

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:02 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction

ALSO PRESENT

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

C SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Gabriel Young, student, and Emily Coykendall, teacher, Sparling School, joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Young and Ms Coykendall and invited their presentation on Mr Young's success at Sparling School.

Mr Young and Ms Coykendall left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA

#139\11 R HEIBERG – That the continuation agenda be approved with the following additions:

Information Item:

5.7 Education Act

Committee Update:

9.6 ASBA Speech Competition

Trustee Matters:

10.3.5 School Results Reviews

10.14 Community Engagement & Board Meeting Dates

Superintendent's Report:

13.6 Respecting Diversity

13.7 Class Size Information

13.8 Virtual Learning Schools.

CARRIED

Nancy McLeod, Director of Student Services, and Christie Badry, FSLW \ CHAMP Supervisor, joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

KEVIN CAMERON'S VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

Chair Smith welcomed Ms McLeod and Ms Badry and invited their presentation. Ms McLeod and Ms Badry provided an overview of Kevin Cameron's history and experience in the area of violence threat risk assessment in particular with school-based crisis response, together with condensed feedback from a previous workshop held on March 11th and 12th, 2010. Ms McLeod and Ms Badry are organizing the second workshop which will involve a two day Level 1 training for Teachers, Counsellors, and Learning Facilitators, and a two day Level II training for Administrators on March 13th and 14th, 2012.

#140\11 P MILLER - That the Board provides \$15,000.00 from the Board Innovations Fund to provide release time for teachers and administrators to attend Kevin Cameron's Violence Threat Risk Assessment Professional Development in March, 2012.

CARRIED

Ms McLeod and Ms Badry left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:47a.m.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Johnson and invited her presentation. Ms Johnson provided a report on the route average ride times for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Ms Johnson for her work and continued professionalism.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Greg Friend, Manager of Human Resources, joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

STAFFING UPDATE

Chair Smith welcomed Greg Friend and invited his presentation. Mr Friend reported on the number of full time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions as at October 14th, 2011 being 359.15 compared with 391.44 FTE teaching positions at the end of June, 2011.

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Mr Friend for dealing with the challenges in Human Resources and providing Trustees with this updated information.

Mr Friend left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

CARC LEADING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention the Central Alberta Regional Consortium Leading and Learning Conference to be held on December 1st and 2nd, 2011.

CCHS CHALLENGE DAY

CCHS will be hosting their third annual Challenge Day on November 29th, 2011. The mission of the Challenge Day Program is to provide youth and their communities with connection through the celebration of diversity, truth, and full acceptance.

#141\11 K SEVERSON - That the Board contribute \$2500.00 from the Board Innovation Fund to support a Challenge Day workshop at the Camrose Composite High School during the 2011 – 2012 school year.

CARRIED

ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS REVIEW

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Results, and the Accountability Pillar Overall Summary of the Annual Education Results Report of 2010 – 2011.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – TOFIELD

#142\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to London and Paris by the Tofield School International Travel Club students during spring break 2012.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – ITALY AND GREECE

#143\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Italy and Greece by the Ryley School Travel Club students during spring break 2013, March 23rd to April 4th, 2013.

CARRIED

HOLDEN BREAKFAST PROGRAM

#144\11 P MILLER - That for the 2011 – 2012 school year, the Board provides \$2500.00 in support of the Breakfast Program at the Holden School.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

#145\11 D BOWIE - That, for the 2012 – 2013 school year, the fee for foreign and international students be set at \$9,000.00 and that this fee include the transportation fee (for eligible students) but not include the instructional materials fee.

CARRIED

FUNDING UPDATE

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, provided an update on the recent announcement that Alberta Education would be distributing one hundred and seven million dollars to school divisions across the province. Trustees discussed possible allocations of the Battle River School Division's portion. Discussions will be held with principals, and allocations will be finalized in the November 30th Fall Budget.

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARD

Trustees discussed the implementation of a "Friends of Battle River Award" to be presented to an individual or organization which has provided support during the most current school year and operates outside of the school system.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference documents will be reviewed at the Board Planning Session scheduled on November 14th and 15th, 2011.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Trustee Severson, Chair of Capital Planning Committee, updated the Trustees on the recent tours of Lougheed, Central High Sedgewick Public, Allan Johnstone, Forestburg, Holden, Tofield, and CW Sears Schools. The Committee continues to focus on the possibility of right sizing buildings.

ASBA SPEECH COMPETITION

At the recent Zone 4 meeting held on Monday, October 24th, 2011, ASBA representatives voted to discontinue the ASBA Speech Competition.

SCHOOL RESULTS REVIEWS

Trustees discussed the schedule for the upcoming School Results Reviews scheduled on December 5th and 6th, 2011.

ALBERTA EDUCATION CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

Trustee Grundberg together with Ray Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services, will attend the Zone 4 Alberta Education Consultation and Information Sessions for ASBA and CASS Members in Red Deer on November 29th, 2011.

ATA LIAISON MEETING

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie and Trustees Grundberg, Heiberg, Miller, and Severson, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Ray Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services, and Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent - Business, reported on their attendance at the ATA Liaison Meeting held on October 27th, 2011 at the Norsemen Inn.

TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS

#146\11 D BOWIE - That the Battle River School Division #31 Board of Trustees wishes to have the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) represent our School Board in discussions with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers' Association with the aim of concluding a provincial framework agreement addressing: term, school board funding, teacher salaries, and a dispute resolution mechanism.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Community Engagement Meeting dates have been rescheduled to February 2012.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Battle River School Division Board of Trustees Meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, November 24th, 2011 has now been rescheduled to Friday, November 25th, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Competition

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Trustees that Imogene Walsh was the successful candidate in the recent competition for the position of Assistant Superintendent – Business, effective February 1st, 2012.

Colony Schools

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, provided the Trustees with an update on the Colony Schools. The Veteran Colony will be splitting off prior to the end of October, 2011, with approximately twenty students moving to the Lougheed Colony.

Virtual Learning Project

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Trustees that Lougheed, Rosalind, and Strome Schools will be participating in the Virtual Learning Project.

21st Century Learning Leadership Forum

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the recent 21st Century Learning Leadership Conference he attended with Chair Smith, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, on October 13th and 14th, 2011.

Report Cards

Dr Larry Payne reported on challenges faced to produce report cards through the Maplewood System. Division Office representatives are providing as much support as possible to address concerns.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:35 P.m.)

#147\11 D BOWIE - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

LETTER FROM MINISTER

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a request from Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, inviting additional input into the proposed Education Act, together with a reply from Jacquie Hansen, ASBA President, on behalf of Alberta School Boards.

ALBERTA ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie and Trustees Grundberg, Heiberg, Metz, and Miller together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, shared their views on the Alberta Assessment Consortium Conference they attended in Edmonton on October 21st and 22nd, 2011.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance together with Chair Smith at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on Monday, October 24th, 2011 in Red Deer.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Transformation Meetings

Chair Smith reported on her attendance at two Alberta Education Transformation Meetings to further discuss the transformation of the K – 12 education system in our province: one on September 22nd, 2011 in Edmonton with a focus on a small urban environment and one on September 27th, 2011 in Red Deer with a focus on a rural environment.

Dialogue with Mayor and Council

Chair Smith attended a 'Dialogue with Mayor and Council' to share the Battle River School Division mandate and goals, and how they fit within the City of Camrose strategic plan, along with some of the BRSD initiatives, and challenges BRSD faces.

21st Century Learning Leadership Forum

Chair Smith reported on the 21st Century Learning Leadership Forum she attended with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, on October 13th and 14th, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – BUSINESS

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