



# Palliser Regional Schools

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## Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019

### Coaldale School Solutions

Secretary-Treasurer Dexter Durfey shared with trustees information from the first of two community information meetings hosted by the Town of Coaldale on Feb. 5 in regards to the proposed, joint recreation centre/high school. A second meeting was to be held after the Board meeting.

He said the session was well-attended, was generally positive in nature and was a good opportunity for the Town to share with the public the process which lead up to the proposal. Palliser representatives were invited to attend and answer questions about the school proposal. Durfey noted concerns were raised about the location of the proposed project, and emphasized it is the municipality's responsibility to set aside property for future school construction.

He said the public will have the opportunity for input on the school itself if, and when the project is approved by the provincial government.

### School Calendars

The Board approved divisional school calendars for the 2019-2020 school year after a presentation by Director of Learning Lloyd Boody. A draft for two versions of the calendar – one for Calgary schools and the other for those to the south – was presented to trustees after consultation with staff, school councils and the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Teachers are officially back to work Aug. 26, 2019 with the Opening Day celebration for staff set for Aug. 29 and the first day of school for students on Sept. 3. The last day of class for students is June 26. The north and south calendars differ in dates for their spring or Easter break, with those scheduled to coincide with surrounding school divisions.

Principals now have the opportunity to make a request to the Palliser leadership team for any changes based upon their school community requirements.

### Huntsville School Update:

Dexter Durfey informed trustees that information, including construction timelines, should be available soon. He was meeting with representatives of Alberta Infrastructure, the contractor, architects and the school principal later that day for an update on the project.

The province announced last year that it had approved a replacement building for Huntsville School, located in Iron Springs. Initially it was designated only for a minor modernization.

### Financial Update

The Board heard financial projections through the end of August and new reporting procedures which have been implemented in an effort to increase accuracy and transparency.

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Dexter Durfey noted measures have been taken to reduce expenditures in board and system administration, with those costs projected to be lower than originally anticipated. Board Chair Robert Strauss praised the work of staff, including Cindy Rogers, for their diligence.

Trustees were also told that the procedures regarding mileage and the use of company vehicles has been reviewed and discussed with staff to ensure future compliance.

***The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019***

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