

FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

November, 2020

Horizon's 2020 Board of Education

"I want to thank all candidates in this year's Board election for their willingness to represent students, staff, families and communities as a member of the Horizon School Division Board of Education. I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Trustees for their work and support over the past term. And, I want to congratulate our new and returning Trustees. I look forward to beginning our work together in support of all stakeholders across Horizon."

- Jim Hack, Board Chair

[View the full results of the 2020 Horizon Board Election here.](#)

November 2020 Meetings

The new Horizon School Division Board of Education was together for a day of orientation on Monday, November 16.

An organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting of the Board took place on Tuesday, November 17. The new Board was sworn in prior to the organizational meeting. Jim Hack (Chair), Linda Mattock (Vice Chair), Jenna Hale, Jennifer Lemky, Mark Fedak, Dana Stefanson, Christine Gradin, James Lissinna, Cheryl Vertefeuille, Douglas Armbruster, Edward Bitternose, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Albert Pinacie, and Rhonda Kayseas were in attendance for these meetings. Director of Education / CEO, Kevin Garinger, Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO, Sarah Reding, Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, and Deputy Director, Randy MacLEAN joined the meeting to provide reports.

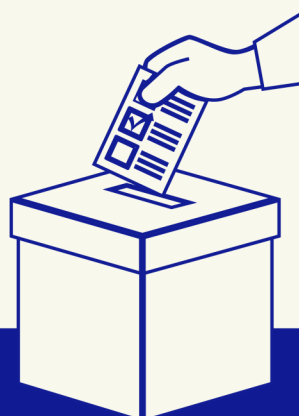
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*- Jim Hack,
Board Chair*



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Discussion Items:

- Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan
- 19-20 Annual Report
- Service Reports
- And more...

Re-Entering Horizon Plan Review

Director of Education Kevin Garinger shared updates and led discussion around the [Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan](#) for the fall of 2020. This plan continues to evolve, and updates are being shared with the Board, staff, and Horizon families as they occur.

With new Trustees around the Board table for the first time at the November meeting, it was critical to review and discuss this work in detail.

2019-2020 Annual Report

During their regular meeting, Horizon's Board discussed the process for developing and approving the annual report that is submitted to the Ministry of Education for tabling in the legislative assembly each year. The Board passed a motion to accept the 2019-2020 annual report and delegate approval of the financial components to the Board's Audit Committee.

2020 Christmas Hamper Project

Director Garinger shared an update on this year's Horizon Christmas Hamper Project. The Board supports this project — which provides gifts for students and families in need across the school division — through Board funds, and can join staff in providing personal donations to the project. This year's Christmas Hampers are set to support a record number of students and families, and donations are welcome from anyone.

SSBA AGM

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association held their Fall General Assembly and Annual General Meeting via videoconference on November 25 and 26. During their November meeting, Horizon's Board reviewed this year's new resolutions and bylaws put forward for voting by SSBA member Boards.

Human Resource Services Update

Deputy Director of Education, Randy MacLEAN, shared updates regarding Human Resource Services so far throughout the 2020-21 school year. This report included information and updates about Horizon School Division staffing and supports for staff.

Operational Services Update

Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, shared an update regarding Transportation Services, Facility Services, and Information Services. Highlights of this report included an update regarding school bus routes, information about ongoing upgrades and renovations in schools, the Lanigan School new build project, and planning and support for Learning from Home technology.

Horizon's Board Chair and Vice Chair Chosen at Annual Organizational Meeting



The Horizon School Division Board of Education held its annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, November 17. Nominations were made for the Board's table officer positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Jim Hack has been acclaimed as Board Chair, and Linda Mattock has been acclaimed as Vice Chair.

"It is indeed an honour to be part of this important team that has come together for the next four years, and I want to thank our Trustees for their support to have me continue serving in the role as Board Chair," said Mr. Hack. "I look forward to the work that we will engage in as a new Board following the recent election."

Mr. Hack has served as Board Chair for Horizon School Division since 2011. He also serves as Trustee for Subdivision 10, which includes Ituna School, New Horizon Hutterian School, Foam Lake Composite High School and Foam Lake Elementary School. Ms. Mattock has served as Vice Chair since 2018, and Trustee for Subdivision 2 since 2016. Subdivision 2 includes Humboldt Collegiate Institute, Humboldt Public School, Lake Lenore School, St. Brieux School, Annaheim School and Three Lakes School in Middle Lake.

[View the complete media release here.](#)

Submissions & Feedback

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We want this newsletter to be as informative and beneficial as possible, so feedback on how we can improve is always welcome.

Thanks for reading!

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled for December 16, 2020

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