



Board of Education

Meeting Type : Board of Education

Date : Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Start time : 9:00 AM

Location : Boardroom

Call to Order

Trustees Present: S. Ball, H. Bilton, C. Butler (Chair), S. Cooper, R. Fisher, C. Huelsman, T. James, G. Kerr

Trustees Absent: J. Swainson

Staff: S. Bexon – Communications Officer, D. Maclsaac – Executive Assistant to Superintendent, S. Russell – Associate Superintendent People Services, K. Sacher – Superintendent/CEO, A. Tarnoczi – Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, S. Babb – Recording Secretary

Chair C. Butler called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda Approval

Chair C. Butler called for additional agenda items.

Resolution #20150517003

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the April 8, 2015 Board of Education meeting were provided for review.

Resolution #20150517005

Moved By: H. Bilton

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2015 Board of Education meeting as presented.

Carried

Resolution #20150517006

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion to move the meeting In Camera at 9:03 a.m.

Carried

It was noted that S. Ball, H. Bilton, C. Butler, S. Cooper, R. Fisher, C. Huelsman, T. James, G. Kerr, S. Russell, K. Sacher and A. Tarnoczi remained in the meeting at this time.

Resolution #20150517008

Moved By: C. Huelseman

Motion to return to the regular meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Carried

RECESS: 10:53 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:02 a.m.

S. Bexon, S. Babb, and D. MacIsaac entered the meeting at this time.

- Personnel** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent People Services S. Russell provided an update on personnel items. The staffing report was accepted for information.
- Accounts Payable** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, the listing of Accounts Payable cheques over \$500 and direct deposits for April 2015 were provided for review.
- Personnel Committee** No report at this time.
- Sylvan Lake School Update** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services A. Tarnoczi provided an update on the Sylvan Lake School.
- Student Transportation Update** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Superintendent K. Sacher provided an update on student transportation.
- Sundre Update** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services A. Tarnoczi provided a Sundre update.
- Resolution #20150517016**
Moved By: R. Fisher
Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve the proposal for the Sundre school property as presented.
Carried
- West Hope School** During the In Camera portion of the meeting, Trustee S. Ball provided an update on the West Hope School.
- Resolution #20150517018**
Moved By: S. Ball
Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to provide the Board with options on the West Hope School property by the next Board meeting.
Carried
- Community TIES Request** A letter from Chris Cooper, President of Community T.I.E.S. requesting to purchase and install a second portable at Jessie Duncan Elementary School for the before and after school program was provided for review.

Trustee Cooper provided a history of the portable that is currently on the Jessie Duncan property and being used for the before and after school program. The portable was obtained through a government initiative and although it is owned by the Division, there are restrictions that it must be used

for before and after school care. Additional spaces are now required, therefore the Society would like to purchase a second portable and place it on Chinook's Edge property. Trustee Cooper noted that eventually the program would like to relocate to a larger property off-site.

The benefits of the program and it being in close proximity to the school were discussed, however concerns were expressed regarding allowing buildings on Chinook's Edge property that there would be no control over. Some of the items considered included esthetics, maintenance, possible school expansion, and end of life reclamation. The option of the portable being installed on Town property was discussed but there was uncertainty where the property line was located.

The Trustees agreed that further investigation is required to explore solutions that would protect the Board and ensure that no additional short term or long term costs would be incurred.

Resolution #20150517021

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to come back with more detail on the Community T.I.E.S. proposal.

Carried

**Penhold Town
Council Meeting
Request**

Associate Superintendent Corporate Services A. Tarnoczi provided an update on the meeting request from the Penhold Town Council. Mr. Tarnoczi will communicate with the Town Council that the Trustees are available on June 15th.

**Letters of
Congratulatory**

The Trustees discussed sending letters of congratulations to the Premier-designate and local MLA's.

Resolution #20150517024

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Board Chair to write letters of congratulations to the local MLAs and Premier-designate as well as a second letter to the Premier-designate to express budget concerns.

Carried

**Education
Committee**

The minutes of the April 29, 2015 Education Committee meeting were provided for review.

Resolution #20150517026

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve the terms of the offer to lease the property in Gasoline Alley for the Red Deer Career High as presented.

Carried

Resolution #20150517027

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education extend the land purchase offer to the proposed deadlines as presented.

Carried

Resolution #20150517028

Moved By: S. Ball

Motion that Chinook’s Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to develop a cooperative busing plan with Red Deer Catholic for the 2016/17 school year and explore aligning calendars as much as possible for that same year and report back to the Board by November 2015.

Carried

R. Hoppins, L. Steele, R. Schaab, N. Hartley, D. Elwood, M. Kennedy, K. Rawlinson, T. Lynn, M. Frank, and J. Harvey entered the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Recognition of Excellence - Diploma Exam

Nicole Hartley from Ecole H.J. Cody School achieved 100 percent on her Math 30 exam and was recognized along with her teacher Rebecca Schaab.

Edwin Parr Award

The Chinook’s Edge School Division Edwin Parr nominee, Malynn Frank (Cremona School), as well as Matthew Kennedy (Ecole HJ Cody School), and Kassia Rawlinson (Ecole Fox Run School) who were considered for the nomination, attended the meeting to be recognized by the Board. Chris Grudelski (Bowden Grandview) was also considered for the nomination but was unable to attend the meeting.

Division Principal L. Tipman, Cremona School Principal J. Harvey, Ecole HJ Cody School Principal D. Elwood, and Ecole Fox Run School Vice Principal T. Lynn shared positive comments about the first year teachers.

RECESS: 12:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:45 p.m.

S. Russell did not return to the meeting at this time.

Audit Committee

No report at this time.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

Board representative G. Kerr provided an update from the April 29, 2015 Facility and Maintenance Committee meeting. The minutes of the meeting were provided for review.

It was noted that the Facilities department has been the hardest hit and even with the restructuring, a deficit of \$45,000 is still expected.

Negotiations Committee

No report at this time.

**Parents Matter
Committee**

A Parents Matter Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of creating highlights from the meeting to share with school councils. It was noted that this would help Trustees communicate what is happening at the meetings and also could generate more interest. The Trustees agreed that expanding membership to include representation from each community may be beneficial. Plans for growth will be discussed at the meeting.

S. Roy entered the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

**Policy
Committee**

No report at this time.

Teachers Matter

A Teachers Matter Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at 8:45 a.m. in the Boardroom. An overview of the agenda was provided.

S. Russell returned to the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

**Technology
Committee**

A Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27th in the Bermuda Room following the Board meeting.

**Transportation
Committee**

Board representative G. Kerr provided an update from the April 30th Transportation Committee meeting. The minutes of the meeting were provided for review. Background information regarding CESD's bus fleet was also provided for information.

The Trustees agreed that the capital deficit can no longer be ignored and that bus replacement is necessary. Treasurer S. Roy indicated that 10 percent of the buses should be replaced yearly which equates to six or seven buses at \$110,000 each.

Resolution #20150517040

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education set aside a capital allocation fund up to \$700,000 from reserves in the 2015/2016 budget cycle for capital fleet renewal.

Carried

Mrs. Roy reported that the uncommitted reserves (1.2 million) will be used for the purchases. There is a possibility that due to schools reigning in spending, there may be \$200,000 to \$400,000 remaining at the end of the year that could be put toward the purchases.

Further to the update provided In Camera at the April Board meeting, the Trustees discussed the technology renewal plan. It was noted that half of the purchases scheduled for next year will be made in the current year.

Concerns were expressed regarding the depleting reserves.

Resolution #20150517042

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education set aside funds for ongoing fleet renewal on an annual basis commencing in 2016/17.

Carried

Resolution #20150517044

Moved By: S. Cooper

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education direct the Superintendent to bring back a plan for fleet renewal to the next Board meeting.

Carried

S. Roy left the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Superintendent Update

Superintendent K. Sacher provided a verbal update:

- Karyn Barber has been hired as the new Associate Superintendent, System Services. Positive comments have been received from others who have worked with her.
- The budget rollout and advocacy will be discussed at the Parents Matter meeting.
- Associate Superintendent Learning Services L. Steele will be doing a Ted Talk on high school redesign.
- An update on Benalto School was provided. A meeting with the parents is scheduled for May 20th.

Community Learning Campus

Board representative H. Bilton reported on recent CLC items:

- A brainstorming session was held to discuss how the CLC is making a difference as well as to explore opportunities for growth.
- An open house for the Sundre welding project is being held on June 11th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- A proposal has been submitted to Merit Contracting which may result in new trade opportunities in middle school and high school.

S. Russell left the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Finance Committee

A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 10:00 a.m. in Caribbean B. All Trustees are invited to attend.

Enrolments

Superintendent K. Sacher reviewed the Division enrolments as of April 30, 2015.

Correspondence

Chair C. Butler reviewed the following correspondence received:

- A thank you letter from Ruth Roedler, President, Central Alberta Regional Science Fair, dated April 21, 2015 and a Certificate of Appreciation were provided for information. Thank you cards from the participants were circulated at the meeting.

- Thank you cards from the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival participated were circulated at the meeting.

Trip Requests

Superintendent K. Sacher reviewed the following school trip requests:

- A request from Innisfail High School for an out of country trip to New York City, NY April 18-22, 2016.

Resolution #20150517052

Moved By: H. Bilton

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve in principle, the trip request from Innisfail High School for an out of country trip to New York City, NY April 18-22, 2016.

Carried

S. Russell entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

The number of missed days for the field trips to France for the Vimy Ridge 100th year anniversary on April 9th were discussed. Mr. Sacher noted that the schools will do everything possible to fall into the April 7-14th date range in order to reduce the number of school days missed. Both schools will be receiving kick-back from EF Tours and these funds will go towards sub costs.

- A request from Didsbury High School for an out of country trip to France in April 2017.

Resolution #20150517054

Moved By: G. Kerr

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve in principle, the trip request from Didsbury High School for an out of country trip to France in April 2017 with the number of missed school days minimized as much as possible.

- A request from Ecole H.J. Cody School for an out of country trip to France in April 2017.

Resolution #20150517056

Moved By: H. Bilton

Motion that Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Board of Education approve in principle, the trip request from Ecole H.J. Cody School for an out of country trip to France in April 2017 with the number of missed school days minimized as much as possible.

Carried

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Chair C. Butler called for Trustee remuneration and expenses for April 2015.

Alberta School Boards

Board representative H. Bilton provided an update on recent ASBA items:

- The Spring General Meeting is being held June 1 to 2, 2015 at the

Association

Sheraton Red Deer.

- The next Zone 4 meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Red Deer Catholic. It will be a full day meeting with Terry Gunderson assisting in developing a strategic plan. Please let D. MacIsaac know if you are planning to attend.
- The Edwin Parr Banquet is scheduled for May 25, 2015 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre (5214 50 Avenue). Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. C. Butler, R. Fisher, H. Bilton, J. Swainson and S. Cooper are attending.

Public School Boards Association

Board representative T. James provided an update on recent PSBA items:

- An update was provided from the Public School Board Council meeting held April 16th to 18th.
- A Council meeting is being held on November 13th. Trustees were asked to let D. MacIsaac know if they would like to attend.
- The Spring General Assembly is being held May 29th to 31st at the Sheraton in Red Deer.
- A Special Meeting is being held on May 31st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. regarding Northern Lights School Division.
- The Public School Boards Council meeting is being held August 20-22, 2015 at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre in Fort McMurray. S. Cooper and T. James are attending.

S. Russell left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

The Trustees agreed that further discussion is required regarding Northern Lights. This will be placed on the Education Committee agenda for further discussion.

Canadian School Boards Association

CSBA 2015 is being held in Saskatoon in July 2015.

National School Boards Association

NSBA 2016 is being held in Boston April 9-11, 2016.

Meeting Evaluation

A verbal evaluation of the meeting was provided by Trustee R. Fisher. Trustee T. James will provide the evaluation at the next meeting.

Adjourned**Resolution #20150517063**

Moved By: S. Copper

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Carried

C. Butler - Chair

R. Fisher - Vice Chair

A. Tarnoczi - Corporate Secretary