Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Type: Regular Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Start time: 9:00 AM
Location: Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Room

Attendance
Present were:
Trustee
• Barb Johnson
• Karen Becker
• Shauna Bruno
• Robbyn Erickson
• Dave Gursky
• George Ollenberger
• Lynn Ware

Associate Superintendent
• Rick Hayes
• Brian Taje
• Sherri Senger

Central Administration
• Nina Wyrostok

Communications Coordinator
• Sherry Knull

Absent:

Superintendent
• Terry Pearson

Call to Order
Board Chair Barb Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to order at 9:12 a.m.

Approval of Agenda
Resolution #WR20151215.1001
Moved By: Robbyn Erickson
That the agenda for meeting Regular Board Meeting (2015/12/15) be approved with the addition of 14.3 Calendar Consultation.
Carried Unanimously

Minutes Approval
Resolution #WR20151215.1002
Moved By: Lynn Ware
That the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting (2015/11/24) be adopted as presented.
The Board of Trustees re-appointed the Superintendent of Schools at its meeting on June 24, 2014 as per motion #WR20140624.1016. That motion read as follows:

That the Board approves the reappointment of the Superintendent of Schools for the period August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2018 subject to Ministerial approval. Carried Unanimously

The Minister approved the reappointment.

The document titled Superintendent/CEO Evaluation Process, Criteria & Timelines has been amended accordingly to reflect the new appointment.

Resolution #WR20151215.1003
Moved By: Robbyn Erickson
The the Board approve the Superintendent / CEO Evaluation Process, Criteria & Timelines document.

Carried Unanimously

WRPS must appoint one trustee to the Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) by January 31, 2016.

Bill 8 creates the Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) to collectively negotiate with the Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA) on some issues.

1. TEBA will be a stand-alone bargaining agent, which will be officially in place as of January 1, 2016.
2. Each school authority will be asked to appoint one trustee to TEBA, and this is expected to be completed by January 31, 2016
3. Participation by all public, separate and Francophone school authorities will be mandated.
4. A Board of Directors for TEBA will be established, from the 61 appointees with the possibility of government representation as well.
5. There will be two ‘tables’ of negotiations; the Central Table and 61 Local Tables.
6. TEBA and the ATA will each be expected to submit a list of items that the respective parties identify as Central items and Local items.

Discussions will take place between TEBA and the ATA, and in cases where agreement cannot be reached with respect to which Table an item should be on, an arbitrator from the Jobs, Skills, Training & Labour Ministry will make a decision.

The list of items on the Central Table and the Local Table will be reviewed at the outset of each round of negotiations in the future, and it is possible that changes could be made in future negotiations.

The Board of Directors will have the authority to establish working committees, with membership on the working committees to be decided by the Board of Directors. The interpretation is that it is on the working committees that CASS may have the opportunity for representation in the bargaining process.

The Board of Directors will determine who will sit at the bargaining table once the negotiations begin.
Once items are identified as being on the Local Table, the jurisdiction will not have external parameters as to potential agreements reached on those item.

The Alberta Teachers Association will continue to hold the bargaining certificate for the items negotiated at the Local Table.

Resolution #WR20151215.1004
Moved By: George Ollenberger
That Barb Johnson, Chair of the Human Resources ATA Committee, be appointed as our representative to the Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association.

Carried Unanimously

Trustee Principal Meetings (Action) (Issue #20151208002)

Mr. Bryan Taje, Associate Superintendent: Instruction advised that it has been the past practice for trustees to annually visit schools. However this year it was determined that school principals will attend a Board meeting to present individually to the Board. School principals will be informed of the purpose of the visits and be able to prepare accordingly to ensure consistent reports to trustees.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding gathering input on the impact of how the centralized budget is impacting the schools. Overall, trustees were appreciative of the content that was outlined for school presentations.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding having the time to properly hear the school presentations. It was the consensus of the Board that additional Board days be scheduled to hear Principal presentations and that two hours be scheduled for each presentation with three presentations being scheduled per day. Additionally the Board will limit agenda items and plan to adjourn the Regular Board Meetings at noon once per month in January, February and April in order to hear one principal presentation in the afternoon on these dates.

Brian Taje, will work on a schedule and present it to the Board at the January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Purchasing Cards (Action) (Issue #20151209001)

Ms. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that Trustees who wish to have a purchasing card to use for booking conferences and incidentals may request one if they so wish. This will provide an option to Trustees who would prefer using a corporate card as opposed to using their personal card to book conferences and conference incidentals.

Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business presented information on purchasing cards. Trustees wishing access this option should advise Sherri Senger of their desire to have a corporate purchasing card.

Information

Meetings with neighboring

In the past, the Board has met with neighboring Boards in order to discuss common issues, and ways in which we could potentially partner in order to benefit students. Additionally, there are committees in place for the purpose of meeting with local municipal governments. This item was
Boards and Municipal counterparts.
(Action)
(Issue #20151207001)

Trustee Reports
(Trustee Reports)
(Issue #20151125003)

Food Security
(Division Staff Report)
(Issue #20151201001)

Certificate of Recognition
Health and Safety Program Audit
(Information)
(Issue #20151127002)

School Review at

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GSMS (Information)
(Issue #20151130002)

Mr. Hayes presented the Griffiths - Scott School Review report and advised the board that the next review will be conducted with the C.B. McMurdo School in January.

October 2015 Financial Statements (Information)
(Issue #20151208001)

Mrs. Sherri Senger, Associate Superintendent: Business advised that Board Policy#2, Role of the Board, Section 8.4 requires that the Board receive a monthly balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures report, and monitor fiscal management of the Division.

Ms. Senger presented the financial statements for the two months ended October 31, 2015.

Board Annual Work Plan (Information)
(Issue #20151127003)

The Board Annual Work Plan was presented as information.

City of Wetaskiwin (Board Correspondence)
(Issue #20151124001)

The City of Wetaskiwin held their organizational meeting on October 26, 2015. Dr. Pearson, Superintendent of Schools received a letter indicating who the City Council representatives are on the WRPS/City joint committee.

Upcoming Events (Upcoming Events)
(Issue #20151125002)

January 6, 2016 Strategic Planning - Kristin Lewis, Facilitator 9:00 a.m.
January 7, 2016 SAT Meeting
January 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
January 25, 2016 ASBA Zone 4
January 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2016 COSC

Facilitator for 2016 Board Self-Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation (Confidential)
(Issue #20151124003)

Resolution #WR20151215.1005
Moved By: Dave Gursky
That the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:14 p.m., pursuant to Section 70(3) of the Alberta School Act, 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 Facilitator for 2016 Board Self-Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation and Board Strategic Direction.

Resolution #WR20151215.1006
Carried Unanimously
That the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 2:14 p.m.

Resolution #WR20151215.1007
Moved By: Robbyn Erickson
That the Board consult on the proposed Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board Strategic Direction document.

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

Resolution #WR20151215.1008
Moved By: Dave Gursky
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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Board Chair

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Associate Superintendent: Business