

Livingstone Range School Division #68 Minutes of the Board of Trustees

A Regular Board Meeting of Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 0930 hours at the Administrative Office, Claresholm, Alberta. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Attendance: Trustees Lori Hodges, John McKee, Martha Ratcliffe, Shannon Scherger, Kristy Stevens, Brad Toone and Clara Yagos.

Dave Driscoll, Superintendent
Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Ken Sampson, Associate Superintendent, Programs & Services
Darryl Seguin, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services
Olwyn Buckland, Executive Assistant

A. Call to Order

Brad Toone, Chairman called the meeting to order at 0930 hours.

Chair Toone noted that future board packages, for the purpose of saving paper, will not include reports as they are emailed to everyone in advance. Only supporting documentation will be included in the package.

B. Emergent Changes to the Agenda

16-123 Trustee Hodges moved that the October 18, 2016 Agenda be approved by the Board of Trustees as presented.

Carried

C. Adoption of Minutes

16-124 Trustee Yagos moved that the minutes from the September 20, 2016 Board Meeting of Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 be approved by the Board of Trustees as amended.

D. Action Items

D.1 Board Policy 8, Board Operations

The Policy Committee recently met and made changes to Board Policy 8, Board Operations per recommendations at the Committee of the Whole meeting and Board Motions 16-114, 16-115 and 16-116. These changes were reviewed for approval of the first reading.

16-125 Trustee Yagos moved that the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of Board Policy 8, Board Operations, as presented.

Carried

D.2 Board Policy 9

The Policy Committee recently met and made changes to Board Policy 9, Committees of the Board as per Board Motion 16-116. These changes were reviewed for approval of the first reading.

16-126 Trustee Yagos moved that the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of Board Policy 9, Committees of the Board, as presented.

Carried

D.3 Board Policy 4

The Policy Committee recently met and made changes to Board Policy 4, Role of the Trustee as per the September Committee of the Whole recommendations. These changes were reviewed for approval of the first reading.

16-127

Trustee Yagos moved that the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of Board Policy 4, Role of the Trustee, as presented.

Carried

D.4 Board Policy 21

The Policy Committee recently met and updated Board Policy 21, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environment to include the addition of a health and wellness statement. This update was reviewed for approval of the first reading by Superintendent Driscoll. Further information discussed was the draft procedure, School Wellness, as prepared by Danny Roberts, Director of Learning Services. It was noted this Admin Procedure will be rolled out to School Councils for their input.

16-128

Trustee Yagos moved that the Board of Trustees approve the first reading of Board Policy 21, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environment, as presented.

Carried

Nanton Facilities Plan

Motion 16-117 directed Administration to adjust the Nanton facilities plan to reflect that the Board prioritizes the modernization of J.T. Foster School. Mr. Perry, Associate Superintendent of Business Services distributed the 'Draft' 3 Year Capital Plan and reviewed the revised facilities plan for approval of the Board of Trustees.

16-129

Trustee Ratcliffe moved that the Board of Trustees approve the revised Nanton Facilities Plan to reflect prioritizing the modernization of J.T. Foster School.

Carried

D.6 Nanton Value Scoping

At the September 20, 2016 Board Meeting, a Notice of Motion was made by Trustee McKee that the Board of Trustees engage the community of Nanton to discuss the results of the value scoping session concerning J.T. Foster and A.B. Daley schools.

16-130

Trustee McKee moved that the Board of Trustees engage the community of Nanton to discuss the results of the value scoping session concerning J.T. Foster and A.B. Daley schools.

Defeated

Discussion took place on the clarity of the intention of the above motion. A revised motion will be brought forward by Trustee McKee after the lunch break.

A break was held at 1040 hours and the meeting was brought back to order at 1050 hours.

E. Discussion

E.1 Ward Review

As per Board Motion 15-086, Administration feels at this time it is in our best interest to have an external group or individual move forward in the design process of a Ward review. Chair Toone relinquished himself as chair to participate in discussion and Trustee Scherger took over the chair. Associate Superintendent discussed the history of the motion as well as the enrolment figures comparing 1995 to 2016.

NOM

A Notice of Motion was put forth by Trustee Ratcliffe to rescind Motion 15-086.

A discussion took place in regards to Robert's Rules of holding a discussion once a Notice of Motion was put forth; hence no discussion.

Trustee Scherger passed the Chair back to Chair Toone.

F. Information

F.1 Inclusion

Inclusion ... an attitude and approach that embraces diversity and learner differences, and promotes genuine equality of opportunities for all learners in Alberta.

Ken Sampson, Associate Superintendent of Programs and Services gave an update on Inclusion in our Division which ties into Livingstone Range School Division Goal 2) Success of all Learners and Goal 1) Literacy and Numeracy. A video 'Valuing all Students' prepared by Alberta Education was shown which outlines the six core values of Inclusion; Opportunity, Fairness, Citizenship, Choice, Diversity and Excellence. It was noted that Inclusion is not a philosophical way of thinking but is a process. Mr. Sampson additionally showed accountability pillar data on an inclusive jurisdiction and discussed where Livingstone Range School Division is in terms of supporting children and students. This presentation can be viewed on our website at <http://tinyurl.com/h8phqzc> .

F.2 Enrollment

Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent of Business Services reviewed the September 30, 2016 enrollment count showing 3,445 FTE Students, up 49.5 FTE Students from the prior year and up 107 FTE Students from the spring budget.

F.3 Board Retreat

Superintendent Driscoll provided an update on the Board Retreat which is scheduled for October 27-18, 2016

A lunch break was held at 1205 hours and the meeting was called back to order at 1251 hours.

D. Action Items, Continued

D.7 Nanton Community Engagement Session

The following motion is in follow-up to Item D.6 above.

16-131

Trustee McKee moved that the Board of Trustees request the Superintendent to arrange a Community Engagement Session in Nanton to discuss the feasibility of community partnerships and enhancements of the proposed modification of the J.T. Foster school.

Carried

H. Reports

H.1 Central Office Senior Management Reports

The Superintendent and Associate Superintendents distributed their monthly reports previous to the board meeting. Their reports are posted on our website under Board Information; to view use the following link <http://tinyurl.com/hamhw8h>.

H.2 Chair & Trustee Reports

Chair Toone noted that the reports would not be gone over at the meeting as they are distributed in advance. To view the Trustee's Reports use the following link <http://tinyurl.com/jfgymxz>

H.3 Trustees' Community Updates & Celebrations

Trustee Yagos: Isabelle Sellon School had 12 fiddles donated to their school. Principal Paul Pichurski is organizing teaching students how to fiddle.

Trustee McKee, Trustee Toone: West Meadow Elementary School held a Pumpkin Festival to raise money for their playground. An awesome event! Discussion and pictures of the events took place at Regional School Council.

Trustee Scherger: Matthew Halton High School's experiential week is currently taking place. On Thursday evening the Theatre group will be performing at 7:00 pm, the theme around First Nations.

H.4 Professional Learning Sharing

The information presented at the ASBA Issues Forum will be shared by Trustee Scherger.

H.5 Committee Reports

Standing Committees

- a) Awards Committee (*L. Hodges*)
A meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016.
- b) Professional Learning Committee (*S. Scherger*)
A Professional Development meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016.
- c) Policy Review Committee (*C. Yagos*)
The Committee on School Fees will be held October 26, 2016.

External Committee

- a) ATA Executive and LRSD Liaison Committee (*M. Ratcliffe*)
A meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2016 however we have not heard back from ATA on agenda items.

Other Representatives

- a) ASBA Zone 6 Representation (*L. Hodges*)
LRSD is to present 'great things' at a future Zone 6 Meeting. Trustee Ratcliffe will be presenting at the Fall General Meeting on Zone 6, economy and budget and how it affects our Board.
- b) Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance (*C. Yagos*)
A meeting was not held last month. The next meeting is November 2, 2016. Trustee Yagos asked for the alternative representative to attend the upcoming meeting.
- c) First Nation Education Council (*J. McKee*)
No dates have been selected at this time for a meeting.
- d) Regional School Council (*L. Hodges*)
A meeting was held on October 17, 2016.

- e) Regional Council of Student Leaders (*S. Scherger*)
Trustee Scherger requested information from Darryl Seguin on possible Covey leadership workshops for students.

H.6 Key Messages

Three Key Messages selected by the Board of Trustees from today’s meeting are:

1) *Enrollment Figures*

The official enrollment numbers as of September 30, 2016 are up 49.5 FTE from the prior year and up 107 FTE Students from our spring budget showing a total count of 3,445 FTE Students.

2) *Nanton Facilities Plan*

The Board of Trustees approved the revised Nanton Facilities Plan to reflect prioritizing the modernization of J.T. Foster School.

3) *Inclusion ... an attitude and approach that embraces diversity and learner differences, and promotes genuine equality of opportunities for all learners in Alberta.*

Ken Sampson, Associate Superintendent of Programs and Services gave an update on Inclusion in our Division which ties into Livingstone Range School Division Goal 2) Success of all Learners and Goal 1) Literacy and Numeracy.

The informative presentation can be viewed on our website under 'What's Happening Around the Division' by clicking on the Board Highlights.

4) *Board Policy Updates*

The Board of Trustees approved the first readings of updates to Board Policy 8, Board Operations, Board Policy 9, Committees of the Whole, Board Policy 4, Role of the Trustee and Board Policy 21, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment.

I. In-Camera

16-132 Trustee Hodges moved to go in-camera at 1332 hours. **Carried**

16-133 Trustee Ratcliffe moved to revert to regular session at 1421 hours. **Carried**

J. Adjournment

16-134 Trustee Hodges moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 1422 hours. **Carried**

Chairman

Secretary-Treasure