

Board Meeting Minutes April 29, 2024, 9:00 am

VISION - Westwind School Division will be a collaborative community of engaged learners that inspire all students to realize their full and complete potential

MISSION - The mission of Westwind School Division is to foster engaging and student-centered learning environments that will inspire each student to strive for personal excellence and allow all learners to thrive.

VALUES

- **Continual Learning** - We provide high-quality learning opportunities for all and will continuously collaborate to empower, challenge, and inspire every student and employee to be a successful and continual learner.
- **Excellence** - We desire and constantly pursue excellence and hold high expectations for students, staff, and ourselves. We establish and communicate high student expectations regarding academics, attendance, achievement, behaviour, citizenship, and extracurriculars.
- **Relationships** - We prioritize and foster strong, respectful relationships in the communities we serve and continually seek to strengthen those relationships by demonstrating integrity, respect, trustworthiness, collaboration, and transparency in everything we do.
- **Empathy** - We teach and model empathy in our schools and continuously strive to build safe, caring, and inclusive learning environments that foster kindness and compassion.

TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - We respectfully acknowledge that this event is taking place on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Southern Alberta

- Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by the Board Chair, Jim Ralph.

Trustees Present

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Rod Wendorff

Doug Smith

Anna-Joyce Frank

Jessica Payne

Others Present

Darren Mazutinec - Superintendent

Peter Wright - Secretary-Treasurer

Austin Nunn - Assistant Superintendent

Pam Boyson - Executive Assistant

- The prayer was offered by Jessica Payne.
- Approval of Agenda

Motion 2024 - 24 Moved by Tami Tolley to approve the agenda as presented.

- Those who voted in favor:
- Anna-Joyce Frank
 - Doug Smith
 - Jessica Payne
 - Jim Ralph
 - Josh Smith
 - Rod Wendorff
 - Ross Blackmer
 - Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - March 25, 2024

Motion 2024 - 25 Moved by Anna-Joyce Frank to approve the March 25, 2024, minutes as presented.

- Those who voted in favor:
- Anna-Joyce Frank
 - Doug Smith
 - Jessica Payne
 - Jim Ralph
 - Josh Smith
 - Rod Wendorff
 - Ross Blackmer
 - Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to a maximum of 15 minutes

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| <p>May 7 - Div School Council Meeting, 10:30 Magrath Senior Centre</p> <p>May 9 - Board Meeting, 9 am</p> <p>May 15 - Student Engagement Committee Mtg 9 am</p> <p>May 15 - ASBA Zone 6 Mtg, Horizon Bd Office Lunch at 12, meeting starts at 1pm</p> <p>May 15 - Edwin Parr Banquet, Taber Dinner at 6 pm</p> <p>May 16 - CHS FNMI Honor Night, 6 pm</p> <p>May 29 - ATA Retirement banquet, Tanner Senior Centre 6 pm</p> <p>May 30 - Board Meeting, 9 am</p> <p>May 31 - CHS Grad banquet & dance, 6 pm</p> | <p>June 13 - Division BBQ</p> <p>June 19 - ASBA Zone 6</p> <p>June 19 - SGJHS Awards Ceremony 6:30 pm</p> <p>June 20 - CJHS Awards Ceremony, 9 am</p> <p>June 20 - RJHS Honors & Awards Assembly 9 am</p> <p>June 20 - MHS Academic/Athletic Awards Assembly 2 pm</p> <p>June 20 - Mt View, 6 pm</p> <p>June 21 - National Indigenous People Day</p> <p>June 21 - RHS Grad, 7 pm</p> <p>June 25 - MHS Grad Prom, 9 pm</p> |
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May 31 - Stirling Grad, 6 pm
June 2-4 ASBA SGM, Calgary

June 26 - MHS Grad Ceremony, 6 pm
June 26 - CHS Grad Ceremony, 7 pm

- **Reports**

- Superintendent Report - Mr. Darren Mazutinec
 - i. Month in Review
- Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Peter Wright
 - i. Month in Review
- Assistant Superintendent - Mr. Austin Nunn
 - i. Month in Review

- **Committees**

- Management Committee
 - i. The superintendent suggested to the Board that we should consider postponing the negotiation meetings with employee groups scheduled for May 2024 until the ATA settles. The Board Chair agreed and requested the Superintendent to send a letter to all employee groups informing them about this decision.
- Student Engagement Committee
 - i. The next Student Engagement Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 15, at 9:00 am.
- Board ATA Liaison Committee
 - i. The Board Chair suggested the Superintendent contact the ATA Liaison Committee to see if they would like to meet on May 30, 2024.
- ASBA Zone 6
 - i. Trustees Doug Smith and Ross Blackmer attended the April ASBA Zone 6 and reported to the Board.

- **Policies & Procedures**

- Board Policy 14
 - i. Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting to approve as presented.
- Board Policy 15

- i. Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting to approve as presented.

Motion 2024 - 26 Moved by Ross Blackmer to affirm *Board Policy 14, Board Hearings on Teacher transfers*, and *Board Policy 15, School Closure* as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Anna-Joyce Frank

Doug Smith

Jessica Payne

Jim Ralph

Josh Smith

Rod Wendorff

Ross Blackmer

Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

● Discussion & Information Item

- Transportation Report - Mike Cahoon
 - i. Mike Cahoon, Transportation Supervisor gave a brief report to the Board. A replacement mechanic has been hired, he started earlier in April. Three of the seven Magrath area bus operators have resigned or retired over the past few months. The process of hiring replacement drivers is going well. The transportation funding submission has been completed. A driving school is up and running, and new bus operators are being trained.
- WAS Principal Mike DeVuyst
 - i. Mr. Mike DeVuyst, the Westwind Alternate School principal, shared some exciting news with the Board. The Westwind Alternate School Parent Council Chair was able to secure a scholarship exclusively for home education students. The Friesen Family Foundation Scholarship Fund will annually provide one non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to a senior student who meets the established criteria. The scholarship will be awarded for a period of four years or until the fund has been exhausted. The Board thanked Mr. DeVuyst and asked him to thank the parent council chair as well.
- Glenwood ball diamond request
 - i. The ball diamond in Glenwood is on Westwind School Divison property. The village is asking for a \$1000 donation toward the purchase of a machine that burns the unwanted weeds and plants on the ball diamond. After a discussion, the Board directed the Superintendent to move forward with the requested funds.

- Edwin Parr Awards Evening attendance, May 15, 2024
 - i. Trustees Anna-Joyce Frank and Doug Smith will attend the award celebration evening.
- FNMI Honour Night, May 16, 2024, 6 pm
 - i. Several trustees and Central Office Administration will attend.
- Junior and Senior High School Graduations
 - i. Trustees and Central Administration will be in attendance at each graduation ceremony and awards ceremony in the division.

Trustee Josh Smith left the meeting at 10:30 am and returned at 10:57 am.

- Cell Phones in Westwind
 - i. An Introductory discussion
 1. The Superintendent led a discussion about students having cell phones in the classroom. The debate on cell phones' role, impact and purpose in our classrooms has become frequent in schools, districts and secondary educational institutions across the country. He shared a document pointing out some of the positive and negative effects cell phones can have. This topic will be added to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda, and the May 9, 2024, Board Meeting agenda.
- Donations
 - i. \$1000 to Raymond Elementary School for the outdoor movie night from Christensen Salmon Funeral Home.

Motion 2024 - 27 Moved by Rod Wendorff to approve the donation as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Anna-Joyce Frank

Doug Smith

Jessica Payne

Jim Ralph

Josh Smith

Rod Wendorff

Ross Blackmer

Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

Motion 2024 - 28 Moved by Jessica Payne to go in camera at 11:23 am.

Those who voted in favor:

Anna-Joyce Frank
Doug Smith
Jessica Payne
Jim Ralph
Josh Smith
Rod Wendorff
Ross Blackmer
Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

- In-Camera

Motion 2024 - 28 Moved by Tami Tolley to come out of in camera at 12:06 pm.

Those who voted in favor:
Anna-Joyce Frank
Doug Smith
Jessica Payne
Jim Ralph
Josh Smith
Rod Wendorff
Ross Blackmer
Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to 15 minutes

Motion 2024 - 28 Moved by Jessica Payne to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 pm.

Those who voted in favor:
Anna-Joyce Frank
Doug Smith
Jessica Payne
Jim Ralph
Josh Smith
Rod Wendorff
Ross Blackmer
Tami Tolley

Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting - May 9, 2024