



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2023

Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, F. Soucy, A. Petrowski were present.

Chair K. Wilkinson was not present.

Vice-Chair C. Senkowski presumed Chair.

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

Turtle River School Division operates on Treaty 2 lands; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. The Turtle River School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

The “In Camera” portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

1. The board moved in and out of camera.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. The minutes of the February 28, 2023 regular board meeting were approved.
4. Maintenance Supervisor’s Report.
 - a. Rooftop units are ordered. The estimated arrival dates for the units are 20-24 weeks, which will take us into late summer/early fall. With cooperation from schools and some planning (partially closing off certain areas of hallways etc.) we will get these units in as soon as possible. We have existing backup heat in all areas we are replacing units in.
 - b. The maintenance supervisor will be committing to our annual general roofing maintenance expenditures shortly. MJ Roofing gives us spring and fall roof reports annually. We normally carry out their general maintenance recommendations every year This year there will be a bit more money spent on roof work as we will have to do some additional construction when the rooftop projects start at each school.
 - c. We have unfortunately been unsuccessful finding a suitable candidate to fill the vacant position at Glenella School. The current setup we have in place (covering shifts internally with EA’s and sub cleaners) is working out well and we will continue with this plan until the end of the school year. We will try again for a more permanent fix and post the ad again in a few months.
5. Transportation Supervisor’s Report
 - a. The transportation supervisor had a report that a vehicle drove through the stop arm while unloading a student. After reviewing the video, it was clear the vehicle did not stop or even attempt to slow down. The driver gave plenty of time with his amber lights before stopping. The red unloading lights had been on and out for thirteen seconds, prior to the vehicle driving by. The paper work has been filled out by the driver and faxed to the RCMP.
 - b. We have many extra trips being approved. This is keeping our spare drivers very busy. We also have many route cancellations. It has been very challenging to find a spare driver when they are pre-booked for extra trips. A job posting was created for spare bus drivers and have been posted throughout our communities and FaceBook.

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6. Superintendent's Business Report.
 - a. Jessica Dupre was hired as a substitute educational assistant/librarian and an unqualified substitute teacher.
7. Secretary Treasurer's Business Report.
 - a. The Special Requirement for the 2023/2024 school year was set and the Special Levy for the 2023 taxation year was set.
 - b. The Financial Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was approved.
8. The accounts were approved.
9. New Business Report.
 - a. A personal leave without pay was approved..
 - b. Brenda Wilson was hired as a substitute educational assistant/librarian, substitute school secretary and an unqualified substitute teacher.
 - c. Letter from École Laurier on behalf of Comité de parents at École Laurier. This is an invitation letter to participate in the "Touch-a-Truck" event on May 27th. Board will participate and provide a School Bus for this event.
 - d. Request for Manitoba School Base Child Care Centre Expansion Project: Manitoba is developing 5,890 child spaces by March 31, 2026. They are asking if school divisions have any surplus space that can be used to help accommodate this rapid increase. We have had both Alonsa and Glenella Schools on our 5-year capital plan for a number of years. We will reach out to CFAN and see if they would be interesting in a possible partnership in Glenella at the School.
10. Other Reports
 - a. Enrollment Report was presented.
 - b. Suspension Report was presented.
11. Superintendent's Information Report.
 - a. Poverty and Educationa Task Force (final report) – see attached.
 - b. April 21, 2023 – Professional Development Day. Glenella School is hosting. Years of Service for all staff will be presented.
12. Secretary Treasurer's Information Report.
 - a. E2G Policy work was discussed.
 - b. Parkland Regional Immigration Committee was discussed.
 - c. 2022-2023 Funding was shared and discussed.
 - d. Frevvo program was discussed. It's a program to simplify our request for leave forms and HR data workflow. Board agreed to move forward with this program.
 - e. MSBA information was presented.
13. Open Forum
 - a.

Resolutions:

1. J. Whyte – A. Petrowski
THAT the Board move into the "Committee of the Whole."

Carried.

TRUSTEE SENKOWSKI KEPT CHAIR.
PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

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2. J. Whyte – A. Petrowski
THAT the Board move out of the “Committee of the Whole.”
Carried.
3. F. Soucy – A. Petrowski
THAT the agenda be adopted.
Carried.
4. A. Petrowski – J. Whyte
THAT the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 28, 2023 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.
Carried.
5. F. Soucy – A. Petrowski
THAT the Maintenance Supervisor’s information report be received.
Carried.
6. J. Whyte – F. Soucy
THAT the Transportation Supervisor’s information report be received.
Carried.
7. A. Petrowski – J. Whyte
THAT Jessica Dupre be employed as a substitute educational assistant/librarian and an unqualified substitute teacher for the Turtle River School Division effective March 15, 2023.
Carried.
8. J. Whyte – A. Petrowski
THAT the Special Requirement for the 2023/2024 school year be set at \$4,203,613 and 2023 Special Levy be set at \$4,391,771, less the Tax Incentive Grant of \$271,971, less the Property Tax Offset Grant of \$403,087 or 12.226 mills inclusive. This is to be made up of 4,162,401 for Turtle River and 229,370 for the DSFM.
Carried.
9. F. Soucy – J. Whyte
THAT the Turtle River School Division Financial Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 with total operating expenditures of \$12,347,227 with no transfer to Capital Fund, be approved.
Carried.
10. F. Soucy – J. Whyte
THAT the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 026834 to 026881 in the amount of \$ 109,299.77.
A/P cheques numbered from 026882 to 026902 in the amount of \$ 383,861.43.
Carried.
11. J. Whyte – F. Soucy
THAT the request for personal leave without pay for the period of June 15, 2023 to June 20, 2023 as outlined in the New Business Report item a) be approved.
Carried.
12. J. Whyte – A. Petrowski
THAT Brenda Wilson be employed as a substitute educational assistant/librarian, substitute school secretary and an unqualified substitute teacher for the Turtle River School Division effective March 15, 2023.
Carried.
13. F. Soucy – J. Whyte
THAT the Superintendent’s information report be received.
Carried.
14. A. Petrowski – J. Whyte
THAT the Secretary-Treasurer’s information report be received.
Carried.

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15. F. Soucy – J. Whyte
THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

“In Camera” Meeting will start at 5:30 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

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