

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MARCH 10TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:05 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
RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction
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 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#36\11 D BOWIE - That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#37\11 J FIELDING - That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 10th and 24th, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

TALK TO THE TRUSTEES

Trustees reviewed communications received through the 'Talk to the Trustees' website in answer to the question of fund raising being eliminated from the role of the school councils. Chair Smith will send a letter on behalf of the Board and to the Alberta School Council Association and to Minister Hancock summarizing the responses received.

ASBA CALL FOR PROPOSED POLICY POSITIONS

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees the request from ASBA for proposed policy positions to be submitted by May 31st, 2011. Trustees will discuss this document at a later Board Meeting.

ASBA CALL FOR PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Trustees will review the current ASBA Bylaws and discuss proposed amendments at the March 24th, 2011 Board Meeting for submission to ASBA prior to the March 31st, 2011 deadline.

ASBA LEGAL CONFERENCE

Chair Smith and Trustee Miller, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction, will attend the ASBA Legal Conference on March 15th to 17th, 2011 in Calgary.

BUDGET REVIEW MEETINGS

Trustees will attend Budget meetings on March 15th and 25th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Division Office to prepare for the Battle River School Division 2011 – 2012 School Budget.

ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MEETING

A meeting with the Battle River School Division Trustees and the Elk Island Catholic School Division Trustees is scheduled for April 28th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Camrose.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Trustees will attend a Strategic Planning Session in the Battle River School Division Board Room at Division Office on May 4th, 2011.

ASBA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The ASBA Spring General Meeting is scheduled for June 6th and 7th, 2011 at the Capri Hotel and Conference Centre in Red Deer.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Battle River School Division Board Meeting previously scheduled for June 23rd, 2011 has been rescheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 30th, 2011.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Audit Committee Meeting will be held April 6th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Division Office Board Room.

THREE YEAR PLAN REVIEWS

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, summarized the process the Trustees will follow in preparation for Three Year Plan reviews with schools scheduled for May 16th and 17th, 2011.

ASBA EDWIN PARR COMMITTEE

Trustee Miller will represent the Battle River School Division on the Edwin Parr Committee. The deadline for submitting nominations for the Edwin Parr Award is April 1st, 2011.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Chair Smith and Trustee Heiberg reported on their attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on February 28th, 2011 at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose. Attendees of the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting joined the BRSD Leadership Academy in the adjacent salon which was presented as the BRSD Showcase Presentation.

Chair Smith and Trustee Miller will attend the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on March 28th, 2011 in Innisfail, Alberta.

Janet Gartner, Tannis Zimmel, of the Strome Parent Council, and Mike Fawcett, parent, joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

STROME PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Gartner, Ms Zimmel, and Mr Fawcett to the meeting and invited their presentation.

The representatives presented a power point presentation which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes. In addition, Mr Fawcett spoke of the positive aspects of the Strome school in their community.

Chair Smith thanked the Strome representatives for attending the Board meeting and noted that she appreciates the commitment shown by the Parent Council to Strome School.

Ms Gartner, Ms Zimmel, and Mr Fawcett left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

FOLLOW UP TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Chair Smith and Trustees continue to receive letters and emails requesting additional information arising from discussions at the Community Meetings held in Strome, Rosalind, Lougheed, and Sedgewick. Dr Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised that responses to the questions continue to be posted to the Battle River School Division website. Mr Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, provided a detailed explanation of multi-age and multi-grade classroom concepts.

Mr Jarrett and Ms Walsh left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:29 a.m.

Dorothy Marshall, Betty Dyck, Nancy Friend, Heather Cunningham, Andrea Van Brabant, Marilyn McCarroll, Reg Yuha, Cindy Thirsk, and Edith Tabler of Rosalind joined the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

ROSALIND PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Smith welcomed the delegation to the meeting and invited their presentation.

The Rosalind representatives presented a power point presentation which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Chair Smith thanked the delegation for attending the Board Meeting and noted that she appreciated the commitment shown by the representatives to Rosalind school and community.

Ms Marshall, Ms Dyck, Ms Friend, Ms Cunningham, Ms Van Brabant, Ms McCarroll, Mr Yuha, Ms Thirsk, and Ms Tabler of Rosalind left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS DEBRIEF

Trustees reported on their participation at the Consultative Process meetings held with parents and community members on March 1st, 2011 at Central High Sedgewick Public School, March 2nd, 2011 at Sifton School, and March 3rd, 2011 at Viking School.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Trustee Grundberg reported on her attendance with Chair Smith, at the Administrators' Meeting on March 8th, 2011 at the Edgeworth Centre.

ATA LIAISON MEETING

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie and Trustees Fielding, Grundberg, Heiberg, Metz, Miller, and Severson, together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, and Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent - Business, reported on their attendance at the ATA Liaison Meeting held on March 8th, 2010 at the Camrose Composite High School.

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:46 p.m.)

#38\11 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 - Business Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

GROWING TO GREATNESS MEETINGS

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the format and purpose of the Growing to Greatness Meetings. Included on the agenda will be a demographic presentation and round table discussions centering around Assessment, 21st Century Learning, Literacy, and Welcoming and Caring Schools.

Meetings are scheduled for March 14th, 2011 at Ryley School, March 21st, 2011 at Killam School, and March 23rd, 2011 at Chester Ronning School.

ASBA SPEECH COMPETITION

#39\11 D BOWIE – That Battle River School Division take a hiatus from the ASBA Public Speaking Competition for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CARRIED

Percy Roberts, Director of Operations and Maintenance, joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Roberts and invited his presentation. Mr Roberts reported on the current status of projects, priorities, and funding in Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal.

Mr Roberts left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STUDY

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided Trustees with a copy of an article published by ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association) and CSA (Council of School Administrators) commending Alberta Educational Leaders for their focus on the importance of developing school leadership.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Smith reported on her attendance with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, at the Board Chairs' and Superintendents' one day conference, "Building the Transformation Team: Governing and Leading Together". The conference was hosted by CASS and ASBA on March 4th, 2011 in Edmonton.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m.

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