

PEMBINA TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION

Regular Meeting of the Board February 23, 2017

Meeting Type : Board Meeting

Date : Thursday, February 23, 2017

Start time : 8:00 PM

Location : Administration Office, 181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Minutes

Attendance

PRESENT:

Trustees:

J. Fisher (Chair), S. Billingham, J. Glenat, L. Goodridge, G. Melnyk, D. Johnson, D. Zuk.

Administration:

T. Fransen - Superintendent of Education,
E. Egan - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Policy,
I. Riffel - Assistant Superintendent, Program,
J. Karras - Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services,
S. Schmidt - Assistant Superintendent, Student Services,
C. Stahlke - Secretary-Treasurer.

Regrets: K. McMillan, T. Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution #BD20170223.1001

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Sheila Billingham
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Minutes Approval

Resolution #BD20170223.1002

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: David Johnson
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held
on 2017/02/09, be approved as circulated

Carried

Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Reports and Other Reports

(STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS, SPECIAL
COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND OTHER REPORTS)
(Issue #20170131006)

Resolution #BD20170223.1003

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Dianne Zuk
THAT the Standing Committee Reports, Special Committee Report and
Other Reports be received as information and,
THAT the Teacher Contracts (Permanent and Term) as listed in the
Teacher Contracts Report dated February 23, 2017, be ratified and,
THAT the Teacher Contract Alterations as listed in the Contract Alterations
Report dated February 23, 2017, be approved and,
THAT the Substitute Teacher Contracts as listed in the 2016-17 Substitute
Teacher Contracts Report dated February 23, 2017, be ratified and,

THAT the Board accept, with regret, the Resignations as listed in the Resignations Report dated February 23, 2017, and,
THAT the Disbursements List for the period January 1 through January 31, 2017, in the amount of \$5,866,322.81 be approved.

Carried

Pembina Trails Teachers' Association - 2017-18 Draft Budget

(DELEGATIONS)
(Issue #20170217001)

B. Mauthe, President of the Pembina Trails Teachers' Association made a verbal presentation to the Board.

He said that the Division was faced with a reduction in the Provincial Funding of Schools Program of \$940,000 for the 2017/18 Budget compared to the 2016/17 Budget. He recognizes that the Board has commitments to increased costs through the collective agreements. He applauded the Board on the 2017/18 Draft Budget by not cutting programs and even adding a couple of programs and increasing the number of teachers due to the projected growth. He said that he has some concern with the reduction in the number of Educational Assistants and said that they provide valuable contribution to the success of students and teachers. He said that the Division is ensuring that class sizes remain manageable which helps students who need services will get the services. He said that the Division has had the courage to require the taxpayer to bear more of the cost so that students can continue to benefit.

Right At School

(BUSINESS FROM
PREVIOUS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE
WHOLE)
(Issue #20170223006)

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent explained that the Right At School program from the United States provides curriculum enrichment in a before and after school setting. He said that Principals and the Board have met with the Right At School representatives. He said that a survey was sent to parents to solicit interest in this program. He said that this is not a Division run program but a program run by Right At School. He said that the Division is allowing Right At School to provide a service to parents who choose to take advantage of the program. D. Zuk said that she had some concerns but the support from the principals for this service gives some comfort to enable her to support this program.

In response to a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent said that he will communicate with the principals and Right At School in schools where appropriate. Right at School said that they support students who cannot afford the service, and from the revenue to be received by the Division, a portion could be put into a bursary fund to support students. The Superintendent said that a recommendation will be brought forth to the Board for a decision with respect to revenue disposition. He said that Provincial Government officials are aware of this possible initiative and are supportive. He said that staff with questions can contact their Senior Administration links. Right At School will be organizing communication and details.

Resolution #BD20170223.1004

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: David Johnson

THAT the Board approve the implementation and operation of services provided by Right At School LLC, in appropriate schools as identified by the Superintendent, and

THAT the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Right At School LLC, and bind the Division with respect to the implementation, operation and financial aspects of the services provided to the Division.

Carried

G. Melnyk requested that his vote in opposition to the motion be recorded.

**Manitoba School
Boards
Association -
Voting Ballots**

(CORRESPONDENCE
FOR DISCUSSION)
(Issue #20170206006)

Resolution #BD20170223.1005

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Laureen Goodridge

THAT Trustees J. Glenat and D. Zuk be authorized to receive the designated Pembina Trails School Division voting ballots at the Manitoba School Boards Association 2017 Convention.

Carried

**Standards for
Success in
Literacy**

(EDUCATION
COMMITTEE)
(Issue #20170214003)

The Assistant Superintendent, Program, reminded the Board that a report had come forward previously. He said that the issue was how we leverage the technology in the Division to enhance the learning of students in the Division. He said that the report from IBM contained some 53 recommendations. He said that these recommendations contained financial implications which need to be studied as part of the 2018/19 Budget. The Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, said that we need to get feedback from the teachers regarding this.

Resolution #BD20170223.1006

Moved By: Gerry Melnyk Second By: Dianne Zuk

THAT implementation of the Standards for Success in Literacy Leveraging Digital Learning plan be identified as a Budget Study topic in preparation for the 2018/19 Draft Budget.

Carried

**Request for
Financial
Assistance**

(PEMBINA TRAILS
SCHOOL DIVISION
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
FUND INC.)
(Issue #20170221005)

Resolution #BD20170223.1007

Moved By: Sheila Billingham Second By: Gerry Melnyk

THAT a financial award from the Pembina Trails School Division Educational Support Fund Inc. be made as follows:

Name	Amount	Activity
Oak Park Curling Team	\$500	2017 Manitoba Provincial Curling Championships, February 23-25, Dauphin, MB.

Carried

**Correspondence
for Information
Distribution List**

(CORRESPONDENCE
FOR INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION LIST)
(Issue #20170131007)

In answering a question from D. Zuk, the Superintendent stated that employees are required to report if their criminal status has changed. He said that Principals are responsible in making decisions regarding employees.

Resolution #BD20170223.1008

Moved By: Jaime Glenat Second By: Laureen Goodridge

THAT the Correspondence for Information Distribution List dated February

17, 2017, be received as information.

Carried

**Questions from
Members of the
Public**

(QUESTIONS FROM
MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE)
(Issue #20170221007)

A member of the public asked about the Budget Study Topic. The Superintendent explained what the Budget Study Topic process is and how it works.

The Assistant Superintendent, Divisional Support Services, introduced teacher members present in the gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer