

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2002,
COMMENCING AT 9:09 A.M.**

PRESENT

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON
BRENDA HERDER (left the meeting at 9:21 a.m. and returned at 10:09 a.m.)
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS (joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)
WAYNE THRONDSO (left the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and returned at 1:39 a.m.)
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Acting Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#279/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the additions to the agenda be approved as noted on the distributed agenda sheet and the following:

Information

6. Letter from Alberta Infrastructure – Day Labor, Charlie Killam
7. Letter from CUPE – Negotiations

CARRIED

Vice-Chairman Herder left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – ROUND HILL SCHOOL

#280/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the request by the travel coordinator at the Round Hill School for a trip to Italy during spring break for the junior high school students at the Round Hill School and the senior high school students at the Hay Lakes School be denied as presented.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION – INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRIPS

Trustee Mulder served notice that she will be bringing forward a motion to the December 12, 2002 Board meeting to the effect that school-board endorsed international travel be discontinued.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Herder rejoined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Finance Manager Walsh joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

At 10:09 a.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Greg Wood and Diane Scarisbrick, Auditors, to the meeting and invited their presentation of the Audited Financial Statement for the 2001-02 school year.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:10 a.m.)

#281/02 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except the Trustees, Acting Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Finance Manager Walsh, Auditors Wood and Scarisbrick, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 1:39 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:39 p.m.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#282/02 M. MULDER – That the Board accepts the Audited Financial Statement for the 2001-02 school year as presented.

CARRIED

TRANSFER OF SURPLUS

#283/02 P. ZENIUK – That the Board transfers the following surplus from the 2001-02 school year to operating reserves:

- School Based - \$1,719,452
- Operations and Maintenance - \$47,539
- Board and System Administration - \$113,980
- Transportation - \$950,545

CARRIED

RESERVE TRANSFER RECOMMENDATIONS

#284/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the Board approves the Reserve Transfer Recommendation as presented, and further that this be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

EXHIBIT HHBA-1 ‘INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND’

#285/02 M. MULDER – That the Board approves Exhibit HHBA-1 as amended, and that this be attached to policy HHBA ‘Classroom Learning Conditions.’

CARRIED

#286/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That sections #3(a) and (c) from Exhibit HHBA-1 be suspended for the year ending August 31, 2002.

CARRIED

Finance Manager Walsh left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

UPDATE ON DRUG RESPONSE TASK FORCE

At 1:50 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Kerry LaBerge, Coordinator of the Drug Response Task Force for Battle River Regional Division #31, who provided an update on the work of the Task Force. Mr. LaBerge noted that he is pleased with the response of the community agencies that are working together to assist young people who have been caught up in the use of illegal drugs. Mr. LaBerge further noted that he is currently seeking funding from various sources to assist in providing awareness ads in the local newspapers within Battle River Regional Division #31.

#287/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board provides funds, to a maximum of \$3,500.00, for advertising expenses for the series of drug awareness ads to be run in the local newspapers.

CARRIED

Mr. LaBerge left the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Oberg noted that, at a conference about gifted children, a speaker outlined effective ways of parenting a gifted child that could apply to parents of all children. He suggested this topic as a possible professional development for teachers and parents in the schools district, possibly through the local professional development committee or the regional consortia.

YOUTHSAFE OUTDOORS

YouthSafe Outdoors is an organization that, based on extensive research in Alberta schools, has developed high quality resources to help school authorities and schools promote safety education and work toward eliminating preventable injuries during off-site activities. A letter received from this organization requested Board support to assist with the unfunded balance of the YouthSafe Outdoors project.

#288/02 W. THRONDSO – That the Board contributes \$890 to the YouthSafe Outdoors project.

CARRIED

INVITATION – WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Trustees were informed that an invitation was received from the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools for the open house of the new administration offices on December 6, 2002 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE APPROVAL – DAY LABOR, CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte informed Trustees that Battle River Regional Division #31 has received approval from Alberta Infrastructure to use day labor to build the two core portables at Charlie Killam School.

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE)

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte informed Trustees that Battle River Regional Division #31 received a letter from CUPE indicating that it is the wish of the Union to open the contract with Battle River Regional Division #31.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER