

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2008, COMMENCING AT 9:36 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER (left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.)
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.)
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

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ALSO PRESENT

LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#14/08 P. ZENIUK – That the additional items to the agenda as noted on the distributed sheet and the following items be added to the agenda:

- 7.7 Learning Together Program (Flagstaff Ward)
- 7.8 Modular Classrooms

CARRIED

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

#15/08 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, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Communications Officer Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Trustee Petruk joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent, and Joannie Zimmer, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Ms Zimmer left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 11:26 a.m.

DRAFT POLICY 19 ‘ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING’

Vice-chair Zeniuk reviewed a draft policy with respect to Alternative Programming.

Todd Sieben, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Sieben updated Trustees on the work of the Consultative Committee and provided recommendations for the division-wide consultative meetings during the 2007-08 school year.

#16/08 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the consultative process proposal as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent and the Division Principal.

CARRIED

Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Sieben left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Trustee Miller left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

Mr. Bosh was absent at the time of reconvening.

RE-EVALUATION OF ECS ENTRANCE AGE

At the May 10, 2007 Board meeting, Trustees indicated that the ECS entrance age will be re-evaluated in February 2008.

#17/08 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the continuation of the entrance age for ECS students according to Administrative Procedure 300 ‘Student Entrance Age’.

CARRIED

FIELD SERVICES ANNUAL SURVEY, ALBERTA EDUCATION

Trustees responded to a survey from Field Services, Alberta Education, which is to be returned by January 31, 2008.

CHANGES OF DATES FOR MARCH 27 AND APRIL 10, 2008 BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees noted that the March 27, 2008 regular scheduled Board meeting occurs during spring break and the April 10, 2008 regular scheduled Board meeting is in conflict with a workshop involving the Division Office leadership team.

#18/08 P. ZENIUK – That the Board meeting scheduled for March 27, 2008 be cancelled, and further that the April 10, 2008 Board meeting be changed to April 3, 2008.

CARRIED

FORMAT FOR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Smith requested that the chairs of each of the Board committees prepare a short written report to be submitted to the Executive Secretary by February 8, 2008 for inclusion in the agenda packages for the February 14, 2008 Board meeting.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM (FLAGSTAFF WARD)

Dr. Payne noted that administration has been exploring setting up a Learning Together Program in the eastern portion of Battle River School Division #31. Several meetings have been held with respect to starting this program in September 2008.

An application will be forwarded to Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry for assistance in funding a coordinator to work in setting up this program.

#19/08 K. OFFORD – That the Board provides \$18,000 from Accumulated Surplus, for the pre-operational assistance of the 'Learning Together' program in the Flagstaff Ward to facilitate the hiring of a coordinator.

CARRIED

MODULAR CLASSROOMS

#20/08 V. PETRUK – That the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Director of Operations and Maintenance to review the list of modular classroom priorities for the 2008-09 school year, and further that this information be submitted to Alberta Infrastructure.

CARRIED

CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Communications Officer Hutchinson informed Trustees that the following dates have been scheduled for meetings with the County Council and Municipal representatives in Battle River School Division #31:

Camrose County – January 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Flagstaff County – March 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Beaver County – March 31, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
City of Camrose – meeting not yet scheduled.

Locations for the above-noted meetings will be communicated to the Trustees when each has been confirmed.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Trustees were informed that the meeting time in Wetaskiwin for the Minister's visit and awards presentation on January 28, 2008 has been changed to 8:30 a.m. from 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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