

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2007, COMMENCING AT 9:40 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

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

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Herder called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- #7/07 K. OFFORD – That the Board approves the following additions to the agenda:
- 6.6 Performing Arts Centre Update – Frank Eggertson
 - 6.7 Creation of Educare Program at Jack Stuart School – Greg Friend
 - 8.11 Report on Meeting with Tofield Town Administration

CARRIED

REPORT ON MEETING WITH TOFIELD TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance, and that of Dr. Phillips, at a meeting with the Tofield Town Administration, who shared with them the future expansion plans for Tofield, including residential areas and the possibility of a manufacturing company locating in Tofield. Because of

possible development, town administrators wished to know if there is a need to set aside school reserve land and about some possible program needs at the Tofield Schools with respect to English as a Second Language programming.

Dr. Payne, in his role as Assistant Superintendent for Planning and System Improvement, will be the contact person for the Town of Tofield in planning with respect to school planning/programming.

BAWLF/ROSALIND SCHOOL

At 9:59 a.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Brian Austrom to the meeting, outlined the procedure with respect to this item, performed introductions, and welcomed Mr. Austrom's presentation.

A group of 15 persons attended the meeting for the report and decision with respect to the 'One School – Two Campuses' initiative for Bawlf and Rosalind Schools.

Mr. Austrom outlined concerns that parents from Bawlf had with respect to the possible busing of Bawlf junior high school students to Rosalind School.

Cindy Thirsk, School Council Chair from Rosalind School, read a letter on behalf of the Rosalind School Council, noting its support of this concept.

Dr. Phillips provided comments about the development and concept of communities, the development of the 'One School – Two Campuses' concept, and provided a recommendation to the Board.

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C. SMITH – That the Board accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, which states:

- Create one staff with one administration, which would consist of a principal and two vice-principals.
- Implement common staff meetings in order to encourage the development of a larger professional learning community.
- Some teachers with expertise in specialty areas could teach at both sites, which would expand opportunities for students.
- Implement a video-conferencing suite at Rosalind and use point-to-point video-conferencing to enhance instruction in the junior high program in Rosalind School.
- Investigate further the possibility of enhancing facilities at both sites in order to improve the opportunities for students.

CARRIED

Chairman Herder thanked the parents for coming and for being involved in this process, and noted that the Board is open to input from communities. Ms Herder also thanked those who made presentations.

The group left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

FISCAL UPDATE

Mr. Schulte provided Trustees with a fiscal update for the three months ending November 30, 2006.

The Board requested that Trustee Zeniuk bring forward the topic of transparency of school-generated funds as an agenda item for the School-Generated Funds Committee.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE UPDATE

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Frank Eggertson, President of the Camrose Arts Society, to the meeting and invited his presentation.

Mr. Eggertson informed Trustees that a private donation of \$2.5 million has been given toward the restoration of the Bailey Theatre. Mr. Eggertson noted that the initial survey for a performing arts center in Camrose showed that this venue would not be suitable for all the needs of the arts community. The Committee is proceeding to plan for a new Performing Arts Centre in the community and sees the restoration of the Bailey Theatre as Phase 1. The Bailey Theatre would be a suitable venue for dinner theatres, while the new Performing Arts Centre would not. City Council is waiting for the completion of an engineer's study on the state of the Bailey Theatre. Mr. Eggertson noted that he has also agreed to sit on the Bailey Theatre Restoration Committee.

Mr. Eggertson stated that the engineer's study is scheduled for completion by the end of February, and a study on the potential use of the Bailey Theatre, and those activities which could not be held there, is also scheduled.

Mr. Eggertson noted that he feels that the restoration of, and identification of the projects for, the Bailey Theatre should run parallel to the plans for the Performing Arts Centre.

Mr. Eggertson left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

CREATION OF AN EDUCARE PROGRAM AT JACK STUART SCHOOL

At 1:49 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Greg Friend, Principal at Jack Stuart School, to the meeting and invited his presentation.

Mr. Friend presented a proposal for consideration by Trustees with respect to an enriched child care program in conjunction with the one-half day ECS program as a pilot project at the Jack Stuart School, effective with the 2007-08 school year.

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H. SYED – That the Board encourages further exploration into the concept of an Educare program at the Jack Stuart School, and further that the Board provides \$2000 from the Board Innovation Fund to assist in the development of the concept and to investigate if such a program should be operated by the Board, or if partnerships with other agencies should be explored to develop the program.

CARRIED

Mr. Friend left the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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