

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JUNE 16, 2008, COMMENCING AT 1:11 P.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER (left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.)
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.)
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent (Business)
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Ms Smith noted that the signed Board of Trustees *Code of Cooperation* has been framed and will be hung in the Board room.

Ms Smith further noted that the Superintendent and Board Chair will be meeting with the Minister of Education in Red Deer on June 19, 2008. This is by invitation from the Minister.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#103/08 K. OFFORD – That the following additions be made to the agenda:

- 5.10 Negotiations with Senior Administration
- 5.11 Letter from Lawyer re Transfer of School Land at Alliance
- 7.11 Motions re Salary Increases
- 7.12 Learning Together Program Request – Earned Days Off

- 7.13 School Bus Purchases
- 10.6 School Act, Section 116
- 10.7 Learning Together Graduation

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:17 p.m.)

#104/08 R. HEIBERG – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent (Business) Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

All persons except Trustees left the meeting at 1:33 p.m. and returned at 2:49 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 2:54 p.m.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION SALARIES

#105/08 H. SYED – That, effective September 1, 2008, the following employees receive a 50% market adjustment to their salaries; and further that, effective March 1, 2009, the following employees receive a 50% market adjustment to their salaries:

	<u>September 1, 2008</u>	<u>March 1, 2009</u>
2285-12	\$ 985.00	\$ 985.00
2285-13	500.00	500.00
2285-14	4674.50	4674.50
2285-15	3425.00	3425.00
2285-16	500.00	500.00
2285-17	500.00	500.00

CARRIED

#106/08 P. ZENIUK – That, effective September 1, 2008, employees 2285-12, 2285-13, 2285-14, 2285-15, 2285-16, and 2285-17 receive a 4.53% salary increase and a health spending account in accordance with Article 16.3 of the Collective Agreement between Battle River School Division #31 and the ATA.

CARRIED

#107/08 K. OFFORD – That employees 2285-13, 2285-14, 2285-16, and 2285-17 receive a one-time payment of \$1500 to be made by June 30, 2008.

CARRIED

Trustee Miller left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

SECTION 116 OF THE SCHOOL ACT

#108/08 H. SYED – That the Board appoints William Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business), to act in the capacity of secretary in accordance with Section 116 of the School Act; that the Board appoints Imogene Walsh as treasurer in accordance with Section 116 of the School Act; and further that the Minister of Education be advised of these appointments.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

2008-09 BUDGET

Ms Walsh presented proposed budgets for instruction, operations and maintenance, transportation, and administration.

#109/08 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the 2008-09 budget as presented to the Board on June 5 and 16, 2008.

CARRIED

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

SALARY /CONTRACT INCREASES 2008-09

Beaver Bus Drivers

#110/08 R. HEIBERG – That, further to motion #98/08, which reads “That the Board ratifies the Collective Agreement of the Beaver Bus Drivers as presented”, the Board approves the following changes to the Collective Agreement referred to in motion #98/08: a 4.53% increase to both components of the formula for payment of routes; an increase of field trip, meeting, and service trip rates to \$13.52; an increase to the meal allowance to \$10.00; and the following wording, “Upon application, unpaid leaves of absence for longer than 2 weeks but less than 6 weeks will be considered by the Superintendent of Schools/designate. Requests for leaves for longer than 6 weeks due to non-medical reasons will not be considered unless extenuating circumstances warrant, and at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools/designate”; effective September 1, 2008.

CARRIED

Contract Bus Drivers

#111/08 H. SYED – That, effective September 1, 2008, the Board provides a 4.53% increase to the contracts of contract bus drivers.
CARRIED

Contract Caretakers

#112/08 V. PETRUK – That, effective September 1, 2008, the Board provides a 4.53% increase to the contracts of contract caretakers.
CARRIED

Caretakers – Jack Stuart, Charlie Killam, Sparling, and Chester Ronning Schools

#113/08 H. SYED – That, effective September 1, 2008, the Board provides an increase of 4.53% to the contracts of the caretakers at the Jack Stuart, Charlie Killam, Sparling, and Chester Ronning Schools.
CARRIED

Division Staff

#114/08 P. ZENIUK – That, effective September 1, 2008, the Board provides a 4.53% salary increase plus an annual health spending account of \$350.00/person to the following staff: non-union bus drivers, Division Office staff, maintenance staff, mechanics, school secretaries, educational assistants, and librarians.
CARRIED

Family School Liaison Workers and Career Transition Advisors

#115/08 R. HEIBERG – That, effective September 1, 2008, the Board provides a 4.53% increase to the grids of the Family School Liaison Workers and the Career Transition Advisors, plus an annual health spending account of \$350.00/person.
CARRIED

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning and System Improvement), joined the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

THREE-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN

#116/08 K. OFFORD – That the Board approves the Three-Year Plan 2008-2009 – 2010/2011 as presented.
CARRIED

Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:59 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:59 p.m.)

#117/08 K. OFFORD – That the regular meeting recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent (Business) Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Walsh joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and left at 4:06 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 4:06 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING

#118/08 P. ZENIUK – That, subject to criteria outlined in Policy 19 ‘Alternative Programming’ and Administrative Procedure 213 ‘Alternative Programs’, the Board approves, in principle, accepting Cornerstone Christian Academy into Battle River School Division #31, effective September 2009.

CARRIED

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM REQUEST

#119/08 H. SYED – That, effective with the 2008-09 school year, the Board approves a modified schedule where the school day is lengthened by 11 minutes thereby allowing the *Learning Together Program* to operate on a schedule that would have a five-day school week followed by a four-day school week.

CARRIED

SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES

#120/08 K. OFFORD – That the Board authorizes administration to purchase three additional school buses with funds from the Transportation Operating Reserves.

CARRIED

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM GRADUATION

The graduation banquet and ceremonies for students in the Learning Together Program will be held on June 26, 2008 at the Norsemen Inn at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Zeniuk, Trustee Heiberg, Deputy Superintendent Bosh and Superintendent of Schools Payne will attend.

COMMENTS

Dr. Payne provided comments as he reflected on his first year as Superintendent and with his work with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, the regular meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, BOARD CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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