

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, COMMENCING AT 9:49 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

REBECCA HEIBERG  
PETER MILLER  
KEN OFFORD (joined at 9:39 a.m.)  
VICTOR PETRUK  
KENDALL SEVERSON  
CHERYL SMITH  
HAMEED SYED  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools  
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent (joined at 10:16 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 9:49 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION AGENDA**

#131\09 H SYED – That the continuation agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:49 a.m.)**

#132\09 P MILLER - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools Payne be excluded.

CARRIED

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Trustee Miller left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

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**SPARLING GRADE ONE CLASS**

The Trustees greeted the Grade One Class from Sparling School during their tour of Division Office. The tour included a question and answer period and a presentation of three songs.

**BOARD SELF EVALUATION**

Chair Smith requested that Trustees complete the Board Self Evaluation and forward their responses to the Executive Secretary, Operations prior to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The results of this evaluation will form part of the material for the Board Retreat.

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Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Instruction, joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

**ASBA SHOWCASE PRESENTATION**

The format and contents of the Showcase Presentation was finalized for the upcoming ASBA Zone 4 Meeting to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Ramada Inn in Camrose. Chair Smith and Trustees Miller, Severson, Petruk and Heiberg will be attending.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

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**PSBA SCHOOL ACT REVIEW**

The Trustees provided their feedback on the Public School Boards submission to the Minister of Education on suggested revisions to the School Act.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

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### **PROPOSED ISSUES FOR ASBA FALL GENERAL MEETING**

The Trustees reviewed the proposed issues provided by ASBA and will submit their response. Feedback from all the Zones will be summarized and a final document of proposed issues will be published in the Association Policies Bulletin prior to the ASBA Fall General Meeting.

### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST**

#133\09 K OFFORD - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Costa Rica by the Cornerstone Christian Academy students during spring break 2010 (March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010).

CARRIED

### **FRIENDS OF EDUCATION**

On behalf of the Board, Diane Hutchinson, Communications Officer, will nominate the Battle River Community Foundation for their contribution with the Reading University for the 2009 Friends of Education Award.

### **ASBA SERVICES**

Chair Smith provided a copy of the Alberta School Boards Association's 2008 – 2009 Annual Report and directed the Board's attention to the information sheet which describes the services purchased on a fee-for-services basis for the Battle River School Division jurisdiction. This is a new feature provided by ASBA.

### **MEETINGS WITH MLAS**

Chair Smith, Dr Payne, and Trustees Syed and Heiberg will meet with Verlyn Olson, MLA for the Wetaskiwin – Camrose Constituency on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Chair Smith, Dr Payne, and Trustees Petruk and Severson will meet with Doug Griffiths, MLA for the Battle River – Wainwright Constituency on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Legislature Building. The discussions will focus on budget, the collective agreement with teachers and the school act review.

### **CONSULTATIVE PROCESS COMMITTEE**

Members of the Consultative Process Committee met on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 to plan for the Consultative Process Forum scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Daysland. Topics discussed included a revision of the focus of the forums and the necessity of engaging community members in these discussions.

**DUTIES OF TRUSTEES, CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS**

The Trustees will review the position descriptions and bring forward any recommendations for changes to the Policy Committee for the October Board meeting.

**PSBA FALL GENERAL MEETING**

Trustees planning on attending the PSBA Fall General Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 are to advise the Executive Secretary, Operations by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**DAYSLAND SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – WAR CHILD CANADA**

Chair Smith received a letter congratulating the students and staff of Daysland School for their generous contribution of \$326.46 to War Child Canada a registered charity dedicated to providing assistance to war-affected children around the world.

**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

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CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (BUSINESS)

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