

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2015, COMMENCING AT 8:59 A.M.

PRESENT

SUSAN CHROMIK
NORMAN ERICKSON
REBECCA HEIBERG
KENDALL SEVERSON
LORRIE SITLER
LAURIE SKORI

ABSENT

TRACEY BOAST RADLEY, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT

RITA MARLER, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent - Business
BRETT HUCULAK, Assistant Superintendent - Personnel
SHAN JORGENSON, Assistant Superintendent – Learning
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

L SITLER IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

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

Leah Marshall, student, and Erin Goebel, teacher, from Bawlf School, together with Nathalie Stanley, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Battle River Watershed Alliance, and Terry and Rosemarie Stanley, joined the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#106\15 R HEIBERG – That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Chair Sitler welcomed Ms Marshall and invited her presentation. Ms Marshall, winner of the 2015 Caring For Our Watershed’s Competition sponsored by Battle River Watershed Alliance, presented her project “Pollinators for the Watershed – Bee a Pollinator Hero”.

Ms Marshall, Ms Goebel, Ms Stanley, and Mr and Mrs Stanley left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#107\15 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25th, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

#108\15 S CHROMIK - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of August 27th, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair Sitler welcomed Cheryl Kropinske and invited her report on the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending July 31st, 2015.

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN REVISIONS

#109\15 S CHROMIK - That the Board of Trustees accepts the amendments to Policy 2 Schedule A Board Annual Work Plan as presented.

CARRIED

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

#110\15 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting previously scheduled for November 10th, 2015 be changed to November 9th, 2015.

CARRIED

Jennifer and John Tomaszewski, along with Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m,

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL

Chair Sitler welcomed Jennifer and John Tomaszewski and invited their presentation. Mr and Mrs Tomaszewski requested that the Bawlf School bus be allowed to cross the Ecole Sifton school bus boundary to pick up the Tomaszewski’s children at their residence in order for these students to attend Bawlf School.

Mr and Mrs Tomaszewski left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

#111\15 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees adhere to the current bus boundary areas and deny Mr and Mrs Tomaszewski’s appeal.

Trustee Severson requested a recorded vote.

In favor of the motion:

Opposed to the motion:

T Boast Radley
S Chromik
N Erickson
R Heiberg
L Skori
L Sitler

K Severson.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened 10:19 a.m.

LEADER IN ME – SPARLING SCHOOL

#112\15 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves the funding of \$22,500.00 from the Board Innovation Fund to the Sparling School in support of the Leader In Me Program.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – VIKING SCHOOL

#113\15 L SKORI - That the Board of Trustees approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Athens, Delphi, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, and England by the Viking School International Travel Club students during 2015 – 2016 spring break, tentatively March 24th to April 4th, 2016.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

#114\15 S CHROMIK - That the Board of Trustees approves the tuition fee for international and foreign students at \$10,400 for ten months for the 2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018 school years and that this fee include the transportation fee (for eligible students) but not include the instructional materials fee.

CARRIED

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

#115\15 K Severson - That the Board of Trustees approves additional funding of \$5,626 from the Transportation – Bus Reserve, in addition to the \$700,000 that was approved for the purchase of seven new school buses in June 2015.

CARRIED

BASHAW SCHOOL PROJECT – ALTERNATE PRICES

#116\15 K Severson - That the Board of Trustees approve the alternative pricing for the Bashaw School North parking lot of \$138,000 plus GST, using Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal funding.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

#117\15 L SKORI - That the Board of Trustees approves proceeding with the Report to the Community for the 2014 – 2015 school year at a maximum cost \$6,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

Julie Siemens joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

TRANSPORATION APPEAL

Chair Sittler welcomed Ms Siemens and invited her presentation. Ms Siemens requested that the BRSD Board of Trustees give the Clearview School Division school bus permission to cross into the Battle River School Division to pick up the Siemens children to allow them to attend Donaldda School.

Ms Siemens left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

#118\15 L SKORI - That, in accordance with the Reciprocal Agreement that exists between the Clearview School Division and the Battle River School Division #31, the Board deny the request to allow the Clearview School Division bus to enter the BRSD jurisdiction to transport Mark and Julie Siemens' family to Donaldda School.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

IN CAMERA SESSION (1:17 P.M.)

#119\15 L SKORI - That the regular meeting recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Marler, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Personnel Huculak, Assistant Superintendent – Learning Jorgenson-Adam, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:30 p.m.)

The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair Sitler adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

LORRIE SITLER, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS

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