

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**D BOWIE IN THE CHAIR**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bowie called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. and welcomed the public guests.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#123\12 K SEVERSON – That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

5. INFORMATION
  - 5.6 Budget 2013 Consultation

CARRIED

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION #120\12**

#124\12 P MILLER – That motion #120\12 which reads, “That the Board of Trustees approves that there be no changes to the Board of Trustees current basic honorarium, daily per diem, Board Chair allowance or Vice-Chair allowance for the 2012-2013 school year.” be amended to read:

That the Board of Trustees approves that there be no increase to the Board of Trustees current basic honorarium, daily per diem, Board Chair allowance or Vice-Chair allowance for the 2012-2013 school year.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#125\12 C SMITH - That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted with amendments.

CARRIED

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Karla Koleba, Vice Principal, Chester Ronning School, and Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MAPPING**

Chair Bowie welcomed Ms Koleba and Ms Parker and invited their presentation. Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Early Childhood Development Mapping as an initiative started by Alberta Education to look at early developmental skills of young children to gain an understanding of their strengths and weaknesses prior to school entry level.

Ms Koleba explained that Early Childhood Development Mapping is a five year province wide research activity that looks at all the factors that influence healthy child development. The results of this study are intended to provide families, communities, and school authorities with a picture of early childhood development in Alberta. Ms Koleba presented data collected over the past two years on Battle River School Division students and a comparison to Canadian statistics.

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, commended Ms Koleba for her leadership and work in this area.

Chair Bowie, on behalf of the Board, thanked Ms Koleba and Ms Parker for their interesting presentation and their commitment to the work in Early Childhood Development.

Karla Koleba and Maureen Parker left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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Susan Korth joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

**TRANSPORATION APPEAL – SUSAN KORTH**

Chair Bowie welcomed Susan Korth, requested introductions, and invited Ms Korth's presentation. Ms Korth described the BRSD School Bus routes, morning and afternoon, for her daughter to attend Allan Johnstone School in Hardisty. Ms Korth is questioning why the two routes are not circle routes and also, the unsafe road conditions of the road that this bus travels.

Susan Korth left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

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Public guests left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:50 a.m.)**

#126\12 P MILLER - 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 – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, Director of Transportation Johnson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

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**OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:59 a.m.)**

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

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Public guests returned to the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

#127\12 C SMITH - That this appeal be referred to Ms Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, to provide clarification and rationale to Susan and Lorne Korth regarding the issues raised.

CARRIED

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Nicole & Shaun Fried joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

**TRANSPORTATION APPEAL – NICOLE AND SHAUN FRIED**

Chair Bowie welcomed Mr and Ms Fried, requested introductions, and welcomed their presentation.

Mr and Mrs Fried are appealing the current boundary between Battle River School Division and Elk Island School Division. Mr and Mrs Fried are currently paying transportation fees for their children to attend the Ukrainian Bilingual Program in the Elk Island Public School. Mr and Mrs Fried are requesting BRSD to allow an Elk Island Public School Division school bus access into Beaver County.

Nicole and Shaun Fried left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Public guests left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:20 a.m.)**

#128\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 – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, Director of Transportation Johnson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

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**OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:38 a.m.)**

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

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**MEETING RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 10:38 p.m. and reconvened at 10:49 p.m.

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Public guests returned to the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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- #129\12 K SEVERSON – That the Board adhere to the current policy and transportation agreement with the Elk Island Public School Division and deny the request to allow an Elk Island Public School Division school bus to cross the Battle River School Division boundary to transport the Fried children to the school of their choice.

CARRIED

### **STROME BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Dr Larry Payne provided Trustees with an update of the recent events with Strome School students resulting in the requirement of a change to the transportation route to bring students from Strome to Daysland School.

- #130\12 J FIELDING - That the Board of Trustees approves the transportation of students from the Strome attendance area to Daysland School with no charge for Cross Boundary Fees for 2012 – 2013 due to the redirection of students from Strome School by the Superintendent of Schools in the application of clause 113(5)(b) of the School Act.

CARRIED

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT RESULTS**

Chair Bowie brought to the Trustees' attention the Early Development Instrument Results Summary Reports on the Senior Kindergarten Students in Battle River School Division in Spring 2012.

### **THANK YOU**

Trustees received a thank you card from Bill Schulte, recently retired Assistant Superintendent – Business, for his retirement gift.

### **THANK YOU**

Trustees received a thank you card from Megan Culbert, Central High Sedgewick Public School student, for the financial contribution towards her Encounters With Canada trip.

### **ASBA LEGAL CONFERENCE**

Chair Bowie and Vice Chair Miller will attend the ASBA Legal Conference 'A Year in the Legal Life of a School Board' on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Calgary.

### **ASBA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE BOOKET**

Chair Bowie brought to Trustees' attention the publication received from ASBA Community Engagement Task Force Committee entitled 'Community Engagement in Public Education'. Chair Bowie commended Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Business, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator for the considerable amount of information on Battle River School Division provided for this publication.

### **BUDGET 2013 CONSULTATION**

Alberta Education is offering an opportunity for Alberta School Boards, School Jurisdictions, and School Communities to provide input into funding priority for the next fiscal year through an online connection.

### **TOWER SALE**

Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – Business, informed Trustees that Battle River School Division is currently accepting proposals to purchase fourteen 100 foot and six 120 foot towers currently located on property belonging to Battle River School Division.

### **ALBERTA EDUCATION CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION SESSION**

Trustee Smith, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will attend the Alberta Education Consultation and Information Session on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 in Red Deer.

### **TIME FOR A STUDENT HEALTH REVOLUTION**

Trustees Metz and Smith, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on their attendance at the ASBA Conference 'Time For A Student Health Revolution' on September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

### **MEETING WITH MLAS**

Chair Bowie, Vice Chair Miller, and Trustees Grundberg, Heiberg, Metz, Severson, and Smith, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on their meeting with the Honourable Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Honourable Doug Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs. The focus of the meeting was on changes to Inclusive Education funding, an update on the current Battle River School Division enrollment realities, student assessment, and challenges facing East Central and rural Alberta.

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Public guests left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:20 a.m.)**

#131\12 J FIELDING - 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 – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

**OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:53 a.m.)**

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

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Brock Bartlett, Principal, and Karen Blumhagen, Vice Principal, of Forestburg School joined the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Public guests joined the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**

Chair Bowie welcomed Mr Bartlett and Ms Blumhagen and invited their presentation. Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, introduced the topic of student assessment and requested Mr Bartlett and Ms Blumhagen to share the journey of their growth in this area.

Mr Bartlett provided a brief background of Ms Blumhagen’s work with student assessment as an AISI Lead Teacher. Ms Blumhagen explained that the changes to assessment practice in Forestburg School came as a result of part of the AISI Cycle 4 process to help build foundation to improve student learning activities by aligning these activities to goals. Ms Blumhagen acknowledged an increase in student motivation and engagement.

Mr Bartlett and Ms Blumhagen shared with Trustees the communication that has been provided to students and parents of students of Forestburg School through communication sessions and letters providing information and access to the portal of the Battle River School Division website.

Chair Bowie thanked Brock Bartlett and Karen Blumhagen for their presentation.

Mr Bartlett and Ms Blumhagen left the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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**MINISTER'S MEETING WITH ZONE 4 CHAIRS & SUPERINTENDENTS**

Chair Bowie, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Imogene Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – Business, left the meeting at 12:34 p.m. to attend the meeting with the Honourable Jeff Johnson, Minister of Education, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Red Deer.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 12:34 p.m.

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