

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MARCH 23, 2006, COMMENCING AT 9:36 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

BRENDA HERDER  
GERRY OBERG (joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.)  
KEN OFFORD  
VICTOR PETRUK  
CHERYL SMITH  
HAMEED SYED  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

REBECCA HEIBERG

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#52/06 H. SYED – That the following items be added to the agenda:

- 4.1.1 Compassionate Leave
- 6.12 WCB Coverage for Volunteers, C. Jensen
- 6.13 Hockey Programs, W. Phillips
- 6.14 Boys and Girls Club, W. Schulte
- 6.15 Professional Improvement Leave Request
- 6.16 Board Meeting Date Change
- 8.11 Bashaw Indoor Air Quality Report

CARRIED

**BASHAW INDOOR AIR QUALITY REPORT**

Superintendent Phillips informed Trustees of a meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 in Bashaw with respect to the indoor air quality at the Bashaw School. Dr. Phillips noted that there was good attendance at the meeting. Dr. Phillips shared information with Trustees that was presented

at the meeting, and noted that the air intake at the school will be moved from its present location and raised, and that a monitoring firm will begin monitoring the indoor and outdoor air quality for a two-week period, effective March 23, 2006. Dr. Phillips noted a number of other measures that will be implemented by the Operations and Maintenance Department of Battle River School Division #31.

- #53/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to relocate the elementary students at the Bashaw School to the gymnasium and library, or to the Bashaw Community Centre, as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:13 a.m.)**

- #54/06 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 10:18 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

**COMPASSIONATE LEAVE**

- #55/06 P. ZENIUK – That the Board grants employee #4502-02 an additional two days of compassionate leave.

CARRIED

**WORKERS COMPENSATION BOARD (WCB) COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Catherine Jensen, Business Manager, joined the meeting for the discussion of WCB coverage for volunteers.

Ms Jensen updated Trustees with respect to the WCB policy change/clarification regarding volunteers. Ms Jensen will conduct a survey and compile the results for the Board with respect to this issue.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

**HOCKEY PROGRAMS**

Dr. Phillips informed Trustees that the pilot hockey academy program for Charlie Killam School was unable to be implemented in the fall of 2005 because the enrolment was not sufficient.

- #56/06 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves the hockey program at Charlie Killam School and Battle River Online for September 2006 as a pilot project.

CARRIED

#57/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves, as a pilot project and for the 2006-07 school year, the hockey program at Tofield School, with the program to be evaluated for further consideration.

CARRIED

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte updated Trustees with respect to the sharing of space the Boys and Girls Club has with the PACE Outreach School, and noted that the Boys and Girls Club pays rent to Battle River School Division #31 for the use of this space.

#58/06 K. OFFORD – That the Board forgives the outstanding rent of \$6,420 owing to Battle River School Division #31 by the Boys and Girls Club; that a schedule be set up with the Club to ensure regular rent payments are made; and further that members of Battle River School Division #31 and the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, and/or designate, meet with the Board of the Boys and Girls Club to discuss sustainability.

CARRIED

**PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT LEAVE REQUEST**

#59/06 G. OBERG – That the Board supports the receipt of the application for a professional improvement leave for the 2006-07 school year from employee #4513-02; and further that the Board directs the Chairman of the Board Negotiating Committee to consult with the ATA Negotiating Committee to determine its acceptance of the late application.

CARRIED

**BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

#60/06 C. SMITH – That the Board Committee meeting day in April 2006 be changed to April 26<sup>th</sup> from April 27<sup>th</sup>.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee met on March 21, 2006 to hear two recommendations for expulsion. The Committee upheld both recommendations and referred the expelled students to the Deputy Superintendent to set up an acceptable education program for each student.

Dr. Phillips indicated his appreciation for the efforts that the staff at the Charlie Killam School has put into assisting one of the above-noted students, and noted that this is an indication that a traditional setting does not always work for all students and that an alternate program is sometimes indicated.

Support Staff Liaison Committee

Members of the Support Staff Liaison Committee met with school support staff on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 with respect to the benefits of being part of the Local Authorities Pension Plan, and other updates that were carried over from previous meetings.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

Executive Committee

Members of the Executive Committee were involved in planning the Board/Administrators' workshop; and also met before the Support Staff Liaison meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Administrators' Meeting on March 14, 2006.

Policy Development/Review Committee

Members of the Policy Development/Review Committee met with members of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on March 14, 2006 to discuss a number of policies. The suggestions resulting from this meeting will be reviewed by the Policy Development/Review Committee.

Capital Planning Committee

*CCHS Handicap Lift*

#61/06 G. OBERG – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$40,000 from the Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal fund for a handicap lift at Camrose Composite High School.

CARRIED

*Hot Water Tank, Chester Ronning School*

#62/06 G. OBERG – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$3,500 from the Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal fund for a hot water tank at the Chester Ronning School.

CARRIED

*Flooring, New Norway School*

#63/06 G. OBERG – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$8,500 from the Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal fund for flooring in the New Norway School.

CARRIED

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance, and that of Trustee Offord and Director of Operations and Maintenance Spelliscy at the Council of Educational Facility Planners International on March 16 and 17, 2006 in Jasper, Alberta.

Mr. Oberg also reported on some of the projects being done by the maintenance department.

ASBA Reports and Information

Zone 4

Trustee Offord reported on his attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 meeting held on March 20, 2006.

Trustees did a cursory preview of the Directives for Action from the Zone 4 meeting for discussion at the April Board meeting.

The next ASBA Zone 4 meeting will be held in Stettler on April 24, 2006.

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Chairman Herder, Trustee Syed and Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on a meeting of school boards on March 9, 2006 with respect to an Employer Bargaining Model.

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Chairman Herder provided a summary with respect to a Steering Committee Meeting of the Small Urban Boards Study held on February 17, 2006.

ASEBP Report

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on the possible effect of the provincial government's 'Third Way' health proposal on the Alberta School Employee Benefits Program. Mr. Schulte also noted that a surcharge is in effect and the discount program, for which Battle River School Division #31 qualifies, has been suspended for this year.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice-chairman Smith reported on a meeting of the Drug Response Task Force held on March 14, 2006.

Canadian Parents for French, Camrose Chapter

Vice-chairman Smith reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Canadian Parents for French, Camrose Chapter, held on March 3, 2006.

Battle River Alliance for Economic Development

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development held in Millet on March 22, 2006.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

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Catherine Jensen, Business Manager, joined the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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**Administrators' Meeting**

Ms Jensen reported on a presentation made at the Administrators' meeting on March 14, 2006 with respect to a possible flu pandemic.

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at the above-noted Administrators' meeting.

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Ms Jensen left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

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**Communication Liaison Committee**

Trustee Zeniuk reported that the Communication Liaison Committee is working on a communication plan to be used when trustees are attending municipal meetings, and noted that some tentative dates have been set for these meetings.

**Learning Together Program Steering Committee**

Trustees Petruk reported on a meeting of the Learning Together Program Steering Committee held on March 15, 2006, noting that this program is progressing well and that the program is full. There is some concern with the lack of space for the program.

**Healthy Interactions Steering Committee**

Chairman Herder noted that a survey was sent out to school-based staff to determine where each is in the training modules of the Healthy Interactions Program.

**Student Achievement Committee**

It was noted that a successful sharing meeting with high school teachers was held for the purpose of diploma exam analysis. This was facilitated by an Alberta Education representative. The next session planned on diploma exams will be subject specific.

**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

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BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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