



# Turtle River School Division

## Regular Board Meeting – December 8, 2020

Chair K. Wilkinson, Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees G. Wilson, F. Soucy, J. Whyte were present remotely via zoom.

Also present: B. Szymesko, Superintendent, Shannon Desjardins, Secretary Treasurer.

The “In Camera” portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.  
The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. The Board moved in and out of camera.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. The minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular board meeting were approved.
4. Maintenance Supervisor’s Report.
  - a. The site visits for the Ste. Rose Vocational addition were conducted on December 7 through to December 9. A letter of support from the province stating that the project is going to proceed and if all goes well, construction will begin mid to late February.
  - b. The window and door replacement work in McCreary and Ste. Rose Schools unfortunately did not happen during Christmas break. The material did not arrive from the manufacturer in time so will be completing the work at a later date with a goal during spring break,
  - c. Unfortunately we were made aware of some confirmed cases of Covid at Ste. Rose School. There was a lot of cleaning, washing down rooms as well as the entire school was disinfected.
5. Transportation Maintenance Supervisor’s Report.
  - a. Lacey Follensbee was hired as a regular school bus driver.
  - b. Ken Power was hired as a regular school bus driver.
  - c. The board approved to purchase (2) 4400 litre fuel storage tanks.
  - d. Parks Canada agreed in principal to allow our continued use of the radio tower and building. They expressed intent is to renew our lease while keeping our cost nominal as in the past.
  - e. We are exploring the possible placement of our powered fuel tank at the southwest end of the fire hall in Eddystone. This spot appears ideal as it is cleared in the winter, has easy hydro access and provides convenient bus access and provides convenient bus access. It is also in proximity to the existing student exchanges at the Community Centre. Both the RM of Alonsa and the Transportation Supervisor are making sure the placement of the tank complies with Provincial and Federal Regulations.
  - f. New bus orders are being available as of January 15, 2021.
6. Superintendent’s Business Report.
  - a. A resignation was accepted.
  - b. A request for leave without pay was approved.
7. Secretary Treasurer’s Business Report.
  - a. October 2020 financial statements were approved.
  - b. November 2020 financial statements were approved.
8. The accounts were approved.

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9. New Business Report.
  - a. Alyssa Corbel was hired as a term educational assistant.
10. Other Reports
  - a. Enrollment report was presented.
  - b. Suspension report was presented.
11. Superintendent's Information Report.
  - a. Communal Living document.
  - b. Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre. This letter addresses the reality of the pandemic means that remote learning is also an essential component of delivering education to our students.
  - c. COVID-19 –Response Planning: Manitoba's Remote Learning Strategy - document.
  - d. Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre – At a Glance – document.
  - e. Helpful resources for both staff/parents/caregivers as some students are entering a period of remote learning (document with web-site).
12. Secretary Treasurer's Information Report.
  - a. 2021-2022 Draft Budget Survey was shared.
  - b. Letter of approval for the Ste. Rose addition and renovation project.
  - c. MSBA information was presented.
13. Open Forum
  - a.

**Resolutions:**

1. C. Senkowski – J. Whyte  
THAT the Board move into the "Committee of the Whole."  
Carried.  
TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR.  
PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.
2. G. Wilson – F. Soucy  
THAT the Board move out of the "Committee of the Whole."  
Carried.
3. J. Whyte – F. Soucy  
THAT the agenda be adopted.  
Carried.
4. G. Wilson – C. Senkowski  
THAT the minutes of the regular board meeting on December 8, 2020 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.  
Carried.
5. J. Whyte– C. Senkowski  
THAT the Maintenance Supervisor's information report be received.  
Carried.
6. F. Soucy – G. Wilson  
THAT the Transportation Supervisor's information report be received.  
Carried.
7. F. Soucy – J. Whyte  
THAT Lacey Follensbee be employed as a regular school bus driver for the Turtle River School Division effective January 5, 2021.  
Carried.

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8. G. Wilson – F. Soucy  
THAT Ken Power be employed as a regular school bus driver for the Turtle River School Division effective January 5, 2021.  
Carried.
9. G. Wilson – C. Senkowski  
THAT the division purchase (2) 4400 litre fuel storage tanks be approved as per attached.  
Carried.
10. F. Soucy – J. Whyte  
THAT the resignation from Patty Verhaeghe as an educational assistant for the Turtle River School Division be accepted effective January 1, 2021.  
Carried.
11. C. Senkowski – J. Whyte  
THAT the request for a leave of absence without pay for the period of January 11, 2021 to an unknown date of return as outlined in the Superintendent’s Business Report item b) be approved.  
Carried.
12. G. Wilson – C. Senkowski  
THAT the financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2020 be accepted.  
Carried.
13. F. Soucy – J. Whyte  
THAT the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2020 be accepted.  
Carried.
14. C. Senkowski – G. Wilson  
THAT the Accounts as presented be paid.  
A/P cheques numbered from 023281 to 023320 in the amount of \$ 386,515.27.  
A/P cheques numbered from 023321 to 023345 in the amount of \$ 121,924.45.  
A/P cheques numbered from 023346 to 023376 in the amount of \$ 383,191.30.  
A/P cheques numbered from 023377 to 023409 in the amount of \$ 205,622.73.  
Carried.
15. F. Soucy– J. Whyte  
THAT Alyssa Corbel be employed as a term educational assistant for the Turtle River School Division for the period of January 13, 2021 to June 30, 2021, subject to a satisfactory criminal record check.  
Carried.
16. G. Wilson – J. Whyte  
THAT the Superintendent’s information report be received.  
Carried.
17. F. Soucy – J. Whyte  
THAT the Secretary-Treasurer’s information report be received.  
Carried.
18. C. Senkowski – G. Wilson  
THAT the meeting adjourn.  
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021.**  
**“In Camera” Meeting will start at 5:30 pm.**  
**The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**

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