



Following are the Board of Trustees Key Messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

1) Infrastructure Maintenance & Renewal Expenditure Results & Plan

The Board of Trustees approved the 2017-2017 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Expenditure Plan.

One of a school jurisdiction's highest priorities regarding their school facilities is to ensure that health, safety and essential upgrading needs, including emergent projects, are completed as required. IMR funding is provided to meet these needs and eliminate deferred maintenance. IMR funding is only provided for government owned facilities and is not provided for privately owned buildings. To deal with emergent projects as they arise, school jurisdictions should consider setting aside contingency funding.

IMR funding may be spent only for approved purposes. Jurisdictions may use the funds to: - ensure school facilities meet all regulatory requirements, particularly as they pertain to providing a safe and healthy learning environment; -preserve and improve the quality of the learning environment by: - replacing building components that have failed, -prolonging the life of the facility through planned, proactive replacement of major components; and -upgrading of the educational areas to meet program requirement; -meet the facility requirements of students with special needs; and -replace or upgrade building components to improve energy conservation and efficiency and to achieve costs savings as a result.

2) LRSD Division Office

The Board of Trustees agreed in principle to relocate the LRSD Central Office to the G.R. Davis Building in Fort Macleod, subject to negotiation of an acceptable and affordable agreement with the Town of Fort Macleod. The rationale for this is:

1) Based on the fact LRSD has a surplus building in Fort Macleod;

2) Based on the March, 2016 Motion 15-088: Trustee Ratcliffe moved that given the present condition of the LRSD No. 68 Division Office and Maintenance Facilities, the Board requests that LRSD Senior Administration investigate facility needs, costs, and potential options available for both the Division Office and Maintenance Facilities while also updating the designation of reserves available;

3) Based on the June, 2016 Motion 15-123: Trustee Ratcliffe moved that senior administration continue the investigation of cost factors for locations, possible partnerships and rationale for modernization of Livingstone Range School Division Central Office and maintenance shops; and

4) Based on the September, 2016 Motion 16-121: Trustee Yagos moved that the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to engage an independent facilitator to perform a feasibility study on all current and surplus administrative and maintenance facilities.

3) ASBA Board of Director Appointment

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Trustee Shannon Scherger was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Alberta School Boards' Association as the Zone 6 representative.