

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON APRIL 8TH, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:01 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD (joined at 9:20 am)
VICTOR PETRUK
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools

ALSO PRESENT

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 9:01 a.m. and advised that Dr Larry Payne would be unable to attend today's meeting as he is attending the Deputy Minister's meeting in Calgary.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#43\10 V PETRUK – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#44\10 H SYED – That the minutes of the regular board meetings of March 11th and 25th, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO BOARD MOTION #36\10, 37\10, 38\10, and 39\10

#45\10 H SYED – That Board Motions #36\10, 37\10, 38\10, and 39\10 be amended to read:

#36\10 - That the Board of Trustees approves an additional 1.19% salary increase on the 2008 - 2009 pay rates for all non-teaching staff effective September 1, 2009. This includes Educational Assistants, Librarian Technicians, School Administrative Assistants, Division Office Staff, Information Technology Staff, Division Psychologist, Speech Language Pathologist, International Program Co-ordinator, Operations and Maintenance Staff, Transportation Staff (including non-association bus drivers), Youth Worker Staff (Career Transition Staff, Champ Staff, Family School Liaison Staff, Learning Together Program Staff, Success Mentor Staff), Learning Together Day Care Staff, Superintendents and Treasurer.

#37\10 - That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Negotiating Committee to meet with the Beaver Bus Drivers' Association and offer an additional 1.19% salary increase on the 2008 - 2009 pay rates effective September 1, 2009.

#38\10 - That the Board of Trustees approves an additional 1.19% increase on the 2008 - 2009 rates paid to the Division's contract caretakers, effective September 1, 2009.

#39\10 - That the Board of Trustees approves an additional 1.19% increase on the 2008 - 2009 rates paid to the Division's rural contract bus operators, effective September 1, 2009.

CARRIED

GROWING TO GREATNESS UPDATE

Meetings for Partners in Growing To Greatness have been scheduled at Ryley, École Sifton, and Killam Schools on April 12th, April 14th, and April 19th, 2010, respectively, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Chair Smith reviewed the proposed agenda and outlined the format of the meetings. Trustees Severson and Miller will be in attendance at all three meetings along with Trustee Heiberg who will be attending in Ryley and École Sifton schools.

MLA MEETINGS

Chair Smith reported on the meeting she and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, attended with Verlyn Olson, MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, on March 26th, 2010 in Camrose. One of the items discussed included a request that Premier Stelmach honour his commitment to fund increases to teacher salaries, as mandated in the current Collective Agreement.

Trustees agreed to send a letter to the Minister with a copy of the letter to the Premier, MLAs, School Councils, ASBA and ATA, urging the Minister to continue to advocate for the funding to cover the three percent salary increase previously committed to teachers.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, provided an update on the agenda for the upcoming Leadership Retreat scheduled for April 26th to 28th, 2010 in Pigeon Lake.

ASBA ISSUES, BUDGET, AND BYLAWS BULLETIN 2010

Chair Smith brought to the attention of Trustees the ASBA Issues, Budget, and Bylaws Bulletin 2010 which will be discussed at the ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 7th and 8th, 2010 in Red Deer.

MEETING WITH ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees discussed possible agenda items for the upcoming meeting with the Elk Island Catholic School Board on April 22nd, 2010 in Camrose.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

The Administrators' Meeting date has been changed to April 21st, 2010 and will be a working meeting for Administrators.

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:35 a.m.)

#46\10 P ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Treasurer Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

#47\10 K OFFORD – That the Board of Trustees approves up to \$500,000 for the 2009 – 2010 school year for the purpose of an Early Retirement Incentive Plan for all jurisdiction staff and further that each department will be responsible for the costs applicable for their staff.

CARRIED

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FEES

#48\10 R HEIBERG – That, for the 2010 - 2011 school year, the instructional materials fees be as follows:

- a) for grades 1 - 9, \$50.00,
- b) for grades 10 - 12 students carrying a course load of 30+ credits (15+ credits per semester), \$100.00 (\$50.00 per semester), and includes charges for novels, workbooks and authorized CTS resources,
- c) for grades 10 - 12 students taking fewer than 30 credits (fewer than 15 credits per semester), \$3.50 per credit,
- d) that additional fees may be levied as necessary for the purchase of music, band instrument rental, the purchase of copyrighted material for drama, CTS project materials, and for materials needed by students registered in home economics and industrial arts courses;

That, for the 2010 - 2011 school year, for high school students with a full course load (30+ credits) who leave the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be refunded according to the following schedule:

September	\$90.00
October	\$80.00
November	\$70.00
December	\$60.00
January	\$50.00
February	\$40.00
March	\$30.00
April, May and June	\$ 0.00;

That, for students with a partial load (less than 30 credits) who leave the jurisdiction during the course of the school year, fees be reimbursed at a rate of 10% of their fee per month to March 31, 2011.

That, for the 2010 - 2011 school year, for elementary and junior high students who leave the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be refunded according to the following schedule:

September	\$45.00
October	\$40.00
November	\$35.00
December	\$30.00
January	\$25.00
February	\$20.00
March	\$15.00
April, May and June	\$ 0.00;

That, for the 2010 - 2011 school year, for high school students with a full course load (30+ credits), who enter the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be levied according to the following schedule:

September	\$100.00
October	\$ 90.00
November	\$ 80.00
December	\$ 70.00
January	\$ 60.00
February	\$ 50.00
March	\$ 40.00
April	\$ 30.00
May	\$ 20.00
June	\$ 10.00

That, for students with a partial load (less than 30 credits) who enter the jurisdiction during the course of the school year, fees be levied at a rate of 10% of their fee per month.

That, for the 2010 - 2011 school year, for elementary and junior high students who enter the Battle River Regional Division #31 during the school year, fees be levied according to the following schedule:

September	\$50.00
October	\$45.00
November	\$40.00
December	\$35.00
January	\$30.00
February	\$25.00
March	\$20.00
April	\$15.00
May	\$10.00
June	\$ 5.00

CARRIED

ADULT STUDENT FEES

#49\10 P MILLER – That the adult student fee for 2010 – 2011 be set at \$170.60 \ credit taken, and further that this fee not include the instructional materials fee or the transportation fee.

CARRIED

FOREIGN \ INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

#50\10 P ZENIUK – That for the 2010 - 2011 school year the fee for foreign and international students be set at \$8,200 and further that this fee not include the instructional materials fee or the transportation fee

CARRIED

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Patrick McFeely, Vice Principal, CCHS, Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, and Nancy McLeod, Director of Student Services, joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

VICE PRINCIPAL PROJECT

Chair Smith welcomed Mr McFeely, Ms Parker and Ms McLeod and invited their presentation. Mr McFeely provided a brief overview of the Vice Principal Project and the two main objectives: to review and finalize the Assessment Procedure and secondly to put a procedure in place to support smooth student transitions within and between schools entitled “Welcoming and Inviting Schools”. An implementation plan for both procedures will be developed later this month.

Mr McFeely, Ms Parker, and Ms McLeod left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Zeniuk will organize a meeting with the Negotiating Committee and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools. and provide a report to the Board at the next meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustees Miller and Offord will be attending the Battle River Public Speaking Competition on April 17th, 2010 at the Edgeworth Centre in Camrose.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:47 a.m.)

#51\10 K SEVERSON - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Connor Wilson, Camrose Composite High School Student, and Zachery Berg, Camrose Composite High School and PACE Student joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

STUDENT SPEAK OUT

Chair Smith welcomed Connor Wilson and Zachery Berg, requested introductions and invited their presentations. Zachery Berg is a member of the Minister's Speak Out Council and organized the Student Speak Out Forum at PACE. Connor Wilson participated at the Camrose Composite High School Student Speak Out Forum that was organized by the Minister's Speak Out Council.

Mr Berg provided an overview of the Student Speak Out initiative explaining the four major components of the Speak Out: the Website, the Forums, the Conference, and the Council. The Website, which is accessible by the Minister, offers an opportunity for students to discuss various education issues. The Conference, scheduled for May 14th to 16th, 2010, is held once a year with approximately 200 students attending. Mr Berg holds a seat on the Minister's Student Advisory Council which is a group of 24 diverse youth with various perspectives who discuss issues affecting youth today.

Mr Wilson and Mr Berg reviewed the results of student surveys completed by 57 students at the Camrose Composite High School and 39 students at PACE, and highlighted areas that piqued their interest. Both students summarized their experience with the Speak Out Forums as very positive. They also commented enthusiastically on the Minister's initiative to meet with students three times a year.

Chair Smith thanked Connor and Zach and commended them for their participation in the Student Speak Out and their excellent presentation to Trustees.

Mr Wilson and Mr Berg left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:26 a.m.)

#52\10 K OFFORD - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Schulte, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Mr Jarrett reviewed the Satisfaction Survey Results highlighting areas showing no change or improvement and where trends were evident.

BOARD COMMITTEE DAY

The Board will meet as a whole on April 22nd, 2010 in preparation for Three Year Plan reviews with schools as scheduled in May.

ELECTIONS 2010

The Elections 2010 information will be brought forward at the May 13th, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting, and discussed at that time.

RURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustees Miller and Syed attended the 15th National Congress on Rural Education held on March 28th to 30th, 2010 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Miller reported on their attendance and the presentation they had delivered along with Dr Larry Payne.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS

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