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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE**



**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

Trustees

Cheryl Davies  
David Gallant  
Kelly Hause  
Mamie Hendren  
Guido Oliveira  
Rob Pellizzaro  
L. Valerie Wilson

Senior Administration Team

Hugh Fraser – Superintendent/CEO  
Bruce Waldie – Assistant Superintendent  
Christelle Waldie – Assistant Superintendent  
Arnie Assoignon – Secretary-Treasurer  
Keith Derksen – Facilities Manager  
Cheryl Mulrooney – Executive Assistant

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Present:

Chairperson Davies  
Trustee Gallant  
Trustee Hause  
Trustee Hendren  
Secretary-Treasurer Assoignon  
Superintendent/CEO Fraser  
Assistant Superintendent B. Waldie  
Assistant Superintendent C. Waldie  
Executive Assistant Mulrooney

Regrets:

Vice-Chairperson Pellizzaro  
Trustee Oliveira  
Trustee Wilson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Davies.

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Superintendent Report

Under Information

- Teacher Retirement
- Support Resignation

Under Action

- Tender for Window Replacement
- Staff Request for Leave of Absence

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 26, 2009**

MOTION 89/09

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Gallant

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2009**

##### MOTION 90/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 12, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

#### **5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a) Chairperson Davies presented Tori Franko and Nicole Onook students from Westwood School with a Certificate of Merit from The Manitoba School Boards' Association in recognition of the Westwood Africa Project they were all involved in.

Chairperson Davies commended the students for raising the monies in such a short period of time to build the school. She stated that Citizenship is participation and responsibility and that the students showed true Citizenship. The trustees are very proud of the accomplishments of the students.

- b) Mr. Bryan Wagner, Principal and Ms. Elaine Thompson Vice-Principal of Westwood School along with students Caylie Jones, Michael Murphy, Kaman Sandhu and their mascot Viker the Viking made a presentation on the activities taking place in the school. Some of the activities are:

Pirate Day, Terry Fox Walk, Meet the Teacher BBQ, Book Fair, Craft Sale, Salvation Army Food Drive, Madison's Mission for Vision, I love to Read Month, Freeze Frame Video Production, Jump Rope for Heart, Baby Think It Over Program, Celebrate The Arts, Welcome to Kindergarten evening, Volunteer Appreciation Assembly.

The mission of Westwood School is to maximize the education opportunities for all students by providing diverse learning experiences in a safe, positive, caring environment while acknowledging the value of education and the uniqueness of each student.

Chairperson Davies commented that it was wonderful to see all the schools make a presentation and how each school brought something unique.

Trustee Hendren said it was great to see how proud the students were of their school by the enthusiasm they had while making their presentation.

## **6. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING – No Report**

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **a) Teacher Resignations**

- I. Ms. Carrie Smith, teacher at Burntwood School has given her resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Ms. Smith has been with the District since 2007.
- II. Mr. Ross St-Jean, teacher at Ecole Riverside School has given his resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mr. St-Jean started with the District in 2006.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Ms. Smith and Mr. St-Jean for their service to the District and wished much health and happiness in their future endeavors.

#### **b) Teacher Retirement**

- I. Ms. Mardelle Poulin, Resource teacher at Deerwood School has given her retirement effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Ms. Poulin has been with the District since 1973.
- II. Ms. Linda Wilson, teacher at Burntwood School has given her retirement effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Ms. Wilson has been with the District since 1976.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Ms. Poulin and Ms. Linda Wilson for their length of service to the District and wished much health and happiness in their retirement.

#### **c) Support Resignation**

- I. Ms. Rachel Templeton, Educational Assistant from R.D. Parker Collegiate has given her resignation effective June 30, 2009. Ms. Templeton has been with the District since 1992.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Ms. Templeton for her service to the District and wished much health and happiness in her future endeavors.

## **SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT (continued)**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **d) Field Trip – Juniper Elementary School**

Ms. Patricia Pegus, teacher at Juniper School, and several other chaperones will be taking thirty-eight students to Wabowden on June 10, 2009. The student's will be writing a journal of their experience.

#### **e) Department Head Appointments at R.D. Parker Collegiate**

English Department	Susan Horvath
Math Department	Kelly Scallion
Science Department	Dave Mackie
Social Studies Department	Katie Buchanan
Physical Education Department	Todd Harwood
Fine Arts Department	David Wolf
Vocational Technology Department	Bob Davies
Practical Arts Department	Dorothy Smith
Special Services Department	Faye Roberts
Student Services Department	Patrick Miller

### **ACTION**

#### **a) Staffing –Withdrawal of Resignation**

Employee #60515 is requesting to withdraw the resignation that was accepted by the District on April 28, 2009.

#### **MOTION 91/09**

Moved by Trustee Hendren, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the Board accepts the withdrawal of the resignation of employee #60515.

Carried

## **SUPERINTENDENT/CEO REPORT (continued)**

### **ACTION**

#### **b) Staffing –Leave of Absence Request**

Employee #1178 is requesting an unpaid leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year.

##### MOTION 92/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the Board approves the request for an unpaid leave of absence for employee #1178 for the 2009/2010 school year.

Carried

#### **c) Staffing –Leave of Absence Request**

Employee #1523 is requesting an unpaid leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year.

##### Motion 93/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the unpaid leave of absence for employee #1523 for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.

Carried

#### **d) Window Replacement for 2009/2010**

##### Motion 94/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hause

That the tender of Duxton Windows for window replacement at Westwood School, Riverside School and R.D. Parker Collegiate be approved.

Carried

## 8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report

## 9. BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE #1183 – May 19, 2009

### a) Field Trip – R.D. Parker Collegiate

Ms. Melissa Wakeling, teacher at R.D. Parker Collegiate, and several other chaperones took ten students to the International Peace Gardens to participate in the Envirothon competition. Some Envirothon facts below:

#### **Envirothon Fast Facts!**

- Each participating school enters a team. A team is made up of five grade 9 to 12 students.
- Each team has an advisor. An advisor is usually a teacher.
- Teams study resource materials about five key theme areas. The theme areas are soils & land use, forestry, aquatic ecology, wildlife, and a current environmental theme that changes each year.
- This year the theme is “Biodiversity in a Changing World”.
- Prior to the competition we host a workshop for all teams. The purpose of the workshop is to give students a chance to prepare for the field test.
- The competition has two parts: a field test and an oral presentation.

#### Motion 95/09

Moved by Trustee Gallant, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the Board confirms the recommendation for the approval of the Envirothon Competition trip to the Peace Gardens.

Carried

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

### Information

- #### a) MSBA
- i. Newspaper Clippings pertaining to education in the province
  - ii. Canadian School Board Association InfoPicks from schools and educators around Canada.
  - iii. Advertisement from Pine Creek School Division for Assistant Superintendent

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No Reports

## 12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- a) Trustee Hendren stated that Ms. Pat Pegus, teacher at Juniper Elementary School does a lot with her students. Ms. Pegus wanted to find a school for her students to be pen pals with. Ms. Pegus did some research and found a school in Escondido, California. The school Ms. Pegus found has several similarities to her school. The school in California is called Juniper Elementary School; they call themselves the Juniper Jaguars and will also be celebrating the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
- b) Chairperson Davies noted that she, Trustee Hendren, Trustee Gallant, and Assistant Superintendent Bruce Waldie attended the Lighthouse Project Conference in Winnipeg presented by Dr. Mary Delagardelle. The Lighthouse Project was a ten year journey to study School Board leadership for improving student learning. Chairperson Davies found the conference both challenging and enjoyable.

Trustee Gallant stated that by attending the conference he now understands more of the role of a trustee and recommends that every trustee attend the next time the conference is offered.

Trustee Hendren was interested in the collection of data of student learning. There was a survey done on students from all financial levels that were tracked for four years to show the impact that a classroom teacher can have on a student's success. The survey showed that every child can learn in the right teaching environment.

Assistant Superintendent Waldie said that the residual effects of one good teacher on a student will last for four years.

- c) Chairperson Davies attended a public forum held by the City of Thompson on Monday, May 25 at Wapanohk Community School. The forum was held to discuss the Thompson Aboriginal Accord which the City is developing to establish a foundation for a positive working relationship between the City of Thompson and Aboriginal peoples.

**13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA**

Members of the public were invited to seek clarification about items on the agenda. No questions were asked.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 96/09

Moved by Trustee Hause, seconded by Trustee Hendren

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

