

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JUNE 10TH, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:36 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

VICTOR PETRUK

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 9:36 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#102\10 K SEVERSON – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#103\10 R HEIBERG – That the minutes of the regular Board meetings of May 13th and 27th, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Patrick McFeely, Vice Principal, CCHS, Nancy McLeod, Director of Student Services, and Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

VICE PRINCIPAL PROJECT

Chair Smith welcomed Mr McFeely, Ms McLeod and Ms Parker and invited their presentation. The presenters reviewed the Assessment Administrative Procedure which is scheduled to be implemented in September 2010. This Administrative Procedure will replace Administrative Procedures #360, Student Evaluation, #361 Final Examinations, and #362 Promotion and Retention of Students.

Mr McFeely, Ms Parker and Ms McLeod also provided an update on the status of the Welcoming Schools project. This project has three objectives: to support smooth student transition within and between schools, to ensure all students have a healthy sense of belonging, and to combat unhealthy interactions. Based on these three objectives, action plans have been developed for schools to follow this Fall.

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne thanked the group for the additional work on this project over and above their regular duties and the leadership they have displayed.

Mr McFeely, Ms McLeod, and Ms Parker left the meeting at 10:09 am

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

STAFFING

Mr Jarrett provided Trustees with an update on staffing.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Tom Barthel of Street Smart Counselling joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM

Vice Chair Zeniuk introduced Tom Barthel, founder of Street Smart Counseling, and invited his presentation. Mr Barthel is a Counselor for families dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

Mr Bathel left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Ms Parker provided an overview of the Early Child Development Mapping Initiative led by Alberta Education’s Early Learning Branch for the study of children. The initiative will provide a comprehensive range of information on children’s development prior to kindergarten.

Ms Parker left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

ELECTION PLANNING

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, provided the Trustees with an update on the Election Planning activities. The first round of election advertisements has been placed in local papers throughout the Battle River School Division with dates of two information sessions available. Additional information is posted on the BRSD website with a link to the Alberta Education website. The nomination date is September 20th, 2010 and School Board Election date is October 18th, 2010.

BYLAW 02\2010 ‘BEING A BYLAW TO ADOPT A MODIFIED VOTING PROCEDURE’

Pursuant to the provisions on the *Local Authorities Election Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000*, and the amendments thereto, and under the authority of Ministerial Order No. 038 \ 2010 the Board of Trustees of the Battle River Regional Division No. 31, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Battle River Regional Division No 31 hereby adopt the modified system of conducting an election as prescribed by *Alberta Regulation 5\2007* and amendments.

2. The modified voting procedure shall be used for the purpose of conducting elections pursuant to the provisions on the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
3. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the date of the passing of the third and final reading.

#104\10 H SYED – That the Board of Trustees approves the first reading of ByLaw No. 02\2010.

CARRIED

#105\10 K OFFORD – That the Board of Trustees approves the second reading of ByLaw No. 02\2010.

CARRIED

#106\10 P ZENIUK – That the Board of Trustees approves the third reading and passes ByLaw No. 02\2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA SCHOOL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter received from the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan explaining the ASEBP Board's reasoning for the increase in premium rates.

FORESTBURG CTS PROPOSAL

Trustees requested Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, to provide additional information regarding the feasibility and cost of the proposal to construct an additional building for CTS classes at Forestburg School.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

KILOMETRE RATE OF SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

#107\10 H SYED - That the rate to be charged to schools for the use of buses for field trips be established at \$.81\kilometre for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CARRIED

#108\10 K OFFORD - That the rate to be charged to charter groups for the use of school buses be established at \$.97\ kilometre for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:55 a.m.)

#109\10 P ZENIUK - 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 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

'YOUTH AUGRAPHY' PRESENTATION

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, presented 'Youthaugraphy', a slide show produced by the Full Service Youth Consumer Insights Firm. This company completes extensive surveys with over 100,000 youth per year across Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, to gather input on how youth are feeling on a wide range of topics.

PSBAA MEMBERSHIP

Trustees shared their views on the value of retaining their Public School Board Association of Alberta membership for the upcoming school year. Trustees will vote to determine this decision at the June 24th, 2010 Board meeting.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF VACATION

Trustees reviewed the Summary of Senior Management Staff Vacation Report as at June 2010.

BOARD INNOVATIONS FUND

Trustees reviewed a summary of financial contributions made to various school projects throughout the Battle River School Division from the Board Innovations Fund for the past two school years, 2008 -2009 and 2009 – 2010.

DARE TO CARE – NEW NORWAY SCHOOL

#110\10 H SYED – That the Board contributes \$500.00 from the Board Innovations Fund to support a Dare to Care presentation at the New Norway School for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CARRIED

DARE TO CARE – CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL

#111\10 H SYED - That the Board contributes \$500.00 from the Board Innovations Fund to support a Dare to Care presentation at the Charlie Killam School for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – VIKING SCHOOL

#112\10 K OFFORD – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany by the Viking School International Travel Club students during Spring break 2011.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST – TOFIELD SCHOOL

#113\10 R HEIBERG – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to Egypt by the Tofield School International Travel Club students during Spring break 2011.

CARRIED

BOARD \ ADMINISTRATORS’ RETREAT

The Board \ Administrators’ Retreat is scheduled for February 17th and 18th, 2011. Trustees requested the Executive Assistant, Operations, provide additional information on possible various locations to hold this retreat.

MAPLEWOOD STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

#114\10 P ZENIUK - That the Board of Trustees approve \$110,000.00 from current year instructional operations budget for the purchase of the Maplewood Student Information System.

CARRIED

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, provided an update to the Trustees on communication provided to the six local community papers. The key message is that Battle River School Division is making changes to align the number of staff to balance with the declining student numbers.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:04 p.m.)

#115\10 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

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 4:03 p.m.

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