

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON May 14, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 9:44 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 9:34 a.m. and advised that Chair Smith is unable to attend this meeting and sends her regrets.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#44\09 K Severson – That the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#45\09 H Syed – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9th, 2009 and continuation meeting of April 23rd, 2009 be approved as presented. CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, and Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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

#46\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, Director of Maintenance and Operations Roberts, Director of Transportation Johnson and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Percy Roberts, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Mr Roberts left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

CORNERSTONE UPDATE

Dr Payne advised the Battle River School Division Board that the Cornerstone Christian Academy's Board of Trustees carried a motion to have the Cornerstone Christian Academy join the Battle River School Division. A public announcement will be made once the contract is finalized.

ASBA VIDEOCONFERENCING SESSION

Chair Smith and Vice Chair Zeniuk will attend the ASBA videoconferencing presentation of the new format of the Association's proposed policies tentatively scheduled for May 26th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

BILL 44: HUMAN RIGHTS, CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURALISM AMENDMENT ACT

#47\09 V Petruk – That the Board of Trustees construct and forward a letter to the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education and the Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier stating that the Board does not agree with or support in any way Bill 44: Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUITION

#48\09 H Syed - That for the 2010 – 2011 school year the fee for foreign and international students be set at \$8,200.00 and that this fee not include the instructional materials fee or the transportation fee, if needed; and, further that any additional siblings attending Battle River School Division #31 in the same year receive a 10% tuition fee discount.

CARRIED

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN PROPOSAL

Dr Payne advised that additional research on this proposal is required and a recommendation would be brought to the May 28th, 2009 Board meeting.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

#49\09 H Syed – That the agenda of the regular meeting of May 14th, 2009 be amended by adding 7.16 under New Business “Meeting with MLAs at the Legislature Building on May 25th, 2009”.

CARRIED

MEETING WITH M.L.A.S

Chair Smith, Trustees Syed, Miller, Severson, Offord and Heiberg together with Dr Payne, Superintendent of Schools, and Diane Hutchinson, Communications Officer will attend a meeting with MLAs Verlyn Olson, Doug Griffiths, and Raymond Prins on May 25th, 2009. The format of the meeting and agenda items were discussed.

Mr Bosh, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Jason Van Hyfte, Safety Coordinator, joined meeting at 2:01 p.m.

PANDEMIC PLANNING UPDATE

Vice Chair Zeniuk welcomed Mr Van Hyfte to the meeting and invited his presentation. Mr Van Hyfte provided an update on the steps being taken to minimize the impact of the H1N1 (Swine) influenza on our division.

Mr Van Hyfte left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Patrick Whittleton, Teacher and Coordinator of the One-To-One Mobile Computer Project joined the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

ONE-TO-ONE MOBILE COMPUTER PROJECT

Vice Chair Zeniuk welcomed Patrick Whittleton and invited his presentation. Mr Whittleton provided an update on the one-to-one computer project at the Daysland, Bawlf, and Forestburg Schools along with next steps and future goals.

Dr. Payne commended Mr. Whittleton on the excellent work he is doing and the passion and dedication he displays for the profession of teaching.

Mr. Whittleton left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Doug Bowie, Principal, Bawlf School and Andy Friend, Grade 11 student at Bawlf joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - BAWLF

Vice Chair Zeniuk welcomed Mr Bowie and Mr Friend and invited their presentation. Mr Friend presented a video clip of historic places visited and highlights from the Bawlf International Travel Study trip to Europe which took place during the 2009 Spring Break. The video was presented to say thank you to the Board of Trustees for allowing the students to participate in this experience.

Mr Bowie and Mr Friend left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

INELIGIBLE FEES

#50\09 H Syed - That the Board set the fee for ineligible transportation services at \$200.00 for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

CARRIED

TRANSFER FROM RESERVES TO PURCHASE PETIOT BUS

51\09 P MILLER - That the Board of Trustees amend Board Motion #35\09 to read, "That the Board of Trustees accept the request from Shirley Petiot that her contract with the Board for the provision of school bus service be terminated and, further that the Board approve a transfer from reserves in the amount of \$58,845.00 plus GST in order to purchase a school bus from J & S enterprises."

CARRIED

Mr Bosh and Ms Johnson left the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Trustee Heiberg reported on her attendance at the Administrators' meeting held Tuesday, May 12th, 2009.

EDWIN PARR COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Heiberg, along with members of the ASBA Zone 4 Edwin Parr Committee, completed the final interview of the Edwin Parr nominees on Monday, May 11th, 2009. The decision for the winner of the Edwin Parr Award will be announced at the banquet scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2009. Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk, Trustees Heiberg, Severson, Miller, and Dr Payne will be attending the Edwin Parr Banquet.

Trustee Severson left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA)

Zone 4 Update

Trustee Offord reported on his attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on April 27th, 2009 in Red Deer.

Labour Relations Meeting

Trustee Offord reported on his attendance at the ASBA Labour Relations meeting on April 28th, 2009 in Red Deer.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Chair Smith submitted a written report on the Health and Physical Education Conference she attended on April 30th to May 2nd, 2009 in Banff. Ms Smith was invited to the Conference as a guest speaker and participant.

ALBERTA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD

Jeff Rathwell, Teacher in Forestburg is the recipient of the 2009 Most Sportsmanlike Coach Award.

COUNTY MEETINGS

Trustees Heiberg and Petruk will be attending the County of Beaver Meeting on Wednesday, May 27th, 2009. Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustee Severson plan to attend the County of Camrose Meeting on June 24th, 2009.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 4:14 p.m.

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