

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 2020



## BOARD POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed [Board Policy 14: Board Hearings on Teacher Transfers](#), and approved some procedural changes. The changes have been sent to the ATA for review.

## WARD BOUNDARY VOTING INFORMATION

Peter Wright, the Board Secretary/Treasurer, shared ward information regarding ward boundaries with Westwind School Division. According to provincial guidelines and Westwind Policy 7: Board Operations, Westwind is within the boundary guidelines.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE ADVERTISING

Mr. Wright shared a draft Audit Committee ad with the Board. The ad invites members of the public who are interested in sitting on the Westwind Audit Committee to submit a letter of intent to Mr. Wright. This is a 3-year term. The ad will be distributed to the public.

## SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Board Chair, Mr. Ralph noted that he and Mr. Wright have finalized Superintendent Mr. Mazutinec's annual evaluation report. A letter of support for Mr. Mazutinec has been posted on the Westwind website.

## TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Trustees felt the Teacher/Staff appreciation day on October 5 was very successful. Trustees and Central Office Administration visited each school in the division and presented them with a coupon for a pizza lunch for the school staff.

## WWSD THREE YEAR ED PLAN

Superintendent Mr. Mazutinec shared with the Board the draft Education Plan Central Office Administration has been creating. Once complete, the plan will be posted on the division website.

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## TECH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Lyle Roberts, Director of Technology, shared information with the Board related to the start up of the 2020/2021 school year. Westwind is currently using several machines that are five years old and older that are not supported by Apple or Google. As well, Chromebooks that are five years old are not supported and cannot be updated. Tech is currently developing a plan to replace as much technology as possible. Since Mr. Roberts has joined Westwind, most work has been to redesign the network to make it more secure and as flexible as possible. Tech is updating copiers, so the staff all have a PIN code to print to and make copies. The tech team is also currently installing a new sound system at CJHS. Board Chair, Mr. Ralph asked Mr. Roberts to pass along thanks to the tech department from the Board for their hard work.

## WWSD CO/EXTRA CURRICULAR

On Wednesday, October 7, CTV News Lethbridge interviewed Superintendent Mr. Darren Mazutynec, Cardston High School Principal Mr. Ken McMurray, Division Psychologist and volleyball coach Mr. Conrad Boehme, as well as several students on the partial return to athletics Westwind has adopted. Mr. Mazutynec expressed the desire to reinstate other co-curricular and extra curricular activities as soon as possible, all while staying within the guidelines that Alberta Health Services has established. He went on to note and thank Westwind staff, including teachers, and support staff for volunteering hundreds of hours in support of student activities.

## INSURANCE UPDATE

Mr. Wright updated the Board on the new ARMIC Insurance group Westwind is now working with. They have released a list of activities that are automatically approved, a list that is cautionary and a list of banned activities.

## MOTIONS

The Board approved a motion to contribute payment to the concrete pad for the Kody Blackmore Buddy Bench at the Magrath Elementary School.

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Next Meeting: November 25, 2020