

**Prairie Rose School Division No. 8
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

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Present: M. Peers, S. Angle, G. Dennis, A. Frank, P. Heller, K. Cooper, D. Nicholls . Superintendent, B. Volkman . A. Superintendent, P. Cocks . Secretary Treasurer, A. Baron . Administrative Assistant Communications

Absent: G. Westgard, B. Andjelic

Other: L. Leffler . HR Consultant, D. Beck . Principal Senator Gershaw / Bow Island Schools, V. Miller . Transportation Supervisor, J. Swanson . Assistant Secretary Treasurer, D. Yanke, L. Yanke, L. Willerton

Media: S. Krysak . The Lounge, A. Stephenson . Medicine Hat News

1. Call to Order

M. Peers called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda

7.1 Inter-Municipal Development Plan

7.2 Letter - Nutrition Guidelines Letter

7.3 Minister of Education . re: Manyberries School Closure

7.4 Setting the Direction Framework

Moved by G. Dennis to approve the June 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED (2009- 50)

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Regular Board Meeting - May 12, 2009

Moved by S. Angle to approve the May 12, 2009, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED (2009- 51)

3. Monitoring

3.1 Trustee Reports

S. Angle reported that Senator Gershaw is gearing up for their end of the year awards ceremony. He also reported on the Burdett and Gershaw graduations he recently attended.

G. Dennis announced that the Seven Persons track and field day went over well. In Ralston, the school is preparing for the visit from the Board later this month.

D. Nicholls joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

A. Frank reported that the three Redcliff schools are preparing for a chili cook-off during Redcliff Days. He also explained that the schools are coming up with unique ways of encouraging parent participation at school council meetings. Two students from Redcliff were also recently awarded \$4,000 scholarships.

P. Heller reported that she and M. Peers had attended the annual Eagle Butte drama production. She also attended and was asked to speak at the Schuler farewell ceremony. Over at Eagle Butte, \$2,200 in prizes were handed out to students in perfect attendance awards. P. Heller also reported on the 2009 Kaleidoscope of the Arts program, which was a huge success. There were many new features added to the program and it was a very exciting event.

K. Copper reported on her recent meeting with the ATA Child Poverty Stakeholders group. A new chair has been chosen for the Foremost PAC group. In Manberries, the Parent Council held their last meeting on Monday night. Special presentations are planned for long-term staff of the school.

M. Peers reported on the track and field event in the Oyen area. Assumption School, Warren Peers, New Bridgen and OPS all compete together in the event. M. Peers also reported that Bindloss School is having a celebration on May 25th to open their new playground.

J. Swanson joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

4. Action Items

4.1 2009-10 Budget Presentation

P. Cocks presented the 2009-10 Budget. The \$45,240,023 budget indicates a small surplus of \$8,568. A little less than a 2% (74.5 students) decline in enrollment is projected for the 2009-2010 year. The budget includes the transfer of \$100,000 from Transportation to Instruction and an estimated salary increase of 4.8% for all staff. A 3% staffing reduction is projected. The complete list of Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal projects is estimated at \$2,291,890.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board approve the 2009-2010 Budget as presented.

CARRIED (2009- 52)

Moved by S. Angle that a budget update be scheduled for the August 25, 2009, Board General Committee Meeting to determine if a revised budget should be approved in the fall.

CARRIED (2009- 53)

J. Swanson left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

4.3 Manyberries School Celebration

D. Nicholls explained that he had attended the Parent Council Meeting on Monday June 8, 2009, and was able to answer several questions the parents had in regards to the building and school equipment. A. Baron was asked to provide an update on the Manyberries Celebration that is planned for June 26, 2009.

Moved by A. Frank that the Board allocate up to \$4,000 to the Manyberries Farewell Celebration event.

CARRIED (2009- 54)

D. Beck joined the meeting via videoconferencing at 11:01 a.m.

4.2 Bow Island Elementary / Senator Gershaw Schools Review

L. Leffler provided the Bow Island Elementary / Senator Gershaw School reviews for information. Both reviews were very positive. On the recommendation side, parents would like to see more Fine Arts options available for students and the construction of a new school facility. Many commendations were made to the staff for their exceptional role in making the school such a positive learning environment for students.

Cont. Bow Island Elementary / Senator Gershaw
Schools Review

A. Frank asked what costs are associated conducting a school review. D. Nicholls explained that as the reviews are not contracted out and handled in-house, the cost to the Division is time and travel.

Moved by A. Frank that the Senator Gershaw School Review be accepted as presented.
CARRIED (2009- 55)

Moved by S. Angle that the Bow Island Elementary School Review be accepted as presented.
CARRIED (2009- 56)

D. Beck left the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

V. Miller joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

4.4 Attendance Area Boundaries . Foremost / Seven Persons

V. Miller presented a revised proposed attendance boundary for the Foremost / Seven Persons attendance area.

Moved by P. Heller that the attendance area boundaries for Foremost School be amended to include the current attendance area for Manyberries School south of Highway 61 and Township Road 62 for students in Grades K to 12.
CARRIED (2009- 57)

Moved by P. Heller that the attendance area boundaries for Foremost School be amended to delete the area north of Highway 61 and Township Road 62 and east of Range 8 for students in Grades 7 to 12.
CARRIED (2009- 58)

Moved by A. Frank that the attendance area boundaries for Seven Persons School be amended to include the current attendance area for Manyberries School north of Highway 61 and Township Road 62 for students in Grades K to 9.
CARRIED (2009- 59)

Moved by S. Angle that the attendance area boundaries for Seven Persons School be amended to include the current attendance area for Foremost School north of Highway 61 and Township Road 62 and east of Range 8 for students in Grades 7 to 9.
CARRIED (2009- 60)

4.5 Attendance Area Boundaries - Eagle Butte

Moved by G. Dennis that the attendance area boundaries for Eagle Butte High School be amended to include the revised attendance area for Seven Persons School.
CARRIED (2009- 61)

V. Miller left the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

D. Yanke, L. Yanke and L. Willerton joined the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

5. Superintendents' Reports

5.1 Seven Persons Student's Trip to the Legislature

D. Nicholls introduced D. Yanke, a grade five student from Seven Persons School, who was recently named Environment Minister for the day and was given the opportunity to travel to the Alberta Legislature. D. Yanke gave a brief presentation to the Board outlining his application and trip to Edmonton.

D. Yanke, L. Yanke and L. Willerton left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

M. Peers recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

M. Peers called the meeting back to order at 12:51 p.m.

V. Miller re-joined the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

4.6 Transportation Request . Seven Persons

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board approve transportation services for the Allward family to attend Seven Persons School as long as they reside at their current location of SE8-6-5-W4.

CARRIED (2009- 62)

4.7 Transportation Requests . Eagle Butte High School

Two requests were submitted for transportation to Eagle Butte High School. The one family resides in Manyberries and their daughter is currently enrolled in Grade 9 in Foremost School. The second family resides northeast of Manyberries and south of Township Road 62 and would therefore reside in the attendance area for Foremost School. Their daughter is currently enrolled in Grade 9 in Foremost School.

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board approve transportation services for the McKinley family to attend Eagle Butte High School as long as they reside at their current location in Manyberries.

DEFEATED (2009- 63)

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board approve transportation services for the Jans family to attend Eagle Butte High School as long as they reside at their current location at NW32-5-5-W4.

DEFEATED (2009- 64)

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board approve one stop in the Hamlet of Manyberries for students enrolled in Seven Persons School.

CARRIED (2009- 65)

4.8 EBHS Late Bus

V. Miller asked the Board whether maintaining the late Eagle Butte bus to Redcliff was still cost effective. After some research it was found that the bus was hardly being used anymore. Information regarding the proposed change will be put into the school newsletter.

Moved by P. Heller that the afternoon ~~late bus~~ service from Eagle Butte High School to Redcliff be discontinued, effective June 30, 2009.

CARRIED (2009- 66)

4.9 Common Dismissal Time / Day

D. Nicholls put forward the option to move early dismissal days to Fridays starting in the 2009-2010 school year. G. Dennis expressed some concern that the Friday early dismissal time would not be as productive as it would be on a Wednesday.

Moved by S. Angle that the 18 public schools be directed to timetable a common early Friday dismissal, effective with the 2009-2010 school year.

CARRIED (2009- 67)

V. Miller left the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

4.9 Foremost Teacherage . Real Estate Listing

P. Cocks explained that the Board has been given Ministerial approval to list the Foremost property for sale via a real estate agent.

Moved by K. Cooper that the Board authorize the use of a real estate agent to sell the teacherage rental unit F-28 (406 . 1st Street, Foremost, AB).

CARRIED (2009- 68)

6. Superintendents' Reports

5.2 SuperintendentsqReports

D. Nicholls reported that a lot of work has been done with allocating staff for the upcoming school year. He also reported that Employee Recognition Evening on June 6, 2009 was a big success.

6. Other Reports

6.1 ASBA Report

A. Frank recently attended the four day joint meeting between the PSBAA and ASBA. The overall message from the event was focused around better communication with community. Some ideas about using social networking opportunities to connect with the public were discussed.

6.2 PSBAA Report

K. Cooper reported that the newest First Choice publication was out. Information regarding the upcoming fall PSBAA session are available in the magazine.

7. Emergent Items

7.1 Inter-Municipal Development Plan

Moved by G. Dennis that the Board write a letter to Cypress County and the Town of Redcliff indicating no objections to the 50 year Inter-municipal Development Plan as presented.

CARRIED (2009- 69)

The following items were provided to the Board as information:

7.2 Letter - Nutrition Guidelines Letter

7.3 Minister of Education . re: Manyberries School Closure

7.4 Setting the Direction Framework

8. Correspondence

The following item was provided for information:

8.1 Letters . re: Bill 44

10. Adjournment

Moved by G. Dennis at 2:03 to adjourn the June 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED (2009- 70)

Marian Peers, Board Chair

Pat Cocks, Secretary-Treasurer