

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:03 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
IMOGENE WALSH, Treasurer
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION AGENDA

#130\11 R HEIBERG – That the continuation agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Ty Hovde and Dominic Magee, students, together with Brandi Chytrcek, teacher from Chester Ronning School, and Tannis Hovde and Robyn Stephen, joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed, Mr Hovde, Mr Magee, Ms Chytrcek, Ms Hovde and Ms Stephen, and invited their presentation on their success at the Chester Ronning School.

Mr Hovde, Mr Magee, Ms Chytrcek, Ms Hovde and Ms Stephen left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – TRANSPORTATION

Chair Smith welcomed Brenda Johnson and invited her presentation. Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, has initiated a review of all Administrative Procedures within Battle River School Division. Ms Johnson reviewed with Trustees the revisions to thirteen administrative procedures and added the following new administrative procedures:

- Administrative Procedure #566 – Safety Vests,
- Administrative Procedure #567 – Teacher \ Coach Drivers, and
- Administrative Procedure #568 – Use of Strobe Lights on School Buses.

These procedures will be added to the Administrative Procedures Manual on the website.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:59 a.m.)

#131\11 P MILLER - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, be excluded.

CARRIED

Marion Leithead, representative for Alison Redford, joined the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Trustees that the Virtual School Committee is planning to meet with the communities of Lougheed, Rosalind, and Strome on October 11th, 2011.

#132\11 R HEIBERG – That the Board continue to commit to last year’s decision to keep Lougheed, Rosalind, and Strome Schools open and, together with the Superintendent, the Board is committed to ongoing support and evaluation of this project.

CARRIED

EXCERPT FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13TH, 2011 OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

“RESCIND MOTION #132\11 – VIRTUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 29th, 2011 regular meeting of the Board and determined that the motion #132\11 – Virtual School Committee does not reflect the intention of the Board.

#134\11 R HEIBERG - *That the Board rescinds motion #132\11, which states:*

“That the Board continue to commit to last year’s decision to keep Lougheed, Rosalind, and Strome Schools open and, together with the Superintendent, the Board is committed to ongoing support and evaluation of this project.

CARRIED”

This motion will replace Motion #132\11 – Virtual School Committee:

#135\11 R HEIBERG – *That the Board, in response to a request for clarification from the Lougheed, Rosalind and Strome communities, arising from the virtual learning pilot proposal, will consider individual school and district viability on a year by year basis throughout BRSD, as per usual practice. Therefore, the Board will not make any commitment beyond June 30th, 2012*

CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER - ALISON REDFORD

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Marion Leithead as Alison Redford’s representative and advised that though the floor was open to her presentation and discussion, the Battle River School Board is non partisan and does not align itself with a political party.

Ms Leithead presented Ms Redford's political position on the funding of public education and her commitment to reversing the compensation that has been taken from the education budget. Trustees expressed their concerns on the continuing issue of declining enrollment, long term sustainability for education, and the possibility of a three year rolling budget commitment from the Provincial Government.

Trustees expressed their condolences to Ms Alison Redford on the passing of her mother. Ms Leithead thanked the Battle River School Division Board for their time and attention to her presentation.

Ms Leithead left the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL – CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Chair Smith, on behalf of the Trustees, has deferred this item to the October 13th, 2011 meeting in order to obtain additional information on the situation in Haiti with respect to the safety of the students. Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, will invite Mr Steve Ioanidis, Principal of Cornerstone Christian Academy, to speak to the Trustees on this matter at the next meeting.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

ATA LIAISON MEETING

Chair Smith advised that the ATA Representative, Jeff Myck, has requested an ATA Liaison Meeting with the Board. Trustees recommended items to be discussed and possible dates for the upcoming meeting.

HEALTHY ACTIVE SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Trustees Grundberg and Miller will attend the sixth annual Healthy Active School Symposium facilitated by the Ever Active Schools to be held on October 12th, 2011 in Kinsella, Alberta.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Miller provided an update on the Community Engagement Committee's meeting of Wednesday, September 14th, 2011. The Committee will continue to use the 'Three E's' of Alberta Education: *Engaged Thinker, Ethical Citizen, and Entrepreneurial Spirit*, as the basis of this year's sessions. The next meeting will be held on October 5th, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS

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