

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JUNE 23, 2005, COMMENCING AT 9:29 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD (joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.)
VICTOR PETRUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

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

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#126/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves the additions to the agenda as noted on the distributed copies of the add-on sheet. CARRIED

CAMROSE KODIAKS 'READ WITH THE KODIAKS' PROGRAM

#127/05 V. PETRUK – That the Board supports the Camrose Kodiaks Team in its 'Read with the Kodiaks' program, and further that a donation of \$500 be given to the project to be used for the purchase of books for prizes. CARRIED

Dr. Larry Payne, Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

THREE-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN 2005-08

Dr. Payne provided Trustees with, and reviewed, the final draft of the Three-Year Education Plan 2005-08.

#128/05 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves the Three-Year Education Plan 2005-08 as presented.

CARRIED

Mr. Rick Jarrett, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, FOCUS GROUPS, AND LIAISON MEETINGS

#129/05 C. SMITH – That the Board adopts the ‘Consultative Process’ proposal for the 2005-06 school year as presented.

CARRIED

Dr. Payne and Mr. Jarrett left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Pat Spelliscy, Director of Operations and Maintenance, joined the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Spelliscy reported on the upcoming work of the maintenance department, noting that in addition to the usual maintenance the following will also be done:

- Finishing the work needed for relocating the portable at Sifton School
- Removing the asbestos at Chester Ronning School
- Annual fire, and fire extinguishers, inspections at all schools
- Working on Infrastructure Maintenance Program projects as previously approved by the Board
- Servicing roof top units and exhaust fans
- Upgrading the Bawlf School computer lab
- Constructing kitchen counters for the PUF program

Mr. Spelliscy also noted that contract caretakers have been hired for schools in the City of Camrose. These contracts will take effect on August 1, 2005.

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Ms Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Killam/Sedgewick Boundary Review

#130/05 G. OBERG – That the Board approves a change to the Killam School boundary such that it extends east through the center of Section 11-44-13-W4M to the westerly edge of Section 12-44-13-W4M and then proceed north to the center of the westerly edge of Section 13-44-13-W4M, and further that a map outlining the above-noted change be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

Per Kilometer Rate Charged to Schools

#131/05 H. SYED – That the per kilometer charge for field trips for the 2005-06 school year be established at \$.70 in order to reflect the actual cost of providing school buses for this purpose.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:01 a.m.)

#132/05 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

The in-camera session recessed at 11:36 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS – CANOE TRIP

Two teachers and three students joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and provided an overview of a canoe trip in which they participated, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Camrose, Battle River School Division #31, Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta, and the Camrose Police Department.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:11 p.m.)

- #133/05 H. SYED – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except the Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 1:39 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:39 p.m.

CANADIAN MULTI-CULTURAL CENTER

At 1:40 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Jorge de Paz and Arne Mackowosky to the meeting and invited their presentation. Trustees were informed that the Foundation for Peace & Multiculturalism is planning to build, in the Camrose area, a Canadian Multicultural Center. Trustees viewed an architect's mock up for the proposed Center. The Center has a working group and has established bylaws. It is the desire of the group to involve students in projects as an education venture into knowledge of other cultures. An initial project, 'Project Flag Search' would involve youth in a cooperative venture for a Corridor of Flags at the site of the Center.

The delegation requested a letter of support from the school division to assist in launching the Center, which the group hopes to have completed in two years. Mr. de Paz indicated that land has been offered to them for the building of a Canadian Multicultural Center near the Camrose Regional Exhibition. A contest for a logo will be initiated to coincide with the ground-breaking/opening of the Center.

The delegation left the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

- #134/05 V. PETRUK – That the Board provides a letter of support for the concept of building a Canadian Multicultural Center in Camrose.

CARRIED

TRUSTEES PLANNING SESSION

Trustees were informed that the dates set for the Board planning session are October 24 and 25, 2005.

DIVISION OFFICE PARKING LOT

- #135/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves the expenditure of \$16,600 for Division Office parking lot repairs, and further that the funds for this be taken from the Division Office building reserve.

CARRIED

TRANSITION FUNDING PROPOSAL, CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL

#136/05 C. SMITH – That, for the 2005-06 school year, Charlie Killam School be permitted to extend its transition funds in excess of the cap. CARRIED

ACTION RESEARCH PROPOSAL, C W SEARS SCHOOL

#137/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves, in principle, an early intervention program at C W Sears School. CARRIED

COMPUTER ‘EVERGREENING’ PROCESS

Mr. Bosh reviewed the school computer allocations for the next three years under the Division’s ‘evergreening’ process.

#138/05 V. PETRUK – That the Board accepts the computer ‘evergreening’ proposal as presented. CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

2005-06 BUDGET

Ms Walsh reviewed several areas of change in the 2005-06 budget.

#139/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves the 2005-06 budget as presented. CARRIED

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:29 p.m.)

#140/05 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, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded. CARRIED

Declaring a conflict of interest, Trustee Oberg left the meeting during the in-camera session.

The in-camera session recessed at 4:42 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:42 p.m.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – ATA

#141/05 H. SYED – That the Board ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Board Negotiating Committee and the Negotiation Committee of the Alberta Teachers’ Association.

Trustee Petruk requested a recorded vote.

For the Motion

Against the Motion

H. Syed
V. Petruk
C. Smith

R. Heiberg
K. Offord
P. Zeniuk
B. Herder

DEFEATED

Trustee Oberg rejoined the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

#142/05 H. SYED – That the regular meeting continue beyond 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (5:02 p.m.)

#143/05 K. OFFORD – 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 5:11 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 5:11 p.m.

BEAVER BUS DRIVER ASSOCIATION

#144/05 G. OBERG – That the Board accepts the recommendation from the Negotiating Committee regarding contractual and non-contractual items for the Beaver Bus Drivers’ Association, and further that these recommendations be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

CONTRACT BUS DRIVERS

- #145/05 G. OBERG – That, for the 2005-06 school year, the contract bus drivers receive a 2.7% increase to their contracts.
- CARRIED

NON-ASSOCIATED BUS DRIVERS

- #146/05 G. OBERG – That, for the 2005-06 school year, the Board accepts the recommendation from the Negotiating Committee with respect to the non-associated bus drivers, and further that these recommendations be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.
- CARRIED

CUSTODIANS

- #147/05 G. OBERG – That, for the 2005-06 school year, the Board grants contract custodians a 2.7% increase to their contracts.
- CARRIED

SUPPORT STAFF

- #148/05 C. SMITH – That, for the 2005-06 school year, the Board grants a 2.7% salary increase to the Battle River School Division #31 support staff grids.
- CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustees reviewed the information items contained in the folder that was circulated during the Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Planning Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Chairman Herder, and Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee Oberg reported on a meeting at the Strome School with the School Council with respect to infrastructure spending and capital items.

ASBA Zone 4

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance at a meeting of the ASBA Zone 4 held on May 23, 2005, and noted that the awarding of the Edwin Parr Award took place that evening at a banquet.

ASEBP

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on new directives with respect to the Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice-Chairman Smith reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Drug Response Task Force on June 7, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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