

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 27TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:07 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

PETER MILLER

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 9:07 a.m.

Kelsey Winterhalt, student, together with Sheila Winterhalt, student's mom, and Niel Sorensen, teacher and Val Davidson, educational assistant, from Charlie Killam School, joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Winterhalt, Mrs Winterhalt, Mr Sorensen and Ms Davidson and invited their presentation on Kelsey's success in grade eight at the Charlie Killam School.

Ms Winterhalt, Mrs Winterhalt, Mr Sorenson, and Ms Davidson left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA

#09\11 J FIELDING - That the continuation agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Patty Dietrich, President, and Mary Lynne Campbell, Executive Director, joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

PSBAA REPRESENTATIVES

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Dietrich and Ms Campbell, and invited their presentation.

Ms Dittrick provided background information on the Public School Board Association, the role of PSBAA, and defined the current initiatives of the PSBAA with the goal of opening conversation for Battle River School Division to renew their membership with PSBAA.

Ms Dietrich and Ms Campbell left meeting at 10:16 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

#10\11 J FIELDING – That the Board amend the agenda by adding the following item:

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.10 Reserve Transfer – Computer Services Van.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair Smith welcomed Imogene Walsh and invited her presentation. Ms Walsh provided updated Interim Financial Statements and Budget Reports as at December 31st, 2010 and reviewed the documents with the Trustees.

TRIPARTITE UPDATE

Chair Smith updated the Trustees on the recent discussions on the proposed Tripartite agreement between Alberta Education, ATA, and ASBA.

MEETINGS WITH MLAS

Chair Smith, together with Trustees Miller and Metz, and Superintendent Dr Larry Payne met with Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River - Wainwright, on Friday, January 21st, 2011. Chair Smith and Superintendent Dr Payne met with Verlyn Olson, MLA for Wetaskiwin - Camrose, on Monday, January 24th, 2011. The discussion centered on the education budget and the realities Battle River School Division is facing with declining enrollment and current reserves.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:21 a.m.)

#11\11 N METZ - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

CRITICAL MINIMAL ENROLLMENT

#12\11 J FIELDING - That the Board pass a motion to consider possible closure of Rosalind School effective June 30th, 2011, the final vote to be scheduled for April 14th, 2011.

Trustee Severson requested a recorded vote.

In favor of the motion

Opposed to the motion

J. Fielding
D. Bowie
C. Smith
S. Grundberg
R. Heiberg
N. Metz

K Severson

CARRIED

#13\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board pass a motion to consider possible closure of Strome School effective June 30th, 2011, the final vote to be scheduled for April 14th, 2011.

Trustee Severson requested a recorded vote.

In favor of the motion

Opposed to the motion

J. Fielding
D. Bowie
C. Smith
S. Grundberg
R. Heiberg
N. Metz

K Severson

CARRIED

#14\11 J FIELDING - That the Board pass a motion to consider possible closure of Loughheed School effective June 30th, 2011, the final vote to be scheduled for April 14th, 2011.

Trustee Severson requested a recorded vote.

In favor of the motion

Opposed to the motion

J. Fielding
D. Bowie
C. Smith
S. Grundberg
R. Heiberg
N. Metz

K Severson

CARRIED

- #15\11 D BOWIE - That the Board pass a motion to consider possible closure of Phoenix Outreach School effective June 30th, 2011, the final vote to be scheduled for April 14th, 2011.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 1:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m.

CENTRAL HIGH SEDGEWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST

- #16\11 N METZ - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Greece by the Central High Sedgewick Public School Travel Club students during spring break 2012, specifically March 29th to April 9th, 2012.

CARRIED

BANK OF MONTREAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION

- #17\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves the extension of the current banking agreement with the Bank of Montreal for the period of July 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2012.

CARRIED

CREDIT CARD APPROVAL

- #18\11 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of a Corporate MasterCard to the Manager of Human Resources.

CARRIED

TECHNOLOGY GRANTS

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Trustees that Battle River School Division has signed an agreement to participate in a pilot project together with five school divisions and School Technology Services Framework to enhance communication between the technology department and education. Through this initiative, BRSD has received two grants of \$25,000.00.

RESERVE TRANSFER

#19\11 D BOWIE - That the Board of Trustees approves the transfer of \$31,000.00 from the Computer Services Van Reserve to cover the cost of the van recently purchased.

CARRIED

CAPITAL PLAN IMR LIST

Trustee Severson presented the 2010 – 2011 Capital Plan and Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal List.

ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION 2011 CONFERENCE

#20\11 N METZ - That, for the 2010 – 2011 school year, the Board of Trustees will cover the cost of registration and hotel accommodation for five parent representatives from five individual School Councils to attend the Alberta School Councils Connection 2011.

CARRIED

BOARD \ ADMINISTRATORS' STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Board \ Administrators' Strategic Planning Session will be held on February 17th and 18th, 2011 at the Executive Royal Inn Hotel and Conference Centre in Leduc.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Trustee Metz reported on her attendance, together with Chair Smith and Trustee Grundberg, at the Administrators' Meeting on January 11th, 2011 at the Edgeworth Centre. The next Administrators' meeting is scheduled on March 8th, 2011.

Pauline Banack, parent, and Karen Howard, Assistant Director of Transportation joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

APPEAL HEARING

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Banack and Ms Howard, requested introductions and invited Ms Banack's presentation.

Ms Banack requested school bus service to her residence at 18314 Township Road 492 which is within the Ryley School area to enable her children to attend the Round Hill School.

Ms Banack and Ms Howard left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

- #21\11 S GRUNDBERG - That the Board of Trustees grant the request to provide transportation for the Banack family to be picked up at their gate to attend the Round Hill School.

NOT CARRIED

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, presented a communications timeline schedule and the next steps for February and March, 2011 with regard to the possible closures of Rosalind, Lougheed, Strome and Phoenix Outreach Schools.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:06 p.m.)

- #22\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, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

ASBA NEW TRUSTEE \ BOARD CHAIR WORKSHOP

Chair Smith, together with Trustees Heiberg, Grundberg, and Metz reported on their attendance with Trustee Miller at the ASBA New Trustee \ Board Chair Workshop on January 16th to 18th, 2011 in Edmonton.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, has received a request for a copy of the Edberg School appraisals completed two years ago in confidentiality by two independent companies. Trustees agreed this information is out dated and should remain confidential.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance together with Chair Smith and Trustees Grundberg, Metz, Miller and Severson at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on Monday, January 24th, 2011 in Stettler.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:21 p.m.)

#23\11 J FIELDING - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Superintendent of Schools be excluded.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS

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