

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON NOVEMBER 10TH, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:02 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
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 9:02 a.m.

Tasha Tulloch, student, baby Elizabeth, and Marlene Edwards, teacher, of the Learning Together Program joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Tulloch, Miss Tulloch and Ms Edwards and invited their presentation on Tasha's success in the Learning Together Program.

Ms Tulloch, Miss Tulloch and Ms Edwards left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#172\10 P MILLER - That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#173\10 K SEVERSON - That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 14th, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#174\10 J FIELDING - That the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 14th, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#175\10 D BOWIE - That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 28th, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

LETTER FROM DEPUTY MINISTER, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a response from Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, advising that funding for the CHAMP project would continue to be received from Alberta Health Services to the end of the school year in June 2011.

EDUCATION ACT PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The Trustees reviewed and discussed the Proposed Framework for the Education Act 2011.

ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR JACQUIE HANSEN

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a Letter of Support received from the Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board for Jacquie Hansen as ASBA Presidential Candidate.

VIKING SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL REPORT

Trustees reviewed the Annual Report of the Viking School Parent Council.

ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention a copy of the Alberta Infrastructure 2009 – 2010 Annual Report.

FORESTBURG SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB

#176\10 P MILLER – That the Board of Trustees approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Dublin, London, and Paris by the Forestburg School International Travel Club students during spring break 2012, March 29th to April 9th, 2012, inclusive.

CARRIED

FINE ARTS PARTNERSHIP WITH AUGUSTANA

#177\10 J FIELDING – That the Board of Trustees approves the cost of transportation to a maximum of \$1,000 from the Board Innovation Fund for students in kindergarten to grade four in Camrose Elementary Schools to attend the Children's Concert at Augustana Faith and Life Centre on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Severson provided an update on the Communications Committee. The Committee met on November 9th, 2010 to select Kendall Severson as Chair, review the Terms of Reference and begin drafting a Communications Plan for the Board.

ASCA DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

Trustees reviewed and discussed the *Discussion Paper On Parental Engagement and the Potential Enhanced Role For The Future of School Council* provided by the Alberta School Councils' Association. This document is intended to generate discussion and ideas on the role of parents and school councils in the future of education.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION

Chair Smith welcomed Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, and invited his presentation. Mr Jarrett provided an overview and timeline of the Supervision and Evaluation of Instructional Staff within Battle River School Division.

ALBERTA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT – SECTION 11.1

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, summarized the changes to Section 11.1 of the Alberta Human Rights Act and the procedures for appeals as required by Alberta Education. Additional communication to clarify these changes will be posted on the BRSD website.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

LEADERSHIP PRE-ASSIGNMENT

Trustees and Senior Administration staff of Division Office completed an online questionnaire to evaluate type of leadership styles in preparation for ASBA Senior Education Advisor, Jim Gibbons', presentation at the Board Orientation Session.

ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCIL DISCUSSION PAPER

Chair Smith will submit a response on behalf of the Trustees to Alberta School Council and also encouraged Board Members to submit their individual responses through the on-line link.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETINGS

Trustee Metz will attend the next Administrators' Meeting on January 11th, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Edgeworth Centre Meeting Room.

ASBA VIDEO CONFERENCE REPORT

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools reported on their attendance at the ASBA Video Conference presentation, *'How To Avoid An Expulsion Hearing Lawsuit'* on October 15th, 2010.

NEW BOARD ORIENTATION

The new Board Orientation for Battle River School Division Trustees will be held on November 17th, at the Norsemen Inn, and November 18th, 2010 in the Division Office Board Room. Jim Gibbons, ASBA Senior Education Advisor, will attend on November 17th, 2010 presenting on decision making styles. The remainder of the orientation session will cover an overview of the three year division plan, accountability pillar results review, annual education results review, budget review and discussion, presentations on literacy, assessment, and a review of Policy 7 Board Operations and Board communications.

BOARD PLANNING RETREAT

The Board Planning Retreat will be held on December 1st and 2nd, 2010 at Village Creek Inn in Pigeon Lake, Alberta.

ASBA FALL GENERAL MEETING

Trustees will attend the ASBA Fall General Meeting on November 21st to 23rd, 2010 at the Westin Hotel.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie and Trustees Metz, Miller, and Severson will attend the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting on November 29th, 2010 in Wetaskiwin.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, joined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

SCHOOL RESULTS REVIEWS

Trustees will attend School Results Reviews for their Wards on December 6th and 7th, 2010.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

STAFF APPRECIATION GIFT BAGS

The Trustees agreed by consensus to continue with the delivery of gift bags to schools.

BOARD TOURS

Trustees voted in favour of touring the Battle River School Division in Spring 2011.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, provided an overview of Section 81 (1) of the School Act which states that each Trustee of a Board shall file with the Board's Secretary a statement of Disclosure of Information which is kept on file in the Division Office.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING REPORT

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the Administrators' Meeting on November 9th, 2010 at the Edgeworth Centre Meeting Room. The agenda included a welcome to the Board, Healthy School Communities and Workplaces, Assessments, Augustana Partnership, and Maplewood Student Information System.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

Chair Smith and Trustees Grundberg and Miller reported on their attendance at the Public School Board Association University and Fall General Meeting on November 3rd to 6th, 2010 at the Sutton Place Hotel in Edmonton.

BOARD CHAIRS REPORT

Chair Smith advised the Trustees that she has been asked to let her name stand for election to the position of Vice Chair of ASBA.

#178\10 P MILLER - That the Board support Chair Smith and endorse her campaign for Vice Presidency of the Alberta School Board Association.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided the Trustees with a draft of the Bawlf \ Rosalind community survey requesting feedback on the one school dual campus model.

Dr Payne presented an organizational chart of senior staff of the Battle River School Division Office.

Dr Payne reported on the Rosalind Colony School which is scheduled to open early in January 2011. The Battle River School Division and Clearview School Division are working together to accommodate the students that will be attending this Colony School.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:13 p.m.)

#179\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 be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:31 p.m.

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