

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 11, 2006, COMMENCING AT 9:35 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK (joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.)
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED

ALSO PRESENT

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

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#81/06 P. ZENIUK – That the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#82/06 G. OBERG – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13 and 26, 2006 be approved as presented. CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:37 a.m.)

#83/06 K. OFFORD – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded. CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 11:21 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

BANKING PROPOSALS

- #84/06 G. OBERG – That Battle River School Division #31 accepts the banking proposal submitted by the Bank of Montreal, and further that the Board enters into a five-year agreement with the Bank of Montreal to provide banking services to the Division.
- CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:24 a.m.)

- #85/06 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.
- CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 11:58 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

APPEAL – EMPLOYEE #4543-01

- #86/06 K. OFFORD – That, with respect to the appeal by employee #4543-01, the Board supports the administrative decision.
- CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

- #87/06 K. OFFORD - That the Board provides a basic fee of \$1.20/student for basic student accident insurance for each student during school hours or at any school approved/supervised activity, and further that the insurance coverage include ECS students registered in Board-operated programs, those students registered in privately-operated ECS programs offered in cooperation with the Board, and to Home Education students registered with the Board, to the extent that the insurance company will permit such coverage at the rates established for the students registered in regular school programs, and further that, in addition to the basic coverage, the insurance coverage provides an additional \$0.10 per insured student for the IAP Kids Plus Enhanced Option Package.
- CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION NETWORK AREA COMPUTER SERVER

- #88/06 R. HEIBERG – That the Board approves the purchase of the Administration Network Area Computer Server at an approximate cost of \$25,000, and further that the funds for this be taken from the Administration Computer/Copier Reserve.
- CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

- #89/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the purchase of fifteen notebook computers for administrative use, with an estimated cost of \$2,500/notebook, and further that the funds for this be taken from either the Administration Computer/Copier Reserve or from the user's department's operating reserve.
- CARRIED

TOFIELD SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB

- #90/06 R. HEIBERG –That the Board approves, in principle and subject to policy HGCB 'Travel Study', the trip to Greece during spring break 2007 by the Tofield School Travel Club.
- CARRIED

RYLEY SCHOOL TRAVEL REQUEST

- #91/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to policy HGCB 'Travel Study', the trip to France during spring break 2007 by the Ryley School French 10/20/30 students.
- CARRIED

CAMROSE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL TRAVEL REQUEST

- #92/06 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to policy HGCB 'Travel Study', the trip to continental Europe by students at Camrose Composite High School during spring break 2007.
- CARRIED

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- #93/06 K. OFFORD – That, with respect to educational services for international students, the Board accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, which states:
- That the Board plans for implementing an International Students Program, effective September 2007;
 - That the Board commits up to \$25,000 for the investigation, development and implementation of this Program;
 - That the funds for this initiative be taken from the Instructional Operating Reserves.
- CARRIED

FACILITY PLAN

- #94/06 K. OFFORD – That the Board approves the priorities noted on the Facility Plan as identified by the Secretary-Treasurer, and further that the Facility Plan be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.
- CARRIED

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR REPORT

Dr. Phillips provided Trustees with an update on the Division's Accountability Pillar Report from Alberta Education.

VISION AND BELIEF STATEMENTS TO SCHOOLS

Chairman Herder noted that the Board had indicated at the Board/Administrators' Workshop in March 2006, that it would ensure that all Battle River School Division #31 schools and facilities received copies of the new vision and belief statements. As a follow-up to this, each school and Battle River School Division #31 facility will receive a framed copy of the vision statement, the belief statements, and the mission statement.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) BY-LAWS

Chairman Herder assigned individual Trustees a specific ASBA by-law to review and report back to the entire Board at the meeting on May 25, 2006, as part of the preparation for the ASBA Spring General Meeting.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA (PSBAA) RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Herder queried Trustees to see if any one of them might be interested in attending the PSBAA meeting in June.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Provincial Crystal Meth Task Force Community Meeting

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at a community meeting of the Provincial Crystal Meth Task Force held at the Norsemen Inn in Camrose on April 24, 2006.

Encounters With Canada

Chairman Herder informed Trustees that federal funding for the Encounters With Canada Program has now been re-instated.

Reclaiming Youth Conference Report

Trustee Heiberg and Chairman Herder reported on their attendance at the Reclaiming Youth Conference in Victoria, BC on April 29-May 2, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Affairs Committee

The members of the Student Affairs Committee met to hear a recommendation for expulsion of a student. The recommendation was upheld.

Negotiating Committee

Members of the local ATA contacted Bill Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer, with respect to letters of intent noted in the Collective Agreement.

Meetings will be commencing with CUPE and the Beaver Bus Drivers' Association.

Support Staff Liaison Committee

Trustees were informed that a summary of the meeting with school support staff held on April 21, 2006 was distributed.

Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee met on May 5, 2006 to prepare the agenda for today's meeting.

Policy Development/Review Committee

A meeting of the Policy Development/Review Committee is scheduled for May 18, 2006.

Capital Planning Committee

The Capital Planning Committee will meet on May 19, 2006.

Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan (ASEBP) Report

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that the ASEBP Board of Directors will meet on May 17 and 18, 2006, and that a strategic planning session will be held near the end of May, at which time discussion will be held on the discount positions of school boards.

Administrators' Meeting

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at the Administrators' Meeting held on May 9, 2006.

Student Achievement Committee

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Student Achievement Committee held on May 8, 2006.

LETTER TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Dr. Phillips reported on his attendance at a meeting at which time he listened to the Minister of Education speak. Dr. Phillips noted that he was part of a follow-up discussion with the Minister where Dr. Phillips noted budget shortfalls for the 2006-07 school year. The Minister of Education requested a letter from our Division outlining our budget concerns. A letter has been written and sent over the signature of the Board chair.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

ALBERTA INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (AISI) CYCLE 3

Dr. Phillips outlined the proposed programs for Cycle 3 (Pyramids for Success) of the AISI project, as well as a professional development component.

#95/06 R. HEIBERG – That the Board approves the AISI Projects, Cycle 3, as presented by the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

MULTI-AGE, MULTI-GRADE INSERVICE PROPOSAL

Dr. Phillips reviewed a multi-age school proposal developed by the Division Principal.

#96/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board supports the multi-age school proposal as presented, and as approved in the budget.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:56 p.m. until May 25, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

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