

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:05 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

JIM FIELDING

**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.

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Chair Smith welcomed the public guests.

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Kristian Bernesky-Lyster, student, Elisha, student's mom, baby Alexis, and Michelle Bjorgum, teacher, of Round Hill School, joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Bernesky-Lyster, Mrs Lyster, Miss Lyster and Ms Bjorgum and invited their presentation on Kristian's success at Round Hill School.

Mr Bernesky-Lyster, Mrs Lyster, Ms Lyster and Ms Bjorgum left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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**APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA**

#40\11 D BOWIE - That the continuation agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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Ken Rawluk, community member, and Shelly Sutter, Parent Council President, joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

**LOUGHEED PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Rawluk and Ms Sutter to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr Rawluk and Ms Sutter provided a Power Point presentation which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes together with a DVD.

Chair Smith thanked Mr Rawluk and Ms Sutter for attending the Board Meeting and noted that she appreciates the commitment shown by the Parent Council to Lougheed School.

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Mr Rawluk and Ms Sutter left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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Debra Ann Smith, Lougheed Mayor, and Sheri Cherowka, Lougheed Village Councilor, joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

**LOUGHEED REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Smith and Ms Cherowka to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Ms Debra Ann Smith spoke on behalf of Mr Bob Smith, who could not attend the meeting. Ms Smith and Ms Cherowka discussed development in the village of Lougheed and the anticipated growth in the community due to local businesses expanding.

Chair Smith thanked Ms Smith and Ms Cherowka for their presentation and dedication to Lougheed School.

Ms Debra Ann Smith and Ms Sheri Cherowka left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

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Richard Conrad, President of Lougheed branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Veteran, and Clergyman, joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

### **LOUGHEED REPRESENTATIVE**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Conrad to the meeting and invited his presentation.

Mr Conrad spoke of the positive benefits of Lougheed School to the students and community.

Chair Smith on behalf of the Trustees thanked Mr Conrad for his presentation and commitment to the Lougheed School.

Mr Conrad left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

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### **MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

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Marie Harty, President, and Cheryl Holben, Secretary, Strome Parent Council; and Brad Mohler, member of Strome Parent Council, joined the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

### **STROME PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Harty, Ms Holben, and Mr Mohler and invited their presentation.

Ms Harty, Ms Holben, and Mr Mohler provided a Power Point presentation which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

Chair Smith thanked the Strome delegation for their presentation and commitment to Strome School.

Ms Harty, Ms Holben, and Mr Mohler left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

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Dorothy Marshall, Chairperson of Rosalind Parent Council, joined the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

**ROSALIND PARENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Marshall to the meeting and invited her presentation.

Ms Marshall presented possible programming options at Rosalind School for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Chair Smith thanked Ms Marshall for her presentation and commitment to seeking options for the Rosalind School.

Ms Marshall left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

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**BUDGET ARTICLE**

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter from Jacquie Hansen, President of ASBA detailing the effect of the 2010 – 2011 Provincial Budget on public education funding. Trustees agreed to draft a similar letter to distribution to the media and MLAs for Battle River School Division.

**CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE**

#41\11 K SEVERSON – That the Board of Trustees adopts the following priorities for the 2011 Capital Plan:

1. Bawlf School Capital Project
2. Bashaw School Modernization
3. Sparling School Modernization
4. Hay Lakes School Modernization
5. Modular CTS Unit (New Construction)
6. Cornerstone Christian Academy Lease.

CARRIED

#42\11 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees adopt the following priorities for the Alberta Education Modular Classroom Program:

1. Sifton School
2. Tofield School
3. New Norway School.

CARRIED

### **BUDGET MEETING**

Trustees will attend a Budget Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Battle River School Division Office.

### **THREE YEAR PLAN REVIEWS**

Trustees will participate in Three Year Plan Reviews with school teams on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. During this review, schools will present their goals and list strategies they will use to achieve their goals.

### **ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING**

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

### **ASBA LEGAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

Trustee Miller reported on his attendance together with Chair Smith, Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, at the ASBA Legal Conference, ‘School Boards As Employers’ on March 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Calgary.

### **PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS**

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided an update of the projected student enrollment count for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

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Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Johnson to the meeting and invited her presentation. Ms Johnson provided the Trustees with an update on the Transportation Department. Trustees requested, as follow up information, a comparison of current average ride times per route.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**ACTION ON CURRICULUM**

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided Trustees with an article from Alberta Education addressing Competencies for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner.

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Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

**EDWIN PARR NOMINATION**

#43\11 D BOWIE - That the Board nominate Matthew Spronk, teacher at Ryley School, for the 2011 ASBA Edwin Parr Award.

CARRIED

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

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**MYTHBUSTERS**

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on his attendance as a Board Member of the Science Alberta Foundation, with Chair Smith at the *Science Happens Here Event* featuring attendance by Grant Imahara and Tori Belleci of *Mythbusters* on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Red Deer College.

The Board requested that a letter of appreciation be written to Science Alberta, thanking them for their contributions to the Division.

**BATTLE RIVER ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, brought to the Trustees' attention a letter received from Battle River Alliance for Economic Development, indicative of the current realities of rural communities, advising that the office in Camrose will be closing in 2011.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:18 p.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:18 p.m.)**

#44\11 R HEIBERG - 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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS

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