

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2007,
COMMENCING AT 9:45 A.M.**

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD (arrived at 9:49 a.m.)
CHERYL SMITH
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

VICTOR PETRUK
HAMEED SYED

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 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#1/07 G. OBERG – That the agenda be approved with the information items on the distributed copies of the add-on sheet, and the following item:

6.5 Consultative Process

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#2/07 C. SMITH – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

RECEIPT OF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES RE BAWLF/ROSALIND SCHOOLS

Dr. Phillips provided a summary of the written responses from parents and staff at the Bawlf and Rosalind Schools with respect to the possibility of Rosalind School becoming a satellite school of Bawlf School.

#3/07 P. ZENIUK – That the Board accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools with respect to the “one school/two campuses” idea for the Bawlf and Rosalind Schools, which states:

That the Board receives the written summaries of the three “community” meetings.

That the Board authorizes distribution of the summaries to the three groups of respondents.

That the Superintendent convenes a second public meeting which is open to parents and staff from both Bawlf and Rosalind, with the purpose of the meeting be to answer some of the questions raised in the written responses and to review the enrolment figures, utilization, means of accessing funds for new construction/modernization, etc.

That the Board makes a decision with respect to the “one school – two campuses” concept on January 25, 2007.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:17 a.m.)

#4/07 C. SMITH – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 10:47 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

KEY MESSAGES - SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Vice-Chairman Smith and Trustee Heiberg volunteered to serve on the committee preparing key messages for safe and caring schools.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

TASK FORCE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

At 11:06 a.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Kerry LaBerge, Special Education Coordinator, to the meeting and invited his presentation.

Mr. LaBerge noted that serious incidents involving violence and weapons have occurred in Battle River School Division #31 and, although some

schools have measures in place, most do not and these incidents involved multi-agencies.

Mr. LaBerge noted that he and Deputy Superintendent Bosh are drafting a threat assessment policy.

Mr. LaBerge stated that, based on the success of the Drug Response Task Force, he would like to use this as a model for a task force on youth violence with multi-agency and community involvement. Mr. LaBerge noted that this topic needs a comprehensive, systematic and well-thought out plan.

#5/07 K. OFFORD – That the Board commits the resources, from the Board Initiative Fund, to set up an initial meeting with various stakeholders to determine interest in pursuing the set up of a task force on youth violence.

CARRIED

Mr. LaBerge left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

FORMATION OF A PROVINCIAL BARGAINING COALITION

Trustees reviewed a letter received from Buffalo Trail School Division seeking interest in setting up a provincial bargaining coalition and an initial meeting to determine interest in this formation.

Trustees agreed by consensus not to participate in the proposed meeting with respect to forming a provincial bargaining coalition.

DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING AT EDBERG

The public meeting in Edberg with respect to the possible closure of the school is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2007 in the school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

AISI CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Trustees reviewed information about the upcoming AISI conference on February 12 and 13, 2007 in Calgary.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

At 1:13 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Joannie Zimmer, Division Principal, and Larry Payne, Assistant Superintendent, to the meeting.

Trustees discussed the direction for the consultative process for this year and the information needed from these meetings.

A topic that was suggested was the 'Pyramid of Success' with an introduction of the mission, vision and belief statements.

Ms Zimmer noted that the following meetings have been scheduled:

March 14, 2007 in the morning at the Daysland Hall for parents;
March 21, 2007 in the afternoon at Daysland for teachers; and
April 18, 2007 in the afternoon at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose for students.

Ms Zimmer and Dr. Payne left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

PRIORITY 1 HUMANACARE

At 1:31 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed representatives from Priority 1 HumanaCare to the meeting and invited their presentation. Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendent, also joined the meeting at this time.

Cheryl Selig, Account Services manager, served as spokesperson, reviewing a report on the utilization of Priority 1 HumanaCare services by employees in Battle River School Division #31.

Other members of the delegation provided responses to questions from Trustees.

The delegation left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

#6/07 C. SMITH – That the Board renews its contract with Priority 1 HumanaCare for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years.

CARRIED

Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH INITIATIVE. EAST CENTRAL HEALTH

At 2:16 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Yvonne Allan, Health Promotion Facilitator, East Central Health, to the meeting and invited her presentation.

Ms Allan provided Trustees with information of the comprehensive School Health Initiative of East Central health, the school action plans that have been developed, and future plans.

Ms Allan noted that two schools in Battle River School Division #31 are participating in this as "pilot" sites – Holden School and Chester Ronning School.

Ms Allan indicated that she would be interested in having a Letter of Agreement with Battle River School Division #31 for this initiative, and that the Division would develop a policy with respect to nutrition and health.

Ms Allan left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At 2:44 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Max Lindstrand, Principal at the Camrose Composite High School, to the meeting and invited his presentation. Mr. Lindstrand updated Trustees with respect to the international student program initiative.

Mr. Lindstrand left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:29 p.m.

Mr. Gillies joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and left at 3:34 p.m.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Trustees supported the concept of developing an administrative procedure or policy with respect to nutrition and health. The Board referred this to the Policy Development/Review Committee to gather research and bring back to the Board for further discussion.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustees reviewed the information items circulated in a folder during the Board meeting.

Administrative Procedure 207 'Cultural Diversity'

Dr. Phillips presented Administrative Procedure 207 'Cultural Diversity' to the Trustees as information and reviewed changes to this document as suggested by school administrators.

Administrative Procedure 415 'Support for Upgrading Teaching Qualifications'

Dr. Phillips presented Administrative Procedure 415 'Support for Upgrading Teaching Qualifications' to Trustees as information and noted that the change in this document occurs in section 1.2.1 and 2.2.1, whereby teachers can submit claims twice a year rather than once.

ASBA Governance Review

Chairman Herder informed Trustees that she met with Karen Holloway, Director for ASBA Zone 4, who was meeting with Trustees in the Zone with respect to the suspension of the ASBA Governance Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee met on January 8, 2007 to prepare the agenda for this meeting.

Capital Planning Committee

Members of the Capital Planning Committee had a site meeting at Charlie Killam School on January 9, 2007 with another one scheduled for January 22, 2007. Trustee Oberg reported on the above-noted meeting.

Policy Development/Review Committee

The Policy Development/Review Committee will meet on Monday, January 15, 2007.

Communications Liaison Committee

A meeting of the Communications Liaison Committee is scheduled for January 15, 2007.

ASBA Zone 4

The next meeting of the ASBA Zone 4 is January 22, 2007 in Wetaskiwin.

Administrators' Meeting

Trustee Offord reported on his attendance at the Administrators' Meeting held on January 9, 2007.

PSBAA Reports and Information

The Public School Boards Council will be meeting on February 1-3, 2007 in Nisku.

ASEBP Report

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan held on January 10, 2007.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice-Chairman Smith reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Drug Response Task Force held on January 4, 2007 noting that this was a follow-up to the 'Drug Endangered Children' workshop.

Ms Smith also noted that funding has not yet been received for the 'Buddy Up' partnering program. This may still come, however if it does not, the program will not continue.

Ms Smith informed Trustees that the mentoring program has been assumed by the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Performing Arts Centre Committee

Trustees were notified that Mr. Frank Eggertson, Chair of the Camrose Arts Society, will be attending the Board meeting on January 25, 2007 to provide information with respect to the Performing Arts Centre and the Bailey Theater.

Canadian Parents for French, Camrose Chapter

Vice-Chairman Smith reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Camrose Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French held on January 5, 2007.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recess at 4:21 p.m. until January 25, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

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