

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2006, COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
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
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Herder called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- #194/06 K. OFFORD – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the following items:
- 5.1 Update on Board Planning Session
 - 6.7 Support for Aspen View Regional Division #19
 - 6.8 Letter to the Editor
 - 7.1 Special Education Report

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- #195/06 C. SMITH – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2006 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

#196/06 H. SYED – That the regular meeting recess to permit the 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

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m. and left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 10:02 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

CRITICAL MINIMUM ENROLMENTS

Dr. Phillips reviewed the enrolments at schools that have critical minimum enrolments as of September 30, 2006, noting that Alliance, Edberg, Lougheed, Rosalind, and Strome Schools fit this category in either elementary or junior high school.

The Superintendent and the local Trustee will meet with the principal and the executive of the School Councils of each of the five schools noted above to review projected enrolments for the next five years, the condition of the school facility, and developments within the community; and further the Superintendent will bring a report to the November Board meeting of these meetings.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

HOLDEN SCHOOL HEALTHY MUFFIN MORNING AND SNACK PROGRAM REQUEST

#197/06 P. ZENIUK – That, for the 2006-07 school year, the Board provides \$2000 to help support the breakfast program at the Holden School.

CARRIED

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE)

Mr. Schulte noted that there is a Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE waiting for signatures.

#198/06 G. OBERG – That the Board accepts the Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE, and further that this be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

MAINTENANCE STAFFING

#199/06 K. OFFORD – That the Board approves the hiring of two additional personnel in the Maintenance Department.

CARRIED

Dr. Larry Payne and Mr. Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendents, joined the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

UPDATE ON BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Dr. Payne reviewed the proposed topics of discussion for the Board Planning Session on October 19 and 20, 2006, and assigned some pre-reading to Trustees.

Dr. Payne and Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Chairman Herder brought to the attention of Trustees, and reviewed, the ASBA Governance Review Terms of Reference. She sought Trustee feedback to take to a meeting on October 16, 2006.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA (PSBAA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Trustees received information with respect to the PSBAA Annual General Meeting in November, 2006.

SUPPORT FOR ASPEN VIEW REGIONAL DIVISION #19

#200/06 K. OFFORD – That the Board provides \$2500 to the Aspen View Regional Division #19 in support of that Division’s ongoing work regarding the Alternate Formation Process for separate districts and the transfer of Wasketenau School.

CARRIED

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trustee Zeniuk brought to the attention of Trustees a letter to the editor in the October 1st edition of the Camrose Canadian with respect to initiation rites/hazing of grade 10 students by grade 12 students, which was signed by a parent from Rosalind School.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items were circulated to Trustees during the Board meeting.

High School Completion Symposium Report

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at the Minister's High School Completion Symposium on September 24 and 25, 2006 in Edmonton. Dr. Phillips provided further information as he attended the same symposium.

Pandemic Session Report

Mr. Schulte reported on his attendance at the Pandemic Session in Edmonton on September 18, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Bosh provided a report on the Special Education Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Affairs Committee

Trustee Zeniuk reported on a meeting of the Student Affairs Committee on October 5, 2006, with the result that the Committee upheld the recommendation of expulsion of a student.

Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee met to set the agenda for today's meeting and prepare for the planning session.

Policy Development/Review Committee

Vice-Chairman Smith noted that the Policy Development/Review Committee met on October 2, 2006 to review policies with the aim of ensuring that actions in the Division match policy.

Small Schools Committee

Chairman Herder noted that the Small Schools Committee met on September 29, 2006 and updated the Terms of Reference.

#201/06

R. HEIBERG – That the Board accepts the Terms of Reference for the Small Schools Committee as presented.

CARRIED

ATA Liaison Committee

The next meeting of the ATA Liaison Committee is scheduled for October 23, 2006.

Communications Liaison Committee

Communications Officer Hutchinson reported on a meeting of the Communications Liaison Committee on October 2, 2006.

Administrators' Meeting

Trustee Zeniuk reported on her attendance at the Administrators' Meeting held on October 10, 2006.

'Learning Together' Steering Committee

Trustees were informed that the portable for the 'Learning Together' program will be completed next week.

Trustees also learned that this program will be showcased at the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on October 23, 2006.

Healthy Interactions Steering Committee

A dinner to recognize the facilitators of the Healthy Interactions Program was held on September 25, 2006.

Student Achievement Committee

Chairman Herder reported on the work of the Student Achievement committee from a meeting held on October 2, 2006.

ASBA Zone 4 Report

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance at a meeting in Rocky Mountain House on September 25, 2006 of the ASBA Zone 4. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2006 in Camrose.

Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP)

Mr. Schulte noted that the Board of Directors of ASEBP met in an investment meeting last month.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice-Chairman Smith noted that the parent support group met for dinner on October 2, 2006 and that this support group is ongoing. She noted that she will be attending a meeting in Red Deer on October 24, 2006 for the Alberta Drug Coalition showcase with Dr. Larry Brentro; and further that Dr. Kiti Frier will be presenting a workshop in Camrose on November 16, 2006 with respect to Drug Endangered Children.

Ms Smith also noted that the Buddy Up program has been assumed by the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Camrose.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:18 p.m.)

#202/06 K. OFFORD – That the regular meeting recess to permit the 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 2:18 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder declared the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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