

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON APRIL 28TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:07 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent - Business
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Josephine Zimmer, student, and Aaron Martz, teacher, of Daysland School joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Zimmer and Mr Martz, and invited their presentation on Josephine's success at Daysland School in art, home economics and industrial arts classes.

Ms Zimmer and Mr Martz left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA

#55\11 J FIELDING - That the continuation agenda be approved as presented with the addition of the Information Item 5.9 New Education Act.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

BUDGET REVIEW

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Walsh and invited her presentation. Ms Walsh provided updated Projected Enrollments and reviewed the Transportation, Operations and Maintenance, and Administration Budget Reports for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

BUDGET APPROVAL

#56\11 J FIELDING - That the Board approves the 2011 – 2012 budget as presented to the Board of Trustees on April 28th, 2011.

CARRIED

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Dr Mike Falk and Ms Anne Mulgrew, Consultants, joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

DATA AUDIT

Chair Smith welcomed Dr Falk and Ms Mulgrew and invited their presentation. Dr Falk and Ms Mulgrew reviewed the results of a data analysis summary collected from the Accountability Pillar Reports of 2009 – 2010; Provincial Achievement Test data from 2005 \ 2006 through 2009 \ 2010; RACERS (Revenue Allocation and Credit Enrolment Reporting System) data from 2005 \ 2006 through 2009 \ 2010; and Diploma Exam Information.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2:29 p.m.

Declaring a possible conflict of interest to the discussion, Trustee Severson left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:29 p.m.)

#57\11 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 - Business Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Trustee Severson rejoined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:47 p.m.)

#58\11 N METZ - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees be excluded.

CARRIED

Superintendent of Schools Payne, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall returned to the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

ELECTION TO BOARD OF ASCA

Chair Smith on behalf of the Trustees will send a card of congratulations to Ms Lesli Solomon of CW Sears Parent Council for her recent election to the Board of the Alberta School Councils' Association.

NEW PROPOSED EDUCATION ACT

Chair Smith advised the Trustees that the new proposed Education Act 2011 has been posted to the Alberta Education website.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Chair Smith reminded Trustees of the Strategic Planning Session in the Battle River School Division Board Room at Division Office on May 4th, 2011. Chair Smith and Dr Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will be meeting with the Minister of Education on May 4th, 2011 and are not available to attend the Strategic Planning Session.

WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will meet with Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Trustees on May 4th, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Wetaskiwin.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:45 p.m.)

#59\11 S GRUNDBERG - 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 - Business Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY POLICY

#60\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees adopts the Disposition of Real Property Policy as presented.

CARRIED

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE \ ALLIANCE SCHOOL

#61\11 D BOWIE - That the Board of Trustees directs Administration to request approval from the Minister of Education to dispose of the Alliance School by transfer to the Village of Alliance.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Board directed Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, to respond to Mayor Chalmers, City of Camrose, to advise that the Board is not interested at this time in pursuing discussions around the Division Office Building and BRSD property.

BAWLF MODERNIZATION

Members of the Capital Planning Committee together with Vice Chair Bowie, Trustee Heiberg, and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will meet to discuss the Bawlf Modernization on Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 at the Bawlf School.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING BEYOND 4:30 P.M.

#62\11 K SEVERSON – That the regular meeting continue beyond 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Chair Smith advised the Trustees that the Board Organizational Meeting is scheduled for August 25th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Division Office.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Trustees Fielding and Miller will be attending the Administrators' Meeting on May 11th, 2011 at the Edgeworth Centre.

ASBA EDWIN PARR AWARD

Chair Smith advised Trustees to inform Ms Fairall, Executive Assistant, if they plan to attend the ASBA Edwin Parr Award Banquet.

AISI CONFERENCE

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance at the Zone 4 AISI Symposium on April 15th, 2011 in Red Deer.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING REPORT

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance together with Trustee Miller and Chair Smith at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on April 18th, 2011 in Rocky Mountain House.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Severson reported on the Communications Committee meeting of April 19th, 2011.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS COMMITTEE

#63\11 N METZ – That the Board approves the public posting of the Consultative Process Review Results on the Battle River School Division Website.

CARRIED

BOARD CHAIRS REPORT

Along with her written report, Chair Smith verbally reported on her invitation to represent Battle River School Division at the Alberta School Councils' Association at two sessions: one on parent input to budget and budget decisions, and together with Dr Larry Payne on engaging the community.

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne reported on their attendance at the Augustana Spring Soiree on April 26th, 2011 honoring, Dr Roger Epp, Retiring Dean of Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta. Dr Payne will be meeting with Dr Epp regarding the Memorandum of Agreement on Thursday, May 5th, 2011 in Division Office.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS

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