

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

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**ALSO PRESENT**

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools  
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent (joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.)  
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent (Business)  
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer  
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

**C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#14\09 H Syed – That the agenda be approved with the addition of 10.13 Information Item 'Career Fair'.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#15\09 P Miller - That the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8 & 22, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:36 a.m.)**

#16\09 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 Officer Hutchinson, Treasurer Walsh and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

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Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendent (Personnel) joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

**FAIR BARGAINING FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr. Gillies to the meeting. Mr. Gillies presented a summary based on Patricia McKenzie's "Fair Bargaining For A Better Future" Report on the 2007 – 2008 Collective Bargaining Process. The Board discussed the three options suggested for the future bargaining process as outlined in the report.

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Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

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Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**PRINCIPAL'S REQUEST TO RIDE SCHOOL BUS**

#17\09 H Syed - That the Board approve the ridership of Principals \ Vice Principals on school buses and that the Director of Transportation be authorized to make appropriate arrangements with respect to any such requests from administrators.

CARRIED

**REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM RESERVES**

#18\09 R Heiberg - That the Board authorize the transfer of an amount not more than \$19,000 from the School Bus Maintenance Reserve in order to purchase the extended brake warranty on the 2009 school buses.

CARRIED

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:20 a.m.)**

#19\09 P Miller - 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 Officer Hutchinson, Treasurer Walsh and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

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**LEROY JOHNSON TRIBUTE**

The Leroy Johnson Tribute Dinner held at the Camrose Regional Exhibition on January 29, 2009 was attended by Dr. Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk, Trustee Syed, Trustee Heiberg, Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Officer.

**ADVOCATING TO RURAL ISSUES IN ALBERTA EDUCATION**

A letter identifying the issue of transportation in the Battle River Regional School Division for participants of the Learning Together Program has been sent to the Minister of Education from Chair Smith and Dr. Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools. The Board agreed that a similar letter should be forwarded to all MLAs within the Division as well.

**RURAL EDUCATION CONGRESS**

Trustee Syed will be attending the Rural Education: Where Community Matters in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on March 29 to 31, 2009.

**ASBA SUMMIT ON PUTTING THE PUBLIC BACK IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Chair Smith informed the Board that Mr. David Samm, Ms. Sharilyn Cook and Ms. Donna Phillips, members of the Camrose community along with Chair Smith and Vice Chair Zeniuk will be attending the ASBA Summit on Putting The Public Back In Public Education at the Shaw Conference Centre on March 13 and 14, 2009.

**ATA AND COUNCIL ON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Chair Smith and Dr. Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, received an invitation to attend a presentation by Dr. Pasi Sahlberg on the Alberta Advantage - Putting Real Learning First at the University of Alberta on March 3, 2009.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE STUDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Payne presented a summary of administrators' comments regarding the transition and progress of students who attended the Edberg School and Alliance School in 2007 \ 2008. The feedback reaffirmed that all students are thriving academically and socially.

**INVITATION TO ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES BOARD RECEPTION**

Chair Smith has been invited to attend the Alberta Health Services Board Reception in Camrose on February 24, 2009.

**CAREER FAIR**

Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Miller will attend the Battle River Regional School Division Career Fair to be held at Augustana on February 18, 2009. This is an annual event organized by the Career Transition Advisors.

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Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

**FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Chair Smith welcomed Ms. Walsh and invited her presentation. Ms. Walsh reviewed the Interim Financial Statements of the Battle River Regional School Division for the period ending December 31, 2008.

**AMENDMENT TO BOARD MOTION #237/06**

#20\09 H Syed – That the Board of Trustees amend board motion #237/06 to read, “That the Board approves the purchase of a bus by the New Norway School with an initial payment by the New Norway School of \$50,000; and that the balance, to a maximum of \$40,000, be recorded as a receivable from the New Norway School with the repayment terms being five years.”

CARRIED

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Ms Walsh left the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\System Improvement) joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

**LEADERSHIP ACADEMY UPDATE**

Chair Smith welcomed Mr. Jarrett to the meeting and invited his presentation. Mr. Jarrett provided the Board with an update on the Leadership Academy and the positive progress being made with all schools being involved in the Leadership Academy in the Battle River Regional School Division.

**BOARD \ ADMINISTRATORS' RETREAT**

Dr. Payne and Mr. Jarrett reviewed the theme, format and objectives of the 2008 \ 2009 Board Administrators' Retreat "Measuring Our Vision". The Retreat is scheduled for February 19 and 20, 2009 at the Red Deer Lodge and Conference Centre.

Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Bosh left the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD COUNCIL MEETING**

Trustee Miller presented a summary of the Public School Board Council Meeting he attended in Leduc on February 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING**

Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Heiberg attended the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting held in Innisfail on January 26, 2009. This year Battle River Regional School Division along with Wild Rose Public Schools and Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools will be responsible for hosting the 2008 \ 2009 Edwin Parr Award.

Trustees were presented with ASBA's transportation survey which will be discussed at the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Board Meeting.

**RETIREMENT AND LONG SERVICE BANQUET**

The Board discussed the option of changing the date for the Retirement and Long Service Banquet historically held in December. Attendance is impacted by weather conditions and the Board is considering holding the event in September or October of 2010 depending on availability at the Camrose Regional Exhibition.

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Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

**EDBERG LIBRARY DONATION REQUEST**

The Board of Trustees agreed to decline the Edberg Library Board's request for a financial donation. Chair Smith and Dr. Payne will send the reply.

Ms. Walsh left the meeting at 3:48 a.m.

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**ASBA INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES**

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) reviewed the ASBA Infrastructure Task Force document. Key points were identified and discussed. The Board agreed that the Capital Plan Committee should discuss this document at their next meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and provide a response to the Alberta School Board Association Infrastructure Task Force.

**ASSESSMENT POLICY \ ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

Chair Smith advised the Board that the Superintendents' Committee on assessment has begun its work. The Committee has a broad range of representation including Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Heiberg.

**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – CCHS PROJECT**

Trustee Severson reported that the CCHS Project commenced on February 2, 2009. All participants of the tour received a safety orientation from the Safety Officer. Pentagon, the contracted company, is very safety conscious and currently a couple of days ahead of schedule with demolition at 80%. The Fabrication Class and Automotives Class have been temporarily relocated to The Auto Shoppe in Camrose.

**MEETING RECESS**

At 4:08 p.m. the regular meeting recessed until 9:30 a.m. on February 26, 2009.

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CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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