

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:05 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

CHERYL SMITH  
DOUG BOWIE  
JIM FIELDING  
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG  
REBECCA HEIBERG  
PETER MILLER  
KENDALL SEVERSON

**ABSENT**

NOREEN METZ

**ALSO PRESENT**

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools  
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent  
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**

#187\10 R HEIBERG - That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#188\10 J FIELDING – That the minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees held on November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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Kaylee Gorniak, student, and Tami Richert, teacher, from CW Sears School joined the meeting through teleconferencing at 9:07 a.m.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Kaylee Gorniak and Ms Tami Richert, and invited their presentation on Kaylee's success at CW Sears School.

Ms Gorniak's and Ms Richert's teleconferencing ended at 9:17 a.m.

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### **COVENANT HEALTH ST MARY'S CAMROSE**

Chair Smith brought to the Trustee's attention an Executive Summary of the Rural Health Strategy prepared by Covenant Health St Mary's Camrose.

### **PSBAA SEPARATE SCHOOL EXPANSION MEETING**

Chair Smith provided Trustees with information received from Patty Dittrick, President of PSBAA, on the Separate School Expansion Meeting held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 attended by representatives from Alberta Education, ASBA, ACSTA, and PSBAA.

### **ASBA RESPONSE TO EDUCATION ACT CONSULTATION REVIEW**

The Trustees reviewed and provided comments to ASBA's response to Alberta Education's Proposed Framework of the Education Act 2011. Trustees' comments will be submitted by Chair Smith to ASBA by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **LETTER FROM MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

Chair Smith and Trustee Miller brought to the Trustees' attention a letter received from the Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Education, in response to their letter of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 requesting consideration of a special transportation grant for rural school jurisdictions.

### **LETTER FROM WOLF CREEK SCHOOLS TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

The Trustees received a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Education from the Wolf Creek School Division requesting clarity on statements in the Education Act 2011 Proposed Framework.

**NEWS RELEASE – MENTAL HEALTH PROJECTS IN SCHOOLS**

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a News Release from the Government of Alberta outlining a three year funding commitment to provide over \$19 million to promote mental health and help prevent mental illness among children and families in Alberta.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#189\10 P MILLER – That the Board approves the terms of reference as presented for the following committees:

Capital Planning Committee  
Communications Liaison Committee  
Consultative Process Committee  
Negotiating Committee – Alberta Teachers' Association  
Negotiating \ Liaison Committee – Caretakers and Bus Drivers  
Policy Development/Review Committee  
Student Affairs Committee.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

#190\10 D BOWIE – That the Board purchase a gift up to a maximum of \$150 in honour of the auditing services provided by Greg Wood of Harberg Nikiforuk Wood.

CARRIED

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

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**TALK TO THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees discussed ways to encourage two way communication with the public through the 'Talk To the Trustees' website.

**PSBAA MEMBERSHIP**

Chair Smith advised the Trustees that Patty Dittrick, President, and Mary Lynne Campbell, Executive Director, of Public School Boards Association will be visiting the Board on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **ASBA STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 - 2014**

Chair Smith will draft a response summarizing input from the Trustees on the ASBA Strategic Plan 2011 – 2014 for review at the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board Meeting.

### **RESULTS REVIEW DEBRIEF**

The Trustees reported on their participation at the School Results Review meetings held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with teams from each school in the Division.

### **ASBA EDWIN PARR REPRESENTATIVE**

Chair Smith called for nominations for the position of ASBA Edwin Parr Representative.

Trustee Heiberg nominated Trustee Miller.

Chair Smith called twice for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Trustee Miller was declared elected by acclamation as ASBA Edwin Parr Representative.

### **ASBA NEW CHAIRS AND TRUSTEES CONFERENCE**

Chair Smith together with Trustees Fielding, Heiberg, Grundberg, Metz, and Miller will attend the ASBA New Chairs and Trustees Conference on January 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Edmonton.

### **CODE OF COOPERATION**

The Trustees endorsed the Board of Trustees' *Code of Cooperation* foundational document as guiding principles for interactions of the Board. The document will be framed and hung in the Board Room, and will be updated on the BRSD Website.

### **ASBA FALL GENERAL MEETING**

The Board of Trustees individually reported on their attendance at the Alberta School Board Association Fall General Meeting held on November 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in Edmonton.

**ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING**

Vice Chair Bowie and Chair Smith, together with Trustees Miller and Severson, reported on their attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Wetaskiwin.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:12 p.m.)**

#191\10 K SEVERSON - 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

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:27 p.m. and reconvened at 2:42 p.m.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided for the Trustees Alberta Education's PowerPoint Presentation on "*Dialogue on Teaching – Workforce Planning and Development*" which included projections of Alberta's student and teacher population over the next decade.

Dr Larry Payne also provided a presentation on his teaching experience in Belize in July 2010. Through a Literacy Project sponsored by the Rotary Club, Dr Payne was the ambassador representing Battle River School Division along with a group of 40 other teachers and administrators. The purpose of this project was to enhance quality of education provided to children of Belize by increasing the skills of local teachers and providing additional resources through paper, books, and technology.

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

**RESPONSE TO HAY LAKES PARENT COUNCIL**

Mr Jarrett reviewed the 2010 – 2011 School Year Calendar with the Board of Trustees and responded to questions.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

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**ASBA ALBERTA EDUCATION CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION SESSION**

Chair Smith and Trustee Grundberg reported on their attendance with Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, and Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, at the ASBA Alberta Education Consultation and Information Session on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Red Deer.

**BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Trustees Grundberg and Heiberg reported on their attendance at the Leadership Academy on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose.

**BOARD RETREAT DEBRIEF**

The Trustees shared their views on the Board Retreat on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at Pigeon Lake.

**BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Smith reported that conversations between the parties regarding the Tripartite Discussions are ongoing.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

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CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS

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