

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2003,
COMMENCING AT 9:43 A.M.**

PRESENT

BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

MICHELE MULDER

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
STEPHEN SMITH, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#264/03 B. HERDER – That the additions to the agenda as noted on the distributed sheet be approved.

CARRIED

BY-ELECTION RESULTS, CITY OF CAMROSE

Chairman Poyser noted that the by-election for a Trustee for the City of Camrose ward resulted in Ms Cheryl Smith being elected. Her swearing-in ceremony will be held at the November 13, 2003 Board meeting.

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Trustee Thronpson and Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith attended the School Council meeting at the Sifton School for the purpose of discussing Sifton School serving as the location of the French Immersion Program if the number of students registering in this program warrants the implementation of such. It was noted that those in attendance at the meeting indicated support for this. Trustees were informed that the staff at the Sifton School also supported this.

#265/03 W. THRONDSO – That, provided there is sufficient enrolment to make the program viable, the French Immersion Program be housed at the Sifton School effective with the start of the 2004 school year.

CARRIED

ALBERTA HOME AND SCHOOL COUNCILS (AHSCA) MEMBERSHIPS

#266/03 B. HERDER – That, for the 2003-04 school year, the Board of Trustees pays the membership for School Councils within Battle River Regional Division #31 who wish to be members of the Alberta Home and School Councils Association.

CARRIED

ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (ATA) LOCAL #32 LIAISON MEETING

Chairman Poyser informed Trustees that she received a letter from the President of the Battle River Local of the ATA with respect to possible liaison meeting dates. Trustees chose December 1, 2003 as the date most suitable.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATION ON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Trustees received as information a letter from the Alberta School Boards Association with respect to volunteering to serve on the selection committee for choosing the winner of the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION AT KILLAM SCHOOL

As she is unable to attend, Chairman Poyser invited someone to represent the Board at the dedication of the playground at the Killam School on October 29, 2003. Trustee Sears will attend.

UPDATE ON CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

Trustees were informed that consultative meetings have been held with the following school administrators and school council representatives:

Daysland/Strome
Rosalind/Bawlf/Round Hill
CH-SPS/Lougheed/Allan Johnstone/Alliance/Killam
Edberg/New Norway/Bashaw
Forestburg

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being finished and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER