

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON June 11, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:35 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD (joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.)
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.)
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

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 9:35 a.m. and noted that Linda Coutts, Teacher, Forestburg School, Casey Johnson, Teacher, Charlie Killam School, Jeff Rathwell, Teacher, Forestburg School, and Dr. Berdie Fowler, Camrose community member will be joining the Board of Trustees' meeting this afternoon.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#68\09 H SYED – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#69\09 K SEVERSON – That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 14th and May 28th, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:38 a.m.)

#70\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, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 9:51 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

First Ride

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Johnson and invited her presentation. Ms Johnson advised the Board of a First Ride Day organized by the Transportation Department to be held on June 16th, 2009. This event will allow new students to experience their first bus ride and learn important safety information.

Fun Day Roadeo

A year end BBQ for all Battle River School Division school bus drivers hosted by the Transportation Department is scheduled for June 17th, 2009. Activities will include an obstacle course, an evacuation \ emergency exercise and a rollover simulator.

KILOMETER RATE

#71\09 H SYED - That the rate to be charged to schools for use of buses for field trips be established at \$.97\kilometer for the 2009 \ 2010 school year.

CARRIED

#72\09 R HEIBERG – That the rate to be charged to charter groups for the use of school buses be established at \$.97\kilometer for the 2009 \ 2010 school year.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:56 a.m.)

#73\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, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 10:04 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

HARDISTY GRADE NINE

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, advised the Board that after further analysis, listening to parent concerns and given that this is an anomaly year, the criteria fits to utilize emergency funding to maintain the grade nine class at Allan Johnstone School for the 2009 \ 2010 school year. Dr Payne and Chair Smith will send a letter to advise the Principal of Allan Johnstone School and the Hardisty Parent Advisory Group.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#74\09 H SYED – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to Italy, France, Monaco and Spain by the Tofield School International Travel Club students during spring break 2010.

CARRIED

TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update to the Board on the current activity and summer projects to be completed by the Technology Department prior to staff and students returning for the 2009 \ 2010 school year.

MINISTERS FORUM

Chair Smith, Trustees Miller and Heiberg, Dr Payne, and Ray Bosh, reported on their attendance at the Setting the Direction, Minister’s Forum on June 8th and 9th, 2009 in Edmonton along with Nancy MacLeod, Director of Student Services, Kathryn Graff, Director of Intervention Services, and Sandra Taylor, Division Psychologist.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

HUTTERITE COLONIES

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) advised the Board that both the Rosalind Hutterite Colony and Bashaw Hutterite Colony plan to have facilities for students prepared for the 2010 \ 2011 school year.

ASBA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

The Trustees reported on their attendance at the ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 1st and 2nd, 2009 in Red Deer.

ATA LIAISON MEETING

Chair Smith reported on the ATA Liaison Meeting held on Thursday, June 4th, 2009 in Camrose.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Trustees discussed the benefit of receiving updates from Board Committee participants regularly. A template will be developed to assist with consistent and regular future reporting of Board Committees.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS COMMITTEE

The Consultative Process Review Forum is scheduled for November 3rd and 4th, 2009 at the Daysland School.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Playground Funding

#75\09 K SEVERSON - The Capital Planning Committee recommends to the Board that \$7,500 be allocated to the Viking School playground project and that up to \$3,700 be allocated to the Jack Stuart School playground project.

CARRIED

CCHS Roof Tenders

#76\09 K SEVERSON -The Capital Planning Committee recommends to the Board that the tender received from Skyline Roofing in the amount of \$197,914.00 for roof Sections 1 and 1A; \$136,895.00 for roof Sections 9 and 10 of the Camrose Composite High School be accepted.

CARRIED

CCHS Renovation Project

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent (Business) reported that the CCHS renovation project is on schedule. It is anticipated that students will move into the new area on September 1st, 2009.

Letter from Minister of Infrastructure – Ryley and Alliance Property

Chair Smith received letters from the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, approving the sales of the Ryley Swimming Pool property and the Alliance School building.

Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal List

Chair Smith requested Mr Schulte provide an updated summary of the Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal List to the Trustees for discussion at the June 18th, 2009 Board meeting.

Trustee Severson left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

READING UNIVERSITY

Diane Hutchinson, Communications Officer provided an update on the Reading University Program enrollment and planned activities for this summer's program. Four teachers have been hired and volunteers are currently being recruited. Ms Hutchinson thanked the Board for their support in this very worthwhile project.

GILLIES RETIREMENT

Chair Smith advised the Board of the retirement dinner planned for Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendent (Personnel), scheduled for June 18th, 2009 at the Camrose Golf Course.

MEETING \ RETREAT DATES

The Trustees were informed of the following dates for events currently scheduled for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

August 25 – Administrators' Meeting
August 27 – District Learning Institute in Viking
August 31 – Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Board
October 22 – 24 PSBAA University and AGM
October 28 – 29 Board Planning Session at Pigeon Lake
November 3, 4 – Consultative Process Meetings at Daysland
November 22 - 24 – ASBA Fall General Meeting in Edmonton
December 5 – Long-Service/Retirement Banquet at the CRE
February 18 -19 – Board/Administrators' Workshop in Edmonton
June 7 - 8 – ASBA Spring General Meeting

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

Trustee Miller presented an update on the PSBA Spring General Meeting he attended on May 30th and 31st, 2009 at the Capri Hotel and Conference Centre in Red Deer.

LEARNING TOGETHER GRADUATION

Vice Chair Zeniuk with Dr Payne, Superintendent of Schools and Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent will attend the Learning Together Graduation Banquet and Ceremony on June 26th, 2009 at the Norseman Inn.

Trustee Severson joined the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

ATA RETIREMENT DINNER

The Trustees were informed that the ATA Retirement Dinner is scheduled for November 18th, 2009.

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL OF CHARLIE KILLAM

The Trustees reviewed a letter written to the parents of the Charlie Killam School from Tom Midbo, Principal which provided a solution to allow full time instructional time for the band program at Charlie Killam School.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:49 p.m.)

#77\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 12:51 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Linda Coutts, Teacher, Forestburg School, Casey Johnson, Teacher, Charlie Killam School, Jeff Rathwell, Teacher, Forestburg School and Dr. Berdie Fowler joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Coutts, Ms Johnson, Mr Rathwell and Dr Fowler and acknowledged their individual achievements. Ms Coutts is the winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008 – 2009. Mr Rathwell is a co-recipient of the 2009 Most Sportsmanlike Coach Award for his contributions to high school athletics from the Alberta School Athletics Association. Ms Casey Johnson is a nominee from the Battle River School Division for the ASBA Edwin Parr Teaching Award. Dr. Fowler, a community member who has dedicated a life time to leading and learning, has been selected for the Alberta Order of Excellence Council to be a featured resource in the Alberta Social Studies Curriculum.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:42 p.m.

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

QUARTERLY REPORTING

Chair Smith welcomed Ms Walsh and invited her presentation. Ms Walsh provided updated Interim Financial Statements and Budget Reports as of March 31st, 2009 to the Trustees.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:04 p.m.)

#78\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, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 4:20 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 4:21 p.m.

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