

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON February 25, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:38 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
VICTOR PETRUK
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
BILL SCHULTE

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
FAYE GARSTAD, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION AGENDA

#25\10 V PETRUK – That the continuation agenda be approved with the following additions:

INFORMATION:

5.23 - Administrators' Meeting in April

NEW BUSINESS

7.10 - A Motion to Approve a Professional Improvement Leave Request.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

SMALL SCHOOLS BY NECESSITY FUNDING

Ms. Walsh brought forward information with regard to “Small Schools by Necessity Funding”, calculated by Alberta Education using the budget and enrolment information available at the beginning of the current school year.

Mrs. Walsh will provide current additional information to Trustees once it is received from Alberta Education.

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION REPORT - ASBA

The Trustee Remuneration report was received for information. A detailed remuneration review was completed for Battle River School Division Trustees in 2009, and is scheduled to occur every three years, the next one being during the 2011-2012 school year.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 190

Dr. Payne presented the Healthy Schools and Workplaces Administrative Procedure 190 for information, to complement Policy 21 Healthy School Communities and Workplaces, approved by the Board in June, 2009. The Administrative Procedure will be brought to Principals at the March 9th Administrators’ Meeting, with an expected implementation date of September 1, 2010.

Ms. Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, will assist Dr. Payne in reaching students, staff and parents with the message.

HUTTERIAN BRETHARAN PRESENTATION

Dr. Payne advised that Mr. Bill Schulte, Superintendent of Schools – Business, has been meeting with elders at various Hutterite Colonies, both within and outside of BRSD boundaries. Mr. Schulte will bring his findings to the March 11, 2010, Board Meeting.

PSBAA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - TRUSTEE ZENIUK

Trustee Zeniuk advised that she had been invited to be a part of a four-member committee of PSBAA, charged with recognizing outstanding contributions to public education.

LIAISON MEETING WITH ATA LOCAL - MARCH 15, 2010

Trustees will attend a liaison meeting with the local ATA executive at the Norsemen Inn on Monday, March 15, 2010.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETINGS

Dr. Payne has called an additional Administrators' Meeting for this school year. It will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Trustees Zeniuk and Heiberg will attend as official Board representatives.

Since Trustee Heiberg is unable to attend the March Administrators' Meeting, Chair Smith will attend for Trustee Heiberg.

ALBERTA HOME AND SCHOOL COUNCIL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE

Those Trustees interested in attending the Alberta Home and School Council Association Conference were asked to let Chair Smith know as soon as possible. The deadline for registering is Saturday, March 27, 2010.

P.S.B.A.A. EXECUTIVE VISIT - March 11, 2010

Patty Dietrich, President, and David King, Executive Director, will attend the Board Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

PROPOSED POLICY POSITIONS FGM 2010

Chair Smith brought forward a letter from Ms. Jacquie Hansen, Chair, A.S.B.A. Policy Development Advisory Committee, outlining timelines for by-law amendments and a call for proposed policy positions for AGM 2010.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT LEAVE

#26/10 H SYED - That Employee #4541-03 be granted Professional Improvement Leave for the 2010-2011 school year.

CARRIED

RETIREMENT AND LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET – SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

Chair Smith will work with Ms. Fairall, Executive Assistant, to update “Administrative Procedure 407 – Employee Long Service / Retirement Recognition”.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Everactive Conference – Shaping The Future

Vice Chair Zeniuk, along with Ms. Shannon Horricks and Ms. Maureen Parker, had presented at the “EverActive Conference” in Edmonton on January 16, 2010, and was pleased to report from the perspective of this conference, that Battle River School Division is moving forward successfully with the Battle River Project.

Chair Smith thanked Vice Chair Zeniuk for representing the Board at the Conference.

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON RURAL EDUCATION IN CANADA - SASKATOON - MARCH 28 TO 30, 2010

Dr. Payne and Vice Chair Zeniuk and Miller will attend the “National Congress on Rural Education in Canada Conference” in Saskatoon, March 28 to 30, 2010, and will give their presentation “Building Leadership in a Rural Context”.

INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Trustee Heiberg:

Trustee Heiberg has recently attended:

- Tofield-Ryley Basketball Tournament
- Tofield School Council Meeting, and
- Ryley School Council Meeting.

Trustee Severson:

Trustee Severson has attended:

- Building site meetings at Camrose Composite High School every two weeks. He reported that the first major inspection will take place on Monday, March 1, 2010, with the architect in attendance. Plans for a grand opening will be considered in the next few months.
- A number of School Council meetings.

Trustee Zeniuk:

Trustee Zeniuk advised Trustees that the Drug Task Force will sponsor an event “Peace Our Way” on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta, with the theme of homelessness. All Trustees are invited to attend.

Trustee Zeniuk will attend, on behalf of the Drug Task Force, a Drug Coalition Conference, March 2 and 3, 2010.

Chair Smith:

Chair Smith attended:

- the B.R.S.D. Bus Drivers’ Day and brought greetings from the Board of Trustees.
- Fundraiser for Haiti at Chester Ronning School.
- Along with Dr. Payne, by invitation of Mr. Thomas Midbo, the Greater Edmonton Regional Council on School Administration, on February 24, 2010, where author Dennis Shirley spoke about his book “The Mindful Teacher”, and his views on the future direction of education.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:40 a.m.)

#27\10 K SEVERSON - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Bosh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson and Recording Secretary Garstad be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:42 p.m.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH FORESTBURG SCHOOL

Trustees were provided an opportunity, via video-conferencing, to participate in a Math 31 class with teacher Mr. Randy Roth, based at Forestburg School. After a thirty-minute session Trustees were given time to question the students about their impression of this approach to learning.

Mr. Bosh noted that this approach to teaching and learning really lends itself to Battle River School Division's outcomes-based model.

Dr. Payne and Chair Smith both thanked Mr. Bosh and Mr. Roth for bringing this presentation to the meeting.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Instruction, and Mr. Dennis Dunlop, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

SKILLS CANADA GRANT

This Alberta Education sponsored grant of \$300,000 will provide needed funding for the development of advanced level C.T.S. courses, and will move course offerings and tools and equipment to industry standard. The grant will be applied to Ryley, Tofield, Viking, Bashaw, C.H.S.P., Daysland and Forestburg Schools.

EQUIPMENT EVERGREENING GRANT

This grant, also provided by Alberta Education, is directed to C.T.S. programming in Construction and Home Economics to upgrade tools, equipment and facilities. Bashaw, C.H.S.P., Daysland, Forestburg, New Norway, Ryley, Tofield and Viking Schools will share the \$174,171 per year for a confirmed two years.

Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Dunlop left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

Ms. Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

A.I.S.I. UPDATE

Ms. Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, provided Trustees with information on A.I.S.I. fund distribution and an update on some of the ways schools in Battle River School Division are using their allocations to benefit student learning.

Chair Smith and Dr. Payne thanked Ms. Parker for her update.

Ms. Parker left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:29 P.M.)

#28/10

V PETRUK - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Payne be excluded.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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