



FRONTIER
SCHOOL DIVISION
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March 14-15, 2023

Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

Trustees Ballantyne, Pearson, Calvert, Friesen, Montgomery, Muswagon, Sanderson, Throop

ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Effective March 14, 2023, the Board approved the appointment of Interim Secretary-Treasurer Critchley to Acting Secretary-Treasurer including signatory responsibilities.

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

The Board confirmed support of the Wellness focus area with recruitment of Assistant Superintendent Student Services/Wellness for greater support in the areas of Student Services, Counselling, and Jordan's Principle programming.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES

The Board approved a request from the Senior Elections Official to not hold Spring 2023 By-Elections. The Governance Support Officers will be contacting school committees on processes for filling vacancies. The Board received information on request for membership to the Rorketon School Committee from feeder communities. A report on processes will be reviewed at the April Board meeting.

MILL RATE

Based on Provincial direction to freeze the Total Special Levy imposed by school divisions, the Board set the 2023 Mill Rate at 12.4222 mills. This is a decrease from the 2022 rate of 13.16089 mills. The 2020 Total Special Levy of \$3,413,837 was the basis for the decrease of the Mill Rate, given the increase in property tax value.

ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2023

The Board confirmed their conference theme: Reconnecting, Learning and Moving Forward, and reviewed an outline of their Report to delegates. Administration confirmed speakers and workshops with plans well underway for the 44th Annual event.

SPECIAL LEAVE

The Board approved one (1) appeal for Special Leave for 2023/24.

SCHOOL TRIPS APPROVED and RATIFIED

The Board approved higher care school trip requests from Jack River (2), Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Berens River (2) and Skownan. The Board ratified a number of higher care school trips (outlined in the Board Minutes).

TRUSTEE INDEMNITY

Effective November 1, 2022, the Board approved a one percent cost of living adjustment to the Trustee Indemnity for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022; and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson indemnity will be adjusted based upon market rates.

DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- Reports were provided by the Finance Committee, N.O.F.I. Board of Directors, and the Policy Review Committee. Trustee Graeme Montgomery was named as Chairperson of the Policy Review Committee.
- A report on a number of topics have been shared with Trustees (Residential Schools, Manitoba Physical Activity Safety in Schools (MPASS), Technology – Software Applications, Vaping in Schools, Small High Schools / Inform Net).
- A report on Area 2 schools' history, successes and challenges was provided by the Area 2 Superintendent.
- Area 4 was identified for the May 16-18, 2023, Board meeting and school visits, with school locations to be determined at the April Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place on Monday, April 24, 2023, at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park (1405 St. Matthews Avenue) followed by the 44th Annual School Committee Conference taking place at this location.

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