

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 24TH, 2012, COMMENCING AT 8:59 A.M.

PRESENT

CHERYL SMITH
JIM FIELDING
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG
REBECCA HEIBERG
KENDALL SEVERSON

ABSENT

DOUG BOWIE
NOREEN METZ
PETER MILLER
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent – Business

ALSO PRESENT

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

C SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#54\12 R HEIBERG – That the agenda be approved as presented with the following additions:

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.7 City of Camrose 2012 Assessment & Property Tax Information
- 5.8 Sifton School – Recipient of Nutrition Innovation Award

- 10. TRUSTEE MATTERS
 - 10.5 Senior Administration Compensation Committee
 - 10.6 June 28th, 2012 Board Meeting
- 11. TRUSTEE REPORTS
 - 11.2 Human Rights for School Jurisdictions Webinar
- 12. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT
 - 12.4 ASBA Vice President Endorsement

CARRIED

Bernice Cherry, parent, joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

APPEAL HEARING

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Cherry and Ms Johnson, requested introductions and invited Ms Cherry's presentation.

Ms Cherry requested school bus service to her residence at 20335 Township Road 484, which is within the Round Hill School area, to enable her children to attend the Hay Lakes School.

Ms Cherry left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

#55\12 J FIELDING - That the Board adhere to the Battle River School Division Policy #17 - Student Transportation Services and deny this appeal.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Xiaofei Lu, international student at Camrose Composite High School, together with Patrick McFeely, Vice Principal, Camrose Composite High School, Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, and Greg Friend, Manager of Human Resources joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m. Miles Derry joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Lu, Mr McFeely, Mr Derry, Ms Parker and Mr Friend and welcomed their presentation. Xiaofei Lu discussed her experiences and successes as an International Student at the Camrose Composite High School. Miles Derry presented the benefits, challenges, and personal growth he has experienced as a Rotary exchange student in Brazil.

Ms Lu, Mr Derry, and Mr McFeely left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, and Greg Friend, Manager of Human Resources, provided an update on the many components of the international student program and the benefits to internationalizing our students. During the 2011 – 2012 school year, Battle River School Division has 42 international students enrolled in eight schools.

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, commended Ms Parker and Mr Friend for the professionalism they bring to this program and all the work they do. Chair Smith on behalf of the Trustees thanked Ms Parker and Mr Friend for their very informative presentation and the great work that they do noting that they are excellent ambassadors for the International Student Program in Battle River School Division.

Mr Friend left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

#56\12 J FIELDING - That the Board of Trustees approve the use of the following locally developed courses:

Course Name	Credits	Acquired From	Authorized Until
Advanced Acting 15	5	Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1	August 31, 2015
Advanced Acting 25	5		
Advanced Acting 35	5		
Religious Studies 15	3 & 5	Koinonia Christian School – Red Deer Society	August 31, 2015
Religious Studies 25	3 & 5		
Religious Studies 35	5		

and any learning resources detailed in the course outline for use in BRSD schools.

CARRIED

Ms Parker left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

LETTER FORM ALBERTA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention a letter received from the Alberta Music Festival Association congratulating the Camrose Composite High School Chorazz group for being invited to perform in the 2012 Provincial Music Festival in Edmonton. Trustees will send a letter of acknowledgement to Mr Tom Spila, Teacher, Camrose Composite High School.

THANK YOU CARD FROM ROSALIND SCHOOL STUDENTS

Trustees received a thank you card from Zack McDonald and Sarah Friend, students of Rosalind School, for allowing them to attend the May 10th, 2012 Board meeting to make a presentation and for the gifts received from the Board.

LETTER TO SIFTON SCHOOL

Chair Smith on behalf of Trustees will send a letter commending Sifton School for being chosen as a recipient of the Nutrition Innovation Award.

2012 ASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Trustees discussed the recently received 2012 Assessment and Property Tax Information brochure from the City of Camrose.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

INELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION FEES

#57\12 J FIELDING - That the Board set the fee for ineligible transportation services for the 2012 – 2013 school year at \$350.00 per student, to a maximum charge of \$850.00 per family and further, that there will be no consideration given to offering partial annual transportation services.

CARRIED

ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

#58\12 R HEIBERG - That the Board approve the renewal of its membership to the Alberta School Councils Association for two years at a 50% saving for a total cost of \$1,360.00 which covers thirty four school councils within Battle River School Division.

CARRIED

TALK TO THE TRUSTEES

Trustees discussed a response to correspondence received through the 'Talk To The Trustees' website.

ASBA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2012 in preparation for discussion at the ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 4th and 5th, 2012 at the Sheraton Hotel Conference Centre in Red Deer.

ATA LIAISON MEETING

ATA Liaison Meeting has been postponed to June 20th, 2012.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

#59\12 R HEIBERG - That the ATA Negotiating Committee be appointed as Senior Administration Negotiating Committee.

CARRIED

LITERACY AWARD

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees an invitation to join a celebration on June 6th, 2012 hosted by the Camrose and Area Adult Learning Council honouring Blain Fowler for his role in the Reading University Program. Chair Smith and Trustee Heiberg will attend.

THREE YEAR PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Trustees shared their views of the Three Year Plan Review meetings with the individual schools on May 14th and 15th, 2012. They expressed appreciation of the demonstration of growth in the areas of 21st Century Learning, Assessment, Literacy, and Welcoming and Caring Schools.

HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS WEBINAR

Trustees Heiberg and Grundberg, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, reported on their attendance at the Human Rights For School Jurisdictions Webinar on May 9th, 2012 at Division Office.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

ASBA Vice President Endorsement

#60\12 R HEIBERG - That the Board support Chair Smith and endorse her campaign for Vice Presidency of the Alberta School Boards' Association.

CARRIED

Toronto School Boards' Futures Conference

Chair Smith together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on their attendance with Kathryn Graff, Manager of Intervention Services, at the Toronto School Boards' Futures Conference on May 3rd to 5th, 2012 in Toronto. The conference focused on effective practices, innovations and challenges arising from improving equity in education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ATA Liaison Meeting

Due to the ATA Liaison Meeting being postponed, items to be discussed at the meeting will be reviewed at the June 14th, 2012 Board Meeting.

Student Advisory Committee

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will be striking a joint Student Advisory Committee with the Board of Trustees for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

Administrative Procedure

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided a copy of the Administrative Procedure #569 – Sales Calls and Demonstrations which will be posted to the BRSD Website immediately.

Educational Leadership Panel

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, has been invited to participate in an educational panel on 'Educational Leadership for Social Justice in the 21st Century'. Dr Payne will provide a presentation regarding Battle River School Division's initiatives toward respecting and protecting diversity, equity, and human rights issues in Kindergarten to grade twelve schools on June 13th, 2012.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:39 a.m.)

#61\12 K SEVERSON - 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 - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:37 p.m.)

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

CHECK THE PULSE

Chair Smith interviewed Trustees on the content of items and pace of the meeting in order to ensure efficiency.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – BUSINESS