

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 25, 2006, COMMENCING AT 9:39 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG (joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK
PATRICIA ZENIUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer (left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.)
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

WELCOME TO NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Chairman Herder welcomed Diane Hutchinson to the meeting as the new Communications Officer for Battle River School Division #31.

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

Ms Walsh began the review of the proposed 2006-07 school year budget.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Operations and Maintenance, joined the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

FAREWELL TO DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Herder expressed thanks to Pat Spelliscy as he leaves Battle River School Division #31 to assume another position. Ms Herder thanked Mr. Spelliscy for the fine work he has done in the operations and maintenance department, and for the guidance he has given with respect to capital projects. Mr. Spelliscy was wished much success in his new endeavor.

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET (continued)

Discussions continued with respect to the 2006-07 school year budget.

VIDEO-CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT

#97/06 H. SYED – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$90,300 for video-conferencing equipment at the Bawlf, Ryley and Tofield Schools, and further that the funds come from the 2005-06 instructional budget.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Larry Payne, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

APPOINTMENT – LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES

At 1:32 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Coreen Everington, Coordinator of the Learning Together Program, Marlene Edwards, Teacher at the Learning Together Program, and students Lindsay Meadahl and Trina Hein to the meeting.

Kudos to Marlene Edwards

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Herder expressed congratulations to Marlene Edwards on being a recipient of the Excellence

in Teaching Award, and noted that the Board is proud of Ms Edwards and the work she has done.

Ms Edwards responded that she is part of a team and it is the support and trust she receives that enables her to do her work well.

Report from 'Reclaiming Youth Conference'

Chairman Herder invited each person to provide her response to her attendance at the 'Reclaiming Youth Conference' in Victoria at the end of April and beginning of May. Each indicated that the experience was an excellent one and that each came home with many ideas to think about and implement.

The delegation left the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Dr. Payne left the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Ms Walsh rejoined the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET (continued)

Discussions on the 2006-07 school year budget continued.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

BASHAW CORPORAL PROGRAM

#98/06 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$98,000 for the construction of a building to house the Corporal Program at the Bashaw School, and further that the funds to be taken from the 2005-06 Operations and Maintenance budget.

CARRIED

Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION IN HIRING PRINCIPALS

Superintendent of Schools Phillips provided guidelines with respect to Trustee participation in the hiring of school principals.

Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Larry Payne, Assistant Superintendent, and Rick Jarrett, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

LOCALLY APPROVED COURSES

#99/06 K. OFFORD - That Band 15, 25, 35; Chamber Ensemble 15, 25, 35; Choir 15, 25, 35; Instrumental Jazz 15, 25, 35, and Vocal Jazz 15, 25, 35, (all September 2004), as developed by the Calgary Board of Education, be offered as locally authorized courses in Battle River School Division #31, subject to the conditions of use outlined by the Superintendent, School Support Services, Calgary Board of Education, in his letter of April 20, 2006.

CARRIED

Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Dr. Payne spoke to areas of the 2005 satisfaction surveys on which Trustees had requested further information during discussions at the April Board meeting.

THREE-YEAR PLAN 2006-09

Dr. Payne provided a draft of the Three-Year Plan 2006-09 for discussion. The final draft will be brought forward at the June meeting for approval.

MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Payne reviewed three draft mission statements for Board consideration.

#100/06 H. SYED – That the Board adopts the following mission statement:

“The Battle River School Division, in partnership with parents and the community, will ensure that each student acquires the necessary knowledge, skills, and core values to be a caring, productive member of our democratic society.”

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:39 p.m.

POLICY MANUAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MANUAL

Vice-chairman Smith noted that, before the policy manual and administrative procedures manual comes before the Board for approval, some discussion is needed on a number of the policies and/or procedures. The Board will meet on June 13, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. to review the manuals.

ASBA DIRECTIVES/BYLAWS

Individual Trustees provided reports on the ASBA Directive that he/she had been assigned at the Board meeting on May 11, 2006.

PSBAA RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Zeniuk provided a report on the PSBAA resolutions that resulted from a meeting she attended on April 20-22, 2006. Trustee Offord will be attending the PSBAA general meeting in June 2006.

Mr. Gillies joined the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr. Gillies provided Trustees with an update with respect to staffing for the 2006-07 school year.

Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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