

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 25TH, 2012, COMMENCING AT 9:01 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

NOREEN METZ

ALSO PRESENT

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

D BOWIE IN THE CHAIR

Carson Wood, Student, and Janice Cullen, Educational Assistant, Allan Johnstone School, together with Shirley Mackenzie, Carson's Grandmother, and public guests joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bowie called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#132\12 C SMITH – That the Board approve the agenda with the following additions:

5. INFORMATION

5.2 ASBA Representation On External Committees

- 5.2.1 School Bus Safety Committee
- 5.2.2 Student Health Committee
- 5.2.3 ASBA Bylaw Reviews

5.3 Healthy Schools Symposium – October 30th, 2012

11. TRUSTEE MATTERS

11.3 Upcoming Events

11.3.5 ATA Induction – November 14th, 2012

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 12.3 Drug Response Task Force Committee
- 12.4 ECD Mapping Committee

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#133\12 K SEVERSON – That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 11th, 2012 as amended.

CARRIED

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Bowie welcomed Mr Wood, Ms Cullen, and Mrs McKenzie, and invited their presentation on Carson's successes at Allan Johnstone School.

Mr Wood, Ms Cullen, and Mrs McKenzie, together with public guests, left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

FALL BUDGET

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, reviewed with the Trustees the Fall Budget for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

#134\12 C SMITH - That the Board approves \$25,921.00 for the Bashaw Arts Infusion Proposal from the 2012 – 2013 Board Innovation Fund.

CARRIED

#135\12 J FIELDING - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2012 – 2013 Fall Budget as presented, and further that the budget is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

Greg Friend, Manager of Human Resources, together with public guests, joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

TUITION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#136\12 C Smith - That for the 2013 – 2014 school year, the fee for foreign and international students be set at \$9,500.00 and that this fee include the transportation fee (for eligible students) but not include the instructional materials fee.

CARRIED

Mr Friend left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Lindsay Kossey, Teacher, Terrance Prescesky, Teacher, both of Tofield School joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Chair Bowie welcomed Ms Kossey and Mr Prescesky, requested introductions, and invited their presentation. Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed Ms Kossey and Mr Prescesky, introduced the topic of student assessment advising that an important piece of the student assessment process is hearing the successes and challenges from teachers of their real life experiences in relation to this area throughout the Battle River School Division. Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, informed Trustees that one of the key parts of the implementation process is the concept of risk taking from an educator’s perspective and trying new practices in the classrooms.

Mr Prescesky has recently presented his experiences in assessment growth practices at the Alberta Assessment Consortium Conference. Mr Prescesky explained that assessments are completed based on the student’s understanding of the concept. At the teacher’s discretion, students have an opportunity to rewrite exams or assignments to improve their marks.

Ms Kossey outlined the communication she presents to her students to enable them to understand the assessment process, the concepts they need to achieve, and how their evaluation will be awarded based on outcomes. She has created

targets for the students providing exemplars and utilizing rubrics to help them understand how marks are applied to units.

Ms Kossey explained that the assessment process she has implemented assists the students in learning from each other by sharing their interpretations on concepts. Mr Prescesky advised that a challenge he has faced is providing students with enough time to reflect on feedback they receive on an assessment due to the size of the curriculum.

Chair Bowie thanked Ms Kossey and Mr Prescesky for their informative presentation.

Lindsay Kossey, Terrance Prescesky and the public guests left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

Chair Bowie left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and Vice Chair Miller assumed the chair at 1:08 p.m.

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

#137\12 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees does not approve the offering of an Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) during the 2012 – 2013 school year.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:11 p.m.)

#138\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 – Student Services Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:17 p.m.)

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

Trustee Fielding left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (CARETAKERS AND BUS DRIVERS) REPRESENTATION

#139\12 C SMITH – That the Board appoint Trustee Heiberg as alternate representative on the Negotiating Committee for Caretakers and Bus Drivers.

CARRIED

THANK YOU

Trustees received a thank you card from Madison Knodel, Central High Sedgewick Public School student, for the financial contribution towards her Encounters With Canada trip.

ASBA REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Vice Chair Miller brought to the Trustees' attention a call for interest to join three external ASBA committees: Alberta School Bus Safety Committee, Alberta Student Health and Wellness Task Force, and ASBA Bylaws Review Committee.

HEALTHY ACTIVE SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Vice Chair Miller will attend the Healthy Active School Symposium on October 30th, 2012 in Red Deer.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustees Grundberg, Heiberg, Metz, and Smith will work with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, to set a date in the near future for the first meeting of the Community Engagement Committee.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Trustees reviewed a draft of the Battle River School Division's Annual Report to the Community presented by Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator. Ms Hutchinson advised that the document with suggested amendments would be distributed next week.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT COUNT

Dr Larry Payne brought to the Trustees, attention the Student Enrollment Count as at September 30th, 2012.

ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS REVIEW

Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction, presented the Provincial Achievement Test Results Summary for 2012.

ASBA LEGAL CONFERENCE

Chair Bowie and Vice Chair Miller will attend the ASBA Legal Conference 'A Year in the Legal Life of a School Board' on November 6th and 7th, 2012 in Calgary.

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Trustees recommended topics such as realignment, student assessment, school results reviews, budget and expenditures discussions, along with the appeal process which will be discussed at a one day planning session scheduled for November 26th, 2012 in Camrose.

ATA INDUCTION

Vice Chair Miller brought to the Trustees' attention an invitation to attend the ATA Induction Banquet on November 14th, 2012 at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose.

MINISTERS MEETING WITH ZONE 4 CHAIRS & SUPERINTENDENTS

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – Business, reported on their attendance with Chair Bowie at the Minister's Meeting with Zone 4 Chairs and Superintendents on October 11th, 2012 in Red Deer.

ALBERTA EDUCATION CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION SESSION

Trustee Smith together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on their attendance at the Alberta Education Consultation and Information Session on October 23rd, 2012 in Red Deer.

DRUG RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Trustee Severson reported on his attendance at the Drug Response Task Force Meeting on October 12th, 2012.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MAPPING

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance at an Early Childhood Mapping meeting in Tofield. The next meeting will be held November 20th, 2012 in Camrose at 1:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL

Trustee Heiberg provided an update on the Community Adult Learning Council and their fundraising initiative.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Trustee Severson reported on his attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on Monday, October 22nd, 2012 in Red Deer. The next meeting is November 26th, 2012 in Wetaskiwin.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CCHS Newsletter

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, brought to Trustees' attention Volume 1 of the Camrose Composite High School newsletter.

Leadership Academy

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised Trustees that the Leadership Academy is entering a transition stage. He will provide additional follow up information as the transition develops.

Assessment Review

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided an outline of the scope of work required to address the three areas identified in the request to review, by Administration, the Student Assessment process. A final report on the results of this review will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June 2013.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 4:17 p.m.

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