

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MARCH 8TH, 2012, COMMENCING AT 8:59 A.M.

PRESENT

CHERYL SMITH
DOUG BOWIE
JIM FIELDING
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG
REBECCA HEIBERG
NOREEN METZ
PETER MILLER
KENDALL SEVERSON

ABSENT

RAY BOSH, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent – Business
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. Chair Smith advised that there would be no 'Student Success' presentation at this meeting due to Teachers' Convention.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#22\12 J FIELDING – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#23\12 J FIELDING - That the minutes of the regular Board Meetings of February 9th and 23rd, 2012 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:00 a.m.)

#24\12 P MILLER - 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 – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:19 a.m.)

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

BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Trustees will attend a Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 29th, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Division Office Board Room for the purpose of land discussion in keeping with Provincial guidelines and policy.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING – LIVING TRUTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Dr Payne shared with the Trustees a letter received from Ms Barb Cookson, Chairperson, on behalf of the Living Truth Christian School officially rescinding their request to join the Battle River School Division as an alternative program due to an anticipated low count for student enrollment in the 2012 - 2013 school year.

ONLINE TOOL FOR PARENTS' INFORMATION

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention an online tool developed by Alberta Education in conjunction with the Alberta School Councils' Association, the Fédération des parents francophones de l'Alberta, and parents across the province who participated in surveys and focus groups. The tool provides curriculum guides, resources, and contact information for parents.

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL LEARNING AND TEACHING TOOLS

Chair Smith shared with Trustees an announcement received from the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, introducing a digital learning and teaching tool developed in collaboration with the Alberta Order of Excellence. This interactive tool provides students with an opportunity to understand the relationship between government and citizens in the democratic process.

BUDGET 2012 – 2013, INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Chair Smith provided Trustees with a publication produced by the office of the Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Human Services, explaining the work of his new ministry in conjunction with the 2012 – 2013 Provincial Budget.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FEES

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, informed Trustees that Battle River School Division will be pursuing previous practices with regard to the collections of Instructional Materials Fees. A motion to approve the fees for the 2012 – 2013 school year will be brought forward at the March 22nd, 2012 Board meeting.

2011 – 2012 SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Chair Smith provided Trustees with a schedule of the 2011 – 2012 School Graduation Ceremonies.

ASBA ZONE 4 LETTER TO MINISTER LUKASZAK

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention a letter drafted on behalf of ASBA Zone 4, by Cheri Neitz, Chair, to the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, regarding recent communications from his office.

2012 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Battle River School Division has recently been informed by Alberta Education that two teachers, Sandra Borman and Theresa Kruchten, both of Bawlf School, have been nominated for the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

THANK YOU

Trustees received a thank you card from Bill Schulte, recently retired Assistant Superintendent – Business.

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

25\12 R HEIBERG moved that the Board of Trustees approves the housekeeping revisions to:

Policy 1 'Division Foundational Statements', Schedule A;
Policy 2 'Role of the Board';
Policy 7 'Board Operations';
Policy 7 'Board Operations', Schedule A;
Policy 8 'Committees of the Board';
Policy 8 'Committees of the Board', Schedule A;
Policy 9 'Board Representatives';
Policy 9 'Board Representatives', Schedule A;
Policy 9 'Board Representatives', Schedule B;
Policy 12 'Role of the Superintendent';
Policy 12 'Role of the Superintendent', Appendix A;
Policy 12 'Role of the Superintendent', Appendix B; and
Policy 16 'Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

as presented, which are attached to and form a part of these minutes.

CARRIED

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Battle River School Division will host the next ASBA Zone 4 meeting on March 26th, 2012 at the Camrose Composite High School. Battle River School Division will showcase the CCHS Culinary Arts Program and the Science Leaders Program demonstrating the benefits available to students due to the partnership between BRSD and Science Alberta Foundation.

SCHOOL BASED THREE YEAR PLAN REVIEW

Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, provided an overview of the School Based Three Year Plan Review process that Trustees undertake with schools in Battle River School Division. A schedule of these reviews will be provided at the March 22nd, 2012 Board Meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM DEBRIEF

Trustees reported on their participation at the Community Engagement Forum with parents and community members held on February 23rd, 2012 at Round Hill School.

BOARD \ ADMINISTRATORS' PLANNING SESSION

Trustees shared their reflections of the Board \ Administrators' Planning Session held at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose on February 27th, 2012.

RURAL EDUCATION SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Chair Smith together with Trustees Severson and Metz reported on their attendance at the Alberta Education's Rural Education Sustainability Symposium held on March 2nd, 2012 at the Capri Centre Hotel and Conference Centre in Red Deer.

Also in attendance were Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools; Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent; Dr Allen Berger, Dean of University of Alberta, Augustana Campus; Ms Joannie Zimmer, Principal, CW Sears School; Ms Karla Koleba, Vice Principal, Chester Ronning School; Ms Dorothy Marshall, Chair, Rosalind Parent Council; and Mr Erik Skoberg, Chair, Lougheed Parent Council.

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, presented "Exploring the Challenges of School Calendars and Timetabling in a Rural School Division" at the Rural Education Sustainability Symposium.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

MIGRANT ROUTES

Trustee Fielding shared with Trustees an invitation to attend a workshop titled 'Migrant Routes' hosted by the Centre For Race and Culture on April 27th, 2012 in Ryley, Alberta.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Minister of Education – Teleconference With Parents

Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, is hosting a teleconference on March 19th, 2012, to provide another opportunity for parents to have input into Alberta's education system.

Day For Education

Chair Smith advised Trustees that the Alberta School Boards Association is proposing School Boards join together with their sister Boards to sponsor election events in their area focusing on education. More information will follow.

ATA Meeting

An informal meeting with Chair Smith, Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools and ATA Representatives, Jeff Myck and Gloria Oberg, and Randy Proskiw, ATA District Representative, is scheduled for March 12th, 2012 in Division Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Letter From Rosalind School Council

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, shared with Trustees his response to a letter received from Dorothy Marshall, Chair, on behalf of the Rosalind School Council, regarding the distribution of the New Testaments through Gideon International, and the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Chair Smith will send a letter on behalf of the Trustees to the Rosalind School Council acknowledging receipt of their letter and Dr Payne's response.

Growing To Greatness

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised Trustees that the Growing To Greatness Meetings for all support staff are scheduled for March 19th, 2012 at the Killam Public School and March 20th, 2012 at the Chester Ronning School at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion around the BRSD new website and inclusive education practices.

Think Tank

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, conducted his annual meeting with Battle River School Division Superintendency; Ray Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction, Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Business, on March 5th and 6th, 2012 to plan for broad based work required.

Municipal Committees

Trustees discussed the value in attending Municipal Committee meetings given the increase in invitations to attend these meetings.

Threat Assessment and Trauma Response Training

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reminded Trustees of the upcoming Kevin Cameron's Threat Assessment and Trauma Response Training Sessions; Level 1 will be presented on March 13th and 14th, 2012, Level 2 will be presented on March 15th and 16th, 2012.

Human Resource Interviews

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised Trustees that interviews for the position of Principal at Camrose Composite High School are scheduled for the week of March 12th to 16th, 2012.

Exchange Teacher From China

Chester Ronning School will be hosting a welcoming ceremony for an exchange teacher from China on Monday, March 12th, 2012. The teacher will be spending the year in various schools throughout Battle River School Division.

Student Success

Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, advised Trustees that they have been named as honorary shareholders in the business established by the Junior Achievement Students from the Sedgewick area. Brad Link and Logan Grove, students from Central High Sedgewick Public School, represented this student business group in a Student Success Presentation to the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on February 23rd, 2012. Stephen Hoyland, Vice Principal of Central High Sedgewick Public School, also accompanied the students.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:14 p.m.)

#26\12

D BOWIE - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Payne be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:48 p.m.)

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

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:51 p.m.

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