

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:35 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 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#125\10 K SEVERSON – That the agenda be approved as presented with the following items:

5 INFORMATION

- 5.14 Response to Letter from Minister re. 2.92% (Attached)
- 5.15 Response to Letter from Battle River Alliance for Economic Development
- 5.16 2010 Awards Ceremonies

7 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.7 Tripartite Questions and Answers Second Edition

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#126\10 P MILLER - That the minutes of the regular Board Meetings of June 10th and 24th, 2010, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

STUDENT SUCCESS

Trustees supported Dr Payne’s recommendation that a Student Success story be included as a regular item on future Board agendas.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:40 a.m.)

#123\10 K OFFORD - 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

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Ms Walsh and Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, and Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr Jarrett provided an update on staffing activity in Battle River School Division for the start of the 2010 – 2011 school year. The update summarized transfers, staff reductions, and new employees.

LEARNING INSTITUTE

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Parker and invited her presentation. Ms Parker reported on the Learning Institute held on August 26th and 27th, 2010. The Learning Institute Committee is currently gathering feedback from participants through an on-line survey. A summary of the survey results will be provided for the Trustees.

Mr Jarrett and Ms Parker left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:31 p.m.)

#124\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 - Business Schulte, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

POLICY UPDATE

#127\10 P ZENIUK - For the 2010-11 school year, trustees will forego the 2.92% increase as per Policy 7 Board Operations 11.1 on daily per diem rates.

CARRIED

ASBA GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees the updated ASBA Governance handbook incorporating the business session approved by membership at the Spring General Meeting 2010. A copy is available in the Board office.

THANK YOU FROM NEW NORWAY SCHOOL

The Board received a thank you letter with regards to their contribution to a Dare to Care Program.

KAMIFURANO CELEBRATION

Vice Chair Zeniuk together with Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, reported on their attendance at the Kamifurano Celebration on August 4th, 2010. The celebration recognized 25 years of twinning of the two communities, Camrose and Kamifurano.

LETTER FROM MINISTER

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter received from the Minister of Education replying to the Trustees' letter encouraging government to provide funding for the 2.92% teacher salary increase.

BATTLE RIVER ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Smith provided a copy of a letter regarding the effects of school closures in small communities received from the Battle River Alliance For Economic Development together with a copy of the reply submitted on behalf of the Board.

LETTER FROM WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Trustees reviewed a letter from Wolf Creek Public Schools to Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Education, requesting that the decision to eliminate the written portions from the math and sciences Diploma Exams be reconsidered for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

CCHS GRAND OPENING DEDICATION

Trustees are invited to attend a Grand Opening Dedication at the Camrose Composite High School on September 17th, 2010 12:30 p.m. marking the opening of the newly renovated wing of the school.

DEAN SELECTION COMMITTEE – AUGUSTANA CAMPUS

Chair Smith and Dr Larry Payne were invited to meet with the Dean Selection Committee on September 7th, 2010.

ELECTION PLANNING

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent, Business, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, provided an update on the election planning activities. 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.

RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM MINISTER

Chair Smith provided a copy of the letter sent on behalf of the Board to Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Education thanking the Government for allocating funds to offset the 2.92% salary increase to teachers.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY IN HAY LAKES

#128\10 H SYED - That the Board authorize administrative personnel to apply to the Minister of Education for approval to dispose of the property in Hay Lakes on which the current Bus Barns are located.

CARRIED

#129\10 K SEVERSON - That, subject to Ministerial approval to dispose of the current property, the Board authorize administrative personnel to negotiate a trade of property such that the property on which the bus barns are currently located would be given to the Village of Hay Lakes in exchange for property located elsewhere in the Village on which the Board can locate a new bus storage facility.

CARRIED

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY IN KINGMAN

#130\10 K OFFORD - That the Board authorize administrative personnel to apply to the Minister of Education for approval to dispose of the property in Kingman on which the current Kingman Bus Barn is located, and subject to ministerial approval, offer the land for sale by tender.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY IN ROSALIND

#131\10 P MILLER – That the Board authorize administrative personnel to apply to the Minister of Education for approval to dispose of the property in Rosalind on which the current three bay Rosalind Bus Barn is located, and subject to Ministerial approval, offer the land for sale by tender.

CARRIED

BEAVER WARD BUS DRIVER MOTION

#132\10 K SEVERSON - That the Board ratifies the Collective Agreement of the Beaver Ward Bus Drivers as presented.

CARRIED

NON UNION BUS DRIVERS

#133\10 P MILLER – That the Board grants Easter Monday as a Board declared holiday for the non-union bus drivers.

ASBA TRIPARTITE COLLABORATION ON WORKFORCE STABILITY PARTICIPATION

#134\10 H SYED - That the Battle River School Division Board of Trustees unanimously support Alberta School Board Association attendance at the Tripartite discussion.

CARRIED

READING UNIVERSITY

Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, reported on the Reading University held in two locations, Camrose and Tofield, during July of 2010. A total of 46 students completed the four week program; 24 of them attending in Camrose and 22 attending in Tofield.

BATTLE RIVER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LITERACY BENEFIT

Members of the Board and Administration will attend the Battle River Community Foundation Literacy Benefit honouring Dave and Gail Stolee on October 15th, 2010 for their literary contribution to the community.

TALK TO THE TRUSTEES

Trustees reviewed communications received through the 'Talk to the Trustees' website and discussed responses.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Employee Recognition Banquet will be held on September 25th, 2010 at the Camrose Regional Exhibition.

BOARD MEETING DATES

Board meeting dates are scheduled for September 9th, 30th, and October 14th, 2010. Trustees will review the results of the Board Self Evaluation during the afternoon of October 14th, 2010. A Board Organizational Meeting will be held on October 28th, 2010.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk together with Trustees Offord and Miller will attend the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on September 27th, 2010 at the offices of Wolf Creek Public Schools in Ponoka.

ASBA INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

Chair Smith reported on her participation in a telephone interview with Jim Gibbons, Senior Education Advisor of ASBA, who is interviewing and surveying Trustees on their views on effective Board governance.

ASBA DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Chair Smith provided a copy of the Round Table Results summarizing responses gathered at a forum on June 3rd, 2010 hosted by the Alberta School Board Association Drug Awareness Committee and the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities.

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF CANADA

Trustees received a “Call for Nominations” from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada to recommend an individual who has demonstrated distinctive leadership in public administration in Alberta as a possible candidate to receive the Lieutenant Governor’s Award.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

Trustee Miller reported on his attendance together with Chair Smith at the Public School Board Association Council Meeting in Leduc on August 19th to 21st, 2010.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Diane Hutchinson, Communications Coordinator, provided Trustees with a copy of the Annual Report to the Community, which has been distributed to all BRSD communities through local newspapers.

ASBA AWARDS

Chair Smith brought to the Trustees' attention a list of awards available through ASBA.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Chair Smith reported on her attendance together with Trustee Heiberg at the Administrators' meeting on August 23rd, 2010.

MERGE 2010 TECH CONFERENCE

Trustee Miller reported on his attendance at the Merge 2010 Tech Conference at the Banff Centre on August 15th to 18th, 2010.

ASBA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Chair Smith reported on her attendance at the ASBA Leadership Academy on August 16th, to 18th, 2010 in Banff.

ASBA FALL GENERAL MEETING

Chair Smith has been invited to sit on the Governance Panel at the ASBA Fall General Meeting November 21st to 23rd, 2010.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m.

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