

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, October 17, 2016, 2:00 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue,
St. Albert, AB**

MEMBERS PRESENT Trustees Becigneul, Crockett, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, Shaw, and Tremblay

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

D. Keohane, superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, R. Nixon, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

IN CAMERA

28/17 Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 2:02 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

29/17 Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OPENING PRAYER Trustee Crockett offered the Opening Prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Trustee Shaw acknowledged the Board is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

30/17 Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 14.1 New Business, Pembina Hills Proposed Policy Bandwidth at the ASBA FGM.

CARRIED (7/7)

PRESENTATION DELEGATION

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & SUMMARIES

31/17 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the organization meeting of the Board held on September 26, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

32/17 Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on September 26, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Shaw shared the Good News Report.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Radford requested that 12.2 (Review of Policy 7) be moved to an Action Item for further discussion.

Board Policy 1 – District Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Statement of Philosophy, Goals and Objectives, Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board

33/17

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the review of Board Policy 1 – District Mission Statement, Values, and Beliefs, Statement of Philosophy, Goals and Objectives with no changes, and Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board, with the change in “Selected Responsibilities” No. 1, as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

ACTION ITEMS

2016-2017 Communication Plan and Communication Plan Highlights

34/17

Trustee Radford: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the 2016-2017 Communication Plan and 2016-2017 Communication Plan Highlights to be posted on the district website.

CARRIED (7/7)

Approval of First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Leadership Committee and Membership

35/17

Trustee Tremblay: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the formation of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Leadership Committee with the following Trustees as members: Trustees Radford, Tremblay, and Crockett.

CARRIED (7/7)

Child and Youth Advocate Act Review and Recommendation for Submission to the Alberta School Boards Association

Assistant superintendent Nixon presented recommended updates to the Child and Youth Advocate Act that will increase protection for all children up to and including those aged nineteen.

36/17

Trustee Crockett: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the attached review and recommendations for submission to the Alberta School Boards Association.

CARRIED (7/7)

School Council Liaison Appointments 2016-2017

37/17

Trustee Becigneul: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of School Council Liaisons for the 2016-2017 school year as selected at this meeting.

CARRIED (7/7)

Review of Board Policy 7 – Board Operations

38/17

Trustee Radford: THAT the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 7 as presented, including the removal of the reference to 5.2 (Board Directed Committees) in section 11.1.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 2 opposed: Becigneul, McEvoy)

NEW BUSINESS

Pembina Hills Policy re: Bandwidth.

Trustee Radford requested that fellow trustees review the information and defer it to next Regular Board meeting on Monday, October 31, 2016.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Shaw mentioned information regarding the St. Albert Census from the Mayor of St. Albert was shared with Trustees. The Board Chair also reviewed with Trustees, plans by St. Albert Public to host a joint meeting with other Districts early in 2017.

An update was provided regarding the successful addition of two community members that would serve on the District's Audit Committee for a two year term.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Keohane updated the Board on the success of the District on all of the measures in the Accountability Pillar Report. It was noted the report highlights the District as a leading example of education excellence at the local and provincial level. In addition, the success of our FNMI students was noted; and the opportunity that exists to improve student achievement for all students.

MOTION TO EXTEND

39/17

Trustee Crockett: THAT the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)

Asst. Superintendent Nixon presented the 2015-2016 District Results, highlighting the District's assessment process which includes provincial exams. It was noted that grade 6 achievement is exceptionally high, along with grade 9 achievement. Diploma Exam results highlighted not only success in the current year but also the five-year trend and achievement at the acceptable and standard of excellence level. The District will be focused on continuing to build its strength in the Standard of Excellence.

Asst. Superintendent McGuinness shared updated staffing and enrolment reports reflecting consistent staffing and enrolments. The enrolment report also highlights growth in the early year's program with numbers increasing in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs across all communities. Overall District numbers are consistent with the previous year report.

40/17

Trustee Radford: THAT the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

CARRIED (7/7)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

41/17 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.
CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Carryl Bennett-Brown inquired as to how teachers could opt in or opt out of the Grade 3 SLA process. Asst. Superintendent Nixon responded with information on how the process was handled and timelines attached to that.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Radford requested to have information provided on:

- Hour Zero Emergency Response Practice as it pertains to individual trustees conducting business at District Office.
- Projected timelines on the Ministerial approval for the newly formed 4X4's in Carbondale and Namao.

CLOSING PRAYER **Trustee Crockett** offered the closing prayer.

MEETING EXTENSION

42/17 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the meeting until 6:30 p.m.
CARRIED (6 in favor, 1 opposed)

IN CAMERA

43/17 **Trustee Becigneul:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 5:45 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

44/17 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 6:19 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

ADJOURNMENT

45/17 **Trustee Radford:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m.
CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair