

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON April 9, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:35 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.)
KENDALL SEVERSON
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

CHERYL SMITH

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent (Business)
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

P. ZENIUK IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Zeniuk called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#24\09 R Heiberg – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#25\09 P Miller - That the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 12, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:37 a.m.)

#26\09 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 Officer Hutchinson, Treasurer Walsh and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m. and left at 9:51 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 10:39 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

SETTING THE DIRECTION

Dr. Payne presented the response, prepared by Kathryn Graff, Director of Intervention Services, on behalf of the Board, for submission to Phase II of Setting the Direction for Special Education.

APPOINTMENT – ROUND HILL PARENT COUNCIL

Vice Chair Zeniuk welcomed Willie Banack, Michelle Pinon and Doug Horte at 11:01 a.m. to the meeting and invited their presentation. Mr Banack spoke on behalf of the Round Hill Parent Council and thanked the Board and Administration for attending meetings both formally and informally to hear the parent and community concerns.

Mr Banack requested the Board and Administration consider the following points:

- ⇒ A flexible enrollment cap so the total enrollment of Cornerstone School will be adjusted if at some time in the near future the school can no longer maintain a high school.
- ⇒ The total utilization of the Round Hill School so portions of the Christian program may be offered within the Round Hill School.
- ⇒ Staffing levels currently at Round Hill for the 2008 – 2009 school calendar year remain the same for the 2009 – 2010 school calendar year. Losing staff could force the Round Hill school into a multi-grade classroom position and, therefore, be less appealing to compete with enticing students to enroll at Round Hill.
- ⇒ Consider extending the existing boundaries of the Round Hill area under these unique circumstances of bringing another school (Cornerstone) within the boundaries of an existing school (Round Hill). Round Hill, Tofield and Hay Lakes Schools may all be impacted with the merger of the Cornerstone School however, Round Hill is impacted the most with the possibility of students changing schools because Cornerstone is within the Round Hill School boundaries.

- ⇒ Michele Pinon has communicated with the Parent Council of the Hay Lakes School and both parent groups want to ensure the Board that they are making a commitment for all parent groups to work together and mitigate concerns.

Dr Payne thanked the parent group for presenting their concerns in a proactive positive manner and for bringing forward suggestions and possible solutions for further consideration by the Board.

Vice Chair Zeniuk thanked Ms Pinon, Mr Banack and Mr Horte for coming to the Board meeting and for their professionalism during their presentation and further ensured their comments will be taken into consideration.

Ms Pinon, Mr Banack and Mr Horte left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:28 a.m.)

- #27\09 K Severson - 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, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

EDWIN PARR NOMINATION

- # 28\09 K Offord - That the Board of Trustees nominates Casey Johnson, teacher at the Charlie Killam School, for the 2009 ASBA Edwin Parr Award.

CARRIED

EDWIN PARR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice Chair Zeniuk advised the Board that the Zone 4 Edwin Parr Committee, including herself and Trustee Heiberg, met and reviewed nominations from Divisions across the zone. The Edwin Parr Dinner and Awards evening is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 25, 2009 at the Black Knight Inn in Red Deer. Trustees are invited to attend.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Dr. Payne provided to the Board a summary of the meeting with Honorable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education on March 23rd, 2009 attended by Dr. Payne and Chair Smith.

ASBA SUMMIT MEETING

The Board of Trustees reviewed a written report submitted by Chair Smith on the ASBA Summit Meeting “Putting the Public Back in Public Education” held on March 13th and 14th, 2009 attended by Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk, and three Camrose community members Ms Sheralyn Cook, Ms Donna Phillips and Mr David Samm.

ASBA & CASS MEETING

Vice Chair Zeniuk reported on the Alberta Education Consultation and Information Regional Session for ASBA and CASS members of Zone 4 which she attended with Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\System Improvement) on March 24th, 2009. The Trustees provided feedback to the Discussion Paper on the Review of School Infrastructure which will be forwarded to Pat Cox, Director of Strategic Planning, Alberta Education.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

ASBA HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Trustee Miller and Trustee Offord presented a summary of the ASBA and the Coalition for Healthy School Communities Symposium they attended in Nisku on March 23rd and 24th, 2009. At this symposium, representatives from Charlie Killam School participated in a presentation highlighting some of the successes they have experienced in their movement towards establishing a healthier school environment.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Vice Chair Zeniuk reported on the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting she attended on March 23rd, 2009 in Rocky Mountain House. Discussions at this meeting centered around budget concerns and transportation items.

RURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Trustee Syed provided a report on his attendance at the 14th National Congress on Rural Education in Canada held March 29th to 31st, 2009 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

MLA LUNCHEON

Vice Chair Zeniuk reported to the Board on the MLA Luncheon sponsored by ASBA Zone 4 on April 3rd, 2009 in Red Deer. Verlyn Olson, MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, and Raymond Prins, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka, were also in attendance.

MLA MEETING WITH BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Verlyn Olson, Mr Doug Griffiths, and Mr Ray Prins will be meeting with the Battle River School Division Board of Trustees on May 25th, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Corilian Room in the Legislature Building. Premier Ed Stelmach and Mr George Rogers will also be available for a portion of the meeting. Dr Larry Payne, Chair Smith, Trustee Hameed, Trustee Severson, Trustee Petruk, Trustee Miller and Ms Hutchinson, Communications Officer plan to attend.

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

ASBA ZONE 4 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Vice Chair Zeniuk welcomed Ms Parker and invited her presentation. The 2009 Public Speaking Competition hosted by Battle River School Division will be held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 at the Camrose Super 8 Motel.

Schools have been asked to submit one junior high school applicant and one senior high school applicant. Within the Battle River School Division, Bawlf, Bashaw, Sedgewick, Daysland, Hay Lakes, New Norway, Tofield and Strome Schools are participating. Trustee Offord has volunteered to attend as a judge at this competition.

Ms Parker left the meeting @ 2:03 p.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\System Improvement), joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

HARDISTY EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

#29\09 K OFFORD - That the Board of Trustees approves the request of the Hardisty Private Early Childhood Services to become part of Battle River School Division No. 31 effective August 26th, 2009.

CARRIED

Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

ASBA ISSUES, BUDGET AND BYLAWS BULLETIN

Vice Chair Zeniuk brought to the attention of the Board the ASBA Issues, Budget and Bylaws Bulletin which will be discussed at the Spring General Meeting on June 1st and 2nd, 2009 at the Capri Center in Red Deer.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Trustee Petruk will be attending the Administrators' Meeting on April 14th, 2009.

Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, joined the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

LEARNING INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

The Board received an update on the upcoming Battle River School Division Learning Institute scheduled for August 27th and 28th, 2009. Day one will be held in Viking at the Carena Centre with day two scheduled to be held in Camrose. The website for registering on line will be available in May.

Ms Parker left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) joined the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

CITY OF CAMROSE BUS CONTRACT

#30\09 K Offord – That the Board enter into a contract with Hay's Transportation to provide school bus services to the City of Camrose Ward.

CARRIED

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Zeniuk provided an update on the Student Affairs Committee recent meeting on March 26th, 2009.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Trustee Miller provided an update on Council of Educational Facility Planners' International Conference attended by Trustees Petruk and Miller, and Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) on March 18th to 20th, 2009 in Lake Louise.

The Committee reported on the progress of the renovations at the Camrose Composite High School.

Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent of Schools joined the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

#31\09

V Petruk - The Capital Planning Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that the Director of Operations and Maintenance and Assistant Superintendent - Business (the Administration) have the authority to approve Change Orders for the Camrose Composite High School Modernization Project using the following guidelines:

1. If a PCN is issued for unexpected work it is expected that the Administration will review these with the CCHS Capital Plan Sub – Committee at the Site Meeting, and or via email. Once pricing for the PCN is received Administration will review and approve if satisfactory.
2. If the PCN pricing is a large amount in the opinion of the administration, they will contact the CCHS Capital Plan Sub – Committee to discuss the issue and make a decision as to whether to proceed with the Change Order.
3. The administration will provide on a monthly basis a summary of all PCN's and their status. It should be noted that the architect provides us a summary that we intend to pass onto the Capital Plan Sub – Committee. This report also provides information as to the expended portion of the \$300,000 that Pentagon Structures included in their tender for unforeseen work.

CARRIED

THREE YEAR TECH PLAN

Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, provided on update to the Board on the Three Year Tech Plan. All objectives of the plan will be completed on target by end of June 2009.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Trustee Miller and Trustee Offord will attend the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on April 27th, 2009 in Red Deer.

ASBA LABOUR RELATIONS WORKSHOP

Trustee Offord will attend ASBA Labour Relations Meeting on April 28th, 2009 in Red Deer.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD COUNCIL MEETING

Trustee Offord will attend the Public School Board Council Meeting on April 23rd to 26th, 2009 in Slave Lake.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:03 p.m.

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