

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:37 A.M.

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
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 9:37 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#07\09 K. SEVERSON – That the additions noted on the distributed continuation agenda be approved.

CARRIED

SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Trustees Heiberg and Miller along with Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, and Kathryn Graff, Director of Intervention Services, will attend the Alberta School Board Association meeting Setting the Direction for Special Education in Edmonton on February 5, 2009.

ASBA SUMMIT MEETING

The ABSA Summit meeting “Putting the Public Back into Public Education” will be held on March 13 and 14, 2009 in Edmonton and will be attended by Trustees C. Smith and P. Zeniuk. Several members of the Camrose community will be invited to attend as well.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD COUNCIL MEETING

Trustee P Miller will be attending the Public School Board Council Meeting on February 5 to 7, 2009 in Leduc.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CH-SPS

#08\09 P. MILLER – That the Board of Trustees approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure #261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to southern France and Northern Italy by the Central High Sedgewick Public School Travel Club students during spring break 2010.

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN HAY LAKES

#09\09 P. ZENIUK - That, subject to successful subdivision application, the Board of Trustees approves administration to pursue partnering with the County of Camrose on the purchase of property from Bonnie and Rudy Fuernkranz of Hay Lakes for the amount of \$25,000 plus associated fees, to be used for the future site of a school bus storage facility\grader shed, and further, that the Board authorize the transfer of the necessary funds from the reserve for future bus barn replacement.

CARRIED

Jason Van Hyfte, Safety Coordinator, joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

PANDEMIC PLANNING

Chair Smith welcomed Jason Van Hyfte and invited his presentation. Mr Van Hyfte summarized the current guidelines to minimize the impact of Pandemic Influenza and the contingency plan developed by East Central Health.

Mr. Van Hyfte left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\System Improvement) joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW

#10\09 V. PETRUK - That the Board of Trustees approves the donation of \$750.00 from the Board Innovations Fund to the Leaders of Tomorrow of Battle River Region to support the expanding needs of the program.

CARRIED

SAFE COMMUNITIES INNOVATION FUND

#11\09 H. SYED - That the Board of Trustees approves support for the Safe Communities Innovation Fund by contributing \$35,000 per year for three years towards the project.

CARRIED

FLAGSTAFF LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM

#12\09 P. MILLER - That the Board of Trustees approves postponing the development of the Learning Together Flagstaff program pending a review of the new Alberta Transportation Regulation (May 2009) and/or until successful government lobby instigates changes to the regulation that will allow the transportation of mothers and their children to the program.

CARRIED

Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

STUDENT COUNT

Dr. Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided a summary of students residing within the geographic boundary of Battle River Regional School Division No. 31 but attending a school outside of the boundaries for the school year 2008\2009.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:36 p.m.)

#13\09 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 Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 2:48 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:59 p.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Planning\Systems Improvement) and Todd Sieben, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS RESULTS REVIEW

Chair Smith welcomed Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Sieben to the meeting and invited their presentation. Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Sieben presented a summary of the data generated from the participants of the four Consultative Process Forums held in November 2008. This information will influence the priorities and assist with the Battle River Regional School Division planning process.

Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Sieben left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

BOARD MEETING LOCATION

The Board of Trustees discussed the possibility of holding a future meeting in a location outside of the Battle River Regional School Division No. 31 Divisional Office.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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