



Peace Wapiti Public School Division

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025 - Peace Wapiti Board Meeting - 10:30 AM (Spirit River Sub-Office)

Voter Attendees:

Blaine Riding (Trustee)
 Dana McIntosh (Trustee)
 Dwayne Speager (Trustee)
 Lori Grant (Trustee)
 Martine Piebiak (Trustee)
 Mildred Turner (Trustee)
 Stefanie Clarke (Trustee)
 Wendy Kelm (Trustee)

Non-Voter Attendees:

Bob Stewart (Superintendent)
 Darren Young (Deputy Superintendent)
 Kayla Klava (Communications)
 Keli Houle (Corporate Secretary)
 Kellie Lewis (Director of HR)
 Penny Rose (Assistant Superintendent)
 Ralph Paquin (Secretary Treasurer)
 Shawn O'Shea (Assistant Superintendent)

1. Trustee Disclosure (Reminder)

Trustees must disclose any potential pecuniary interest in any matter before the Board of Trustees, as set forth in the Board Procedures Regulation, as well as any pecuniary interest in any contract requiring the Board's approval and/or ratification.

2. Call to Order (Chair)

Board Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

3. O Canada

4. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional homelands of this area's diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. Our name, Peace Wapiti, pays tribute to the many rivers within our boundaries and exists within Treaty 8 territory. We are committed to working together to ensure these lands and its people are cared for and respected as long as the sun shines, grass grows and rivers flow.

5. Consent Agenda (Chair)

Resolution # BM20250522.1001

Moved By: Trustee Riding

that the Board approve the Consent Agenda including:

1. Peace Wapiti Board Minutes - April 17, 2025

2. International Travel - pending compliance with Policy HGCG Off-Site-Activities

a. Savanna School and Ridgevalley School - Approval in Principle Request - Portugal, Spring 2026

b. Peace Wapiti Academy - Approval in Principle Request - Hawaii, Spring 2026

3. Information

- a. Legal Responsibilities Board PD, Tr. Clarke
- b. Polling on Public Opinion on Public School in AB PD Report, Tr. Clarke

Carried

6. Adoption of Agenda (Chair)

Resolution # BM20250522.1002

Moved By: Trustee Kelm

that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of item 11.1 Rural Caucus of Alberta.

Carried

7. Good News

8. Presentations

9. Action Items

9.1 Approval of Spring Budget (Sec. Treas. Paquin)

Resolution # BM20250522.1003

Moved By: Trustee Riding

that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Operating Budget with Revenues of \$93,393,556 and Expenses of \$93,555,921.

Carried

9.2 Approval of Assurance Plan (Dep. Supt. Young)

Resolution # BM20250522.1004

Moved By: Trustee McIntosh

that the Board approve the 2026-2029 Assurance Plan as amended and presented.

Carried

10. Reports

10.1 Superintendent's Report (Supt. Stewart)

Resolution # BM20250522.1005

Moved By: Trustee Clarke

that the Board receive the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried

10.2 Policy Review Committee (Tr. McIntosh)

Resolution # BM20250522.1006

Moved By: Trustee McIntosh

that the Board approve the Policy Review Committee Report, including the recommendations contained therein:

- *GBN – Long Service Recognition* – minor grammatical changes were recommended;
- *GCAD – School Administrator* – updates were to include when principals and assistant principals are evaluated, updates to verbiage of Education Officer (now School Liaison), and a reference to the internal LQS Evaluation Template and when it is to be used.

- *GGG – Personnel Policy: Non-Teaching Staff* – changes were made so the policy complies with the organizational chart;
- *HNB – Teaching about Controversial Issues* – changes made regarding teaching about Human Sexuality and the requirement for parents to opt-in rather than opting out;
- *IFCL – Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices* – defining where adults endeavour to become digital citizen and modelling digital citizenship while on Board property and also while attending offsite school events and with their communications;
- *JG – Non-Curricular Use of School Facilities* – removal of Exhibits 3 and 4 with changes to Exhibit 2 to include the link to the Non-Curricular Use of School Facilities digital form;
- *JOBA* – no changes were recommended;
- *JJA – Electioneering and Politically Motivated Communications* – no changes were recommended.

and the creation of the following new policy:

- *FLA – Temporary Closure of School(s)* - based on the requirements of Bill 27 – Education Amendment Act, 2024, which requires a policy to be created to manage the temporary closure of schools and the requirement of Ministerial approval.

Carried

10.3 Alberta School Council Association Conference Report (Tr. Clarke)

Resolution # BM20250522.1007

Moved By: Trustee Clarke

that the Board receive the Alberta School Council Association Conference Report as information.

Carried

10.4 ASBA Zone 1 Meeting Report (Tr. Riding)

Resolution # BM20250522.1008

Moved By: Trustee Riding

that the Board receive the ASBA Zone 1 Report as information.

Carried

11. Board Calendar

The Board Calendar was reviewed.

11.1 Rural Caucus of Alberta

Resolution # BM20250522.1009

Moved By: Trustee Kelm

that the Board approve the attendance of Trustees at the Rural Caucus of Alberta Spring General Meeting being held in Calgary on June 1, 2025.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Resolution # BM20250522.1010

Moved By: Trustee McIntosh

that the meeting be adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Carried