

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2005,
COMMENCING AT 12:54 P.M.**

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

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

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#185/05 H. SYED – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the items on the distributed copies of the add-on sheet.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#186/05 K. OFFORD – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 9 and 13, 2005 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:54 p.m.)

#187/05 C. SMITH – 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.

CARRIED

Declaring a conflict of interest, Trustee Oberg left the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 1:20 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – ATA

#188/05 H. SYED – That the Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Alberta Teachers Association Local and the Board Negotiating Committee on June 29, 2005 be ratified.

CARRIED

Director of Transportation, Brenda Johnson, joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

SUPPORT STAFF SALARY INCREASES

#189/05 H. SYED – That, for the 2005-06 school year, the salary increases for the non-union support staff be 2.8%; that custodians receive a 2.8% increase to their contracts, and further that the contract bus drivers receive a 2.8% increase to their contracts.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

#190/05 C. SMITH – That the Board enters into a Student Transportation Agreement with the Elk Island Public School Regional Division #14 as presented by the Director of Transportation.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

#191/05 V. PETRUK – That the designation of Lead Technician be changed to Director of Technology; and further that the grid position change from row 51 to row 53.

CARRIED

TRAVEL REQUEST, DAYSLAND SCHOOL

#192/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to the conditions outlined in policy HGCB 'Travel Study', the request by the Daysland School for students to travel to France or Quebec from March 30-April 9, 2007, pending submission of the final itinerary to the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

TRAVEL REQUEST, NEW NORWAY SCHOOL

#193/05 P. ZENIUK - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to the conditions outlined in policy HGCB 'Travel Study', the request by the New Norway School for students to travel to Italy and Greece from July 3-19, 2007, pending submission of the final itinerary to the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

ASBA POLICY AND DIRECTIVE FOR ACTION POSITIONS, 2005 FALL GENERAL MEETING

Trustees were each assigned two Directives for Action, as noted in the position paper, for review and reporting at the next Board meeting.

CAMROSE AND ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL, FESTIVAL OF WORDS

#194/05 K. OFFORD – That Battle River School Division #31 supports the Camrose Adult Learning Council in organizing the Festival of Words, and further that the Board provides \$500 to the Festival.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL, KAREN AND ZANE WOWK

At 1:57 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Karen and Zane Wowk to the Board room and invited their presentation.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wowk are resident in Beaver County and requested permission for an Elk Island Public School Division bus to cross the Battle River School Division #31 boundary and provide gate transportation service for their children to St. Martin's School in Vegreville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wowk left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

#195/05 C. SMITH – That the Board adheres to the agreement with the Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division #14 and deny the request for a school bus from Vegreville to enter Battle River School Division #31 in order to pick up the children of Karen and Zane Wowk.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM PRESENTATION

At 2:21 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Coreen Everington, Program Consultant, and Marlene Edwards, Teacher with the Learning Together Program, who provided an update of the Learning Together Program. Dr. Payne, Assistant Superintendent, also joined the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Ms Everington noted that the program is in place with approximately 13 students registered to start between September 1 and November 15, 2005.

Ms Edwards spoke to her role in the program, and expressed her appreciation for the foresight and support in implementing such a program.

Ms Everington, Ms Edwards and Dr. Payne left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

#196/05 C. SMITH – That the Board accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and allocates the following amounts from the Board Innovations line of the 2005-06 budget to the Learning Together Program: office expenses - \$5,000; classroom supplies - \$5,000; and administrative costs - \$9,000; for a total of \$19,000.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL, CLINT AND DONNA ZEMLAK

At 3:01 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Clint and Donna Zemlak to the meeting and invited their presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Zemlak requested bus transportation for their child from their residence in the Viking School attendance area to the ECS class in Holden School.

Mr. and Mrs. Zemlak left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:33 p.m.)

#197/05 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

Don Gillies, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 4:32 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

GRADE ONE ENTRANCE AGE APPEAL

At 4:33 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Dr. Tim Hanton and his wife, Donna, to the meeting and invited their presentation. Dr. Hanton requested that his son, whose 6th birth date is January 5, 2006, be permitted to attend grade one at Killam School. His son has successfully completed kindergarten at the Loughheed private ECS.

Dr. and Mrs. Hanton left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m.

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE MEETING BEYOND 5:00 P.M.

#198/05 H. SYED – That the regular meeting continue beyond 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

GRADE ONE ENTRANCE AGE APPEAL (continued)

#199/05 H. SYED – That, with respect to the request by Dr. and Mrs. Hanton for their son to be permitted to enter grade one in September 2005, the Board adheres to policy and past practices.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL – CLINT AND DONNA ZEMLAK (continued)

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

#200/05 K. OFFORD – That, with respect to the request by Clint and Donna Zemplak for gate transportation service from their residence in the Viking School attendance area to the Holden School, the Board defers a decision pending further information.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

TRANSFER FROM INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATING RESERVE

#201/05 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the transfer of \$18,312 from the Instructional Operation Reserve to the Instructional Budget for folding chairs and dollies purchased during the 2004-05 school year.

CARRIED

LETTER FROM THE CAMROSE CHAPTER OF THE CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Trustees reviewed a letter from the Camrose Chapter of the Canadian Parents for French in which this group is seeking further communication between the Chapter and the school division.

Trustee Smith was designated to represent the school division at the Chapter meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Plant Operations and Maintenance Funding

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte provided an analysis of the operations and maintenance budget.

#202/05 G. OBERG – That the Secretary-Treasurer, the Finance Manager, in conjunction with the Director of Operations and Maintenance, submit a revised Operations and Maintenance budget for the 2005-06 school year to the board for its consideration at the October 13, 2005 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Other Information Items

The remainder of the information items were circulated to the Trustees during the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Planning Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on the progress of the construction of the Tofield School music area.

ASBA Zone 4

The first meeting of this school year of the ASBA Zone 4 will be held in Rocky Mountain House on September 26, 2005.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice-chairman Smith reported on her attendance at the Drug Response Task Force meeting at which candidates for the position of program coordinator for the Community Mobilization Project were reviewed.

Administrators' Meeting

Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at the August 23, 2005 Administrators' Meeting.

ATA Liaison Committee

Chairman Herder informed Trustees that the ATA Executive has asked for a meeting on October 11, 2005.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (5:50 P.M.)

#203/05 C. SMITH – 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 6:21 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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