

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 2007,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (8:53 P.M.)**

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
KENDALL SEVERSON
VICTOR PETRUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

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 8:53 p.m., immediately following the finish of the organizational meeting.

Ms Smith presented the two new Trustees, Kendall Severson and Peter Miller, with school division bags and pins as she welcomed each one to the Board table.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#197/07 K. OFFORD – That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#198/07 R. HEIBERG – That the minutes be approved as corrected (i.e. motion #169 "...3.25% increase to the 'grids', not 'salaries').

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (8:59 p.m.)

- #199/07 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit 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

The in-camera session recessed at 9:19 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION FALL GENERAL (ASBA) MEETING

Ms Smith noted that the ASBA Fall General Meeting is scheduled for November 18-20, 2007 in Edmonton. Trustees were encouraged to review the policies that have been sent out as background information for the meeting.

RYLEY SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB REQUEST

- #200/07 R. HEIBERG – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to the conditions outlined in administrative procedure 261 'Travel Study', the request by the Ryley School Travel Club for students to travel to Italy, France and Spain during spring break, 2009, pending submission of the final itinerary to the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

STAFF APPRECIATION PLANS

The Board made plans to present schools with gift bags before Christmas as appreciation gifts.

STAFF BANQUET PLANS

Ms Smith noted that the date for the long service and retirement banquet is December 1, 2007, and indicated that Trustees will be participating in the presentations.

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

The Board planning session will be held on November 8 and 9, 2007. Trustees were given background documents in preparation for these sessions.

NEW TRUSTEE AND BOARD CHAIR WORKSHOP

Trustees were informed that ASBA is hosting a new trustee and board chair workshop in January 2008. Information on this can be accessed through the ASBA website.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 9:45 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on November 22, 2007.

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