

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 12TH, 2012, COMMENCING AT 8:56 A.M.

PRESENT

DOUG BOWIE
JIM FIELDING
REBECCA HEIBERG
NOREEN METZ
KENDALL SEVERSON

ABSENT

CHERYL SMITH
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG
PETER MILLER

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent – Business
IMOGENE WALSH, Treasurer
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

D BOWIE IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bowie called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

Janessa Heck, student, and Craig Dimond, Vice Principal, Bashaw School joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Vice Chair Bowie welcomed Janessa Heck and Craig Dimond, and invited their presentation on Janessa's active participation in Alberta Education's Student Engagement Initiative "Speak Out".

Ms Heck and Mr Dimond left the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#01\12 K SEVERSON – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#02\12 N METZ - That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 8th, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ASBA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Vice Chair Bowie brought an invitation to the Trustees to attend an ASBA Video Conference, *Secrets, Privacy and Transparency For Trustees* scheduled for January 24th, 2012 in the Division Office Board Room.

ASBA LEGAL WORKSHOP

Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and Ms Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, will attend the ASBA Legal Workshop on January 19th and 20th, 2012, *Arbitration Ins and Outs With Paula Knopf*.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Trustees reviewed and amended a draft response to a letter received from the Strome School Parent Council regarding the utilization and right-sizing of space.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ASBA EDWIN PARR NOMINATION

Battle River School Division will not be submitting a nomination to the 2012 ASBA Edwin Parr Award as no eligible candidates are employed at this time.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Trustees discussed feedback received on the school year calendar and considered possible adjustments. This matter will be further reviewed at the January 26th, 2012 Board Meeting.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – NEW NORWAY SCHOOL

#03\12 K SEVERSON – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to England, France, and Italy by the New Norway School International Travel students during summer break 2013 (July 8th, 2013 to July 23rd, 2013).

CARRIED

FINE ARTS PARTNERING WITH AUGUSTANA

#04\12 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approve the cost of transportation to a maximum of \$1,000.00 from the Board Innovation Fund for students in kindergarten to grade four in Camrose elementary schools to attend the Children’s Concert at Augustana Faith and Life Centre on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012.

CARRIED

Trustees requested Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, to investigate the possibility of expanding the program to include county school participation.

POLICY REVIEW

Trustee Heiberg, Policy Review Committee Chair, presented minor revisions to Policy 1 ‘Division Foundational Statements’ together with Schedule A.

TALK TO THE TRUSTEES

Trustees discussed communication received through the ‘Talk To The Trustees’ portion of the Battle River School Division website.

COMMUNICATIONS SCENARIOS

Trustees reviewed the Ten Point Plan For Education announced by the Minister of Education, Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, on January 10th, 2012. The plan lists initiatives that will be launched in the months ahead focusing on practical improvements to enhance students' experiences, stronger partnerships to set the right foundation for the future, and reviews to set the stage for future decisions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

Trustees reviewed the date changes for the upcoming Community Engagement Forums as follows:

School Council Representatives

Thursday, February 2nd at the Daysland Community Hall,
Full day;

Special Needs Parents

Friday, February 3rd at the BRSD Division Office,
Afternoon;

Students and Staff

Monday, February 6th at Daysland Community Hall,
Morning – Staff,
Afternoon – Students;

Parents and Community Members

Wednesday, February 8th at Allan Johnstone School,
Evening

Wednesday, February 15th at Ryley School,
Evening

Thursday, February 23rd at Round Hill School,
Evening.

This year's theme will be based on Alberta Education's Inspiring Education Vision focusing on inclusion in Battle River School Division.

BOARD \ ADMINISTRATION PLANNING SESSION

The Board \ Administration Planning Session is scheduled for February 27th, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Camrose at the Norsemen Inn.

ASBA ZONE 4 SHOWCASE

Trustees discussed topics for the proposed showcase for the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting to be held in Camrose on March 26th, 2012.

BAWLF MODERNIZATION

Trustee Severson, Capital Planning Committee Chair, provided an update on the Bawlf Modernization Project. The next meeting will be held on January 17th, 2012 in Bawlf and will include representation from the architectural firm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Visits

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, reported on their school visits in December 2011. The remaining school visits will commence next week.

Living Truth Alternative Program

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, will meet with Living Truth Christian School representatives on Monday, January 16th, 2012 in BRSD Division Office.

Mennonite Alternative Program

A meeting regarding the Mennonite Alternative Program is scheduled for Monday, January 16th, 2012 in Division Office.

Science Alberta Foundation

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, has been advised that Science Alberta Foundation together with Enbridge is once again hopeful to provide Battle River School Division with scholarship funding.

Administrators' Meeting

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the Administrators' Meeting held on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 at the Edgeworth Centre. Dr Payne invited the Trustees to attend these meetings as their schedules permit.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:08 p.m.)

#05\12 J FIELDING - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Treasurer Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:36 p.m.)

The In-Camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

#06\12 K Severson – That the Board of Trustees accept the offer in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Village of Edberg to purchase the Edberg School and adjoining grounds subject to the Village of Edberg obtaining the required financing as well as a satisfactory inspection of the facilities by February 29th, 2012 and subject to Ministerial approval.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:38 p.m.

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