnel Item – G. Nichol and Board of Trustees

MacTavish Nichol

That we move out of In-Camera

CARRIED

Mr. Wiesner and Ms. Siatecki returned to the meeting.

2:03 MacTavish to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Shirley Highfield

Kathy Siatecki

SHIRLEY HIGHFIELD
Acting Board Chairperson

KATHY SIATECKI
Secretary-Treasurer