Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012
Start time: 12:30 PM
Location: WRPS Board Room

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

A. Trustee
- Donna Hogg
- Glenn Norby
- Deanna Specht
- Barb Johnson
- Ed Zacharko
- Clint Neis
- Stan Harsch
- Shauna Bruno

B. Superintendent
- Terry Pearson

C. Associate Superintendent
- Randy Risto
- Sherri Senger

E. Communications Coordinator
- Sherry Knull

F. ATA Representatives
- Wally Porter
- Gary Hansen

Absent:

G. Associate Superintendent
- Brian Taje

MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution #WR20121127.1001
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2012/10/30) be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
Resolution #WR20121127.1002  
Moved By: Clint Neis  
That the agenda be approved with the addition of 7.6 date for Communications 101 Workshop and with a change in order with 7.4 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements and 7.5 2012-2013 Reserves to be moved up on the agenda to positions 7.1 and 7.2.  
CARRIED

HUB - STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS (CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE)  
(Issue #20121107001)  
Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools advised the Board that the WRPS Mental Health Capacity Building Project, known as "HUB", provides innovative & creative programming to promote student mental health/ wellness through participation, self- exploration and self expression. Funded by a provincial grant and supported by community partners, HUB provides direct services in eight schools and indirect supports in all other schools through material resources and professional development opportunities.  
At C.B. McMurdo School, the HUB Youth Coach engages students in after- school opportunities in "Improv Theatre". Some of the basic skills improvisation teaches our students are to listen and be aware of the other players, to have clarity in communication, and build confidence to find choices instinctively and spontaneously. Knowing how to improvise without the support of a script helps students find lifelike choices in rehearsal and to then keep the quality of discovery in the present moment in their performance.  
Ms. Kristy Strong, HUB Youth Coach provided Trustees with a demonstration of how her students take up the challenge of exploring their emotions, ideas, creativity and cooperative skills through "Improv Theatre". Six students from C.B. McMurdo School were in attendance to perform examples of their improv skills. Ms. Strong indicated that future plans for the improv group are to present to the school community on issue related topics.  
Board Chair Deanna Specht, thanked Ms. Strong and the students from C.B. McMurdo for their entertaining and interesting presentation.  
INFORMATION

2011-2012 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ACTION)  
(Issue #20121120006)  
Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that Policy #2, Role of the Board, Section 8.3 requires that the Board approve the Audit Report.  
Mr. Isreal Wasserman from JDP Wasserman and Associates was in attendance and presented the 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements, related notes and schedules.  
Ms. Senger indicated that the Audit Committee of the Board has met and recommends that the Board approve the 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements, related notes and schedules as presented.  
Resolution #WR20121127.1003  
Moved By: Donna Hogg  
That the Board approve the 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements, related notes and schedules as presented.  
CARRIED
Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that Policy #2, Role of the Board, Section 8.3 requires that the Board approve the Audit Report. Included in the 2011-12 Audited Financial Statements is the Statement of Changes in Net Assets, which indicates transfers to or from operating and capital reserves. In order for the Board to understand the implications of these transfers, we have prepared the attached detailed 2012-2013 Reserve Statement. The Reserve Statement indicates in which site reserves are held.

Ms. Senger indicated that the Audit Committee of the Board has met and recommends that the Board approve the 2012-2013 Reserves as presented.

**Resolution #WR20121127.1004**
Moved By: Donna Hogg
That the Board approve the 2012-2013 schedule of proposed Reserves as presented.

CARRIED

Walley Porter and Gary Hansen left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

The Chair of the Committee Trustee Shauna Bruno reported on the November 13, 2012 Board Committees meeting.

**Resolution #WR20121127.1005**
Moved By: Stan Harsch
That the Board approve the 2012 - 2013 revised budget as presented.

CARRIED

**Resolution #WR20121127.1006**
Moved By: Stan Harsch
That the Revised 2012-2013 Budget be utilized for all internal reporting.

CARRIED

**Resolution #WR20121127.1007**
Moved By: Shauna Bruno
That the Board Committee report be accepted as information and that the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Board Committees meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of Schools advised that the Board directed that the draft Education Act be reviewed to determine concerns and issues that need to be addressed with the Minister of Education and Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) provided an analysis of the Education Act and identified concerns and issues it felt needed to be addressed. Administration reviewed the Education Act and the analysis provided by PSBAA and identified six concerns that the Board may want to consider. The PSBAA's annotated version of the draft Education Act, *Commendations-Positive-Clarifications, Questions-Issues-Concerns*, and administration's *Analysis of Concerns Regarding the Draft Education Act* are attached for review and discussion.
Dr. Terry Pearson reviewed the issues and concerns related to the draft Education Act. A brief discussion ensued. Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent of School will request clarification on section 32 and bring this information back to the Board at a later date.

**INFORMATION**

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised the Board that in September 2012, Premier Alison Redford’s government announced an expense and disclosure policy that broadens the scope of reporting. The new disclosure requirements provide greater detail on travel, accommodation, meal and hospitality expenses, and applies to Ministers, Associate Ministers, their political staff, members of the government caucus, senior officials appointed by Order in Council and paid directly by government, Deputy Ministers and executive managers in the Alberta Public Service.

Recently, The Minister of Education sent a letter to school board's encouraging them to ‘follow the lead of the government and adopt an expense disclosure policy that mirrors the provincial policy.’

Ms. Senger presented a copy of the letter received from the Minister of Education, the Alberta Government news release, the Alberta Governments Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses policy, the Alberta Governments Public Disclosure of Travel and Expenses policy and the FOIP Guidelines related to the Public Disclosure of Travel and Expenses policy.

**INFORMATION**

The Board discussed dates for Board Development Training with Laurette Woodward of Woodward Communications who will facilitate a Communications 101 session on Effective Communication, Key Messaging and Social Media.

Administration has been in contact with Laurette Woodward and she is available on March 21 or 28, 2013. A brief discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that March 21, 2012 be selected as the date for Communications 101 Training session.

**INFORMATION**

The meeting recessed at 2:34 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Policy 9: *Board Representatives* states that the Board has a need to gather information, to seek counsel, and to be informed of the opinions of others regarding such matters as may be determined by the Board; this need may be met by joint membership committees. The Board may originate such committees and invite others to participate or the Board may appoint representation in response to invitations for membership on committees originated by other agencies.

The policy states further that Board representatives, unless otherwise directed, shall prepare and submit minutes or a report to the Board. It is expected that such material will be included in the agenda package.

The Council of School Councils met on October 30, 2012 and as per
Policy 9 the minutes of that meeting are submitted to the Board for review.

Trustee Clint Neis reported on the minutes of October 30, 2012 Council of School Council meeting.

**Trustee Committee Reports:**
- ASBA Zone 4
  Discussion ensued in regard to Social Media, Facebook as well as using Thought Stream as a public consultation tool. This communication item will be brought back for further discussion to the January Board Committees meeting.
- Yellowhead Regional Library
- Council of School Councils
- Public School Boards Association of Alberta
- Community Learning Council
- Leaders of Tomorrow
- City of Wetaskiwin / WRPS Liaison
- County of Wetaskiwin Liaison
- Maskwacis Education Council
- Trustee Reports

Discussion ensued in regard to submitting written reports to provide accountability and bring forward action needed by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that where possible written reports be provided as information.

**Superintendent Memorandum**
The Superintendent's Memorandum for November 2012 has been circulated as information.

**Board Annual Work Plan**
The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information.

**Upcoming Events**

- November 30, 2012 Leading and Learning Conference
- December 13, 2012 Griffiths-Scott Middle School Official Opening Ceremonies 7:00 p.m.
- December 18, 2012 Board / Staff Luncheon and Facility / Technology Appreciation 11:00 a.m.
- December 18, 2012 Regular Board Meeting 12:30 p.m.

**Wetaskiwin Ashoro Twinning Affiliation**

- Resolution #WR20121127.1008
  Moved By: Donna Hogg
  That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 4:05 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 Wetaskiwin Ashoro Twinning Affiliation and the City of Wetaskiwin Land Transfer.

CARRIED

CITY OF
WETASKIWIN
LAND TRANSFER
AND JOINT USE
AGREEMENTS
(Issue #20121125001)

Resolution #WR20121127.1009
Moved By: Clint Neis
That the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 4:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #WR20121127.1010
Moved By: Barb Johnson
The issue related to the Norwood parking lot is in abeyance until such time as an appeal goes forward to City Council.

CARRIED

Resolution #WR20121127.1011
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools agrees to accept transfer of the land surrounding Centennial School, as proposed by the City of Wetaskiwin.

CARRIED

Resolution #WR20121127.1012
Moved By: Barb Johnson
That Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools agrees to endorse the draft Joint Use Agreement in order that it be forwarded to Alberta Education for Ministerial Approval.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #WR20121127.1013
Moved By: Donna Hogg
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business