

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON APRIL 8, 2004, COMMENCING AT 9:41 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

BRENDA HERDER  
MICHELE MULDER  
GWENDA POYSER  
BILL SEARS  
CHERYL SMITH  
WAYNE THRONDSO (left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.)  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

GERRY OBERG

**ALSO PRESENT**

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools  
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer  
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

**G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#81/04 C. SMITH – That the Board approves the agenda with the addition of the distributed add-on sheet and the following:

New Business

14. ASBA Leadership Academy

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#82/04 B. SEARS – That the minutes of the March 11 and 25, 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

Chairman Poyser informed the Trustees that Mr. Randy Roth, teacher at Forestburg School, has been selected as a finalist in the ASBA Excellence in Teaching Award competition.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:50 a.m.)**

#83/04 B. HERDER – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 9:59 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

**SATISFACTION SURVEY RESPONSES**

This responses to the satisfaction surveys will be reviewed at the meeting on April 22, 2004.

**CHANGES IN SCHOOL ENROLMENT DURING 2003-04**

Superintendent of Schools Phillips noted that he requested each school to provide information with respect to the number of students who were in school as of September 2003 and have since left. Not all the information has been received, therefore this item will be deferred until the meeting on April 22, 2004.

**ASBA 'SCHOOL BOARDS WORKING TOGETHER' WORKSHOP**

ASBA is sponsoring a workshop entitled 'School Boards Working Together' on May 19, 2004 in Edmonton. Any Trustee wishing to attend is to notify Sylvia Lauber, Executive Secretary-Operations.

**REPORT FROM THE ASBA SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRS MEETING**

Chairman Poyser reported on her attendance at the ASBA School Board Chairs meeting held on April 2, 2004.

**TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Superintendent of Schools Phillips reported on a meeting he attended with administrators from Camrose Composite High School with respect to the discontinuance of the 15-passenger vans to transport students to events off-campus.

#84/04 B. SEARS – That the Board denies the request by Camrose Composite High School for the Board to purchase a 32-passenger coach bus to accommodate the travel of sports teams at the school.

CARRIED

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

**EDWIN PARR AWARD**

#85/04 M. MULDER – That, for the 2003-04 school year, the Board nominates, with pleasure, Kristin Kueber, teacher at Loughheed School, for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award.

CARRIED

**POLICY IC ‘ATTENDANCE AREAS/TRANSPORTATION’**

Trustees began discussion on possible amendments to policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’.

**CHARLIE KILLAM MODERNIZATION UPDATE**

Chairman Poyser welcomed Jim Kuchera, Principal at Charlie Killam School, and Shane Gau, Teacher at Charlie Killam School, to the meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Phillips updated Trustees with respect to the two phases of modernization at Charlie Killam School and noted that there is now recognition that in order to provide the type of physical education the school wishes to offer, there needs to be some modifications to the current plan, specifically the conversion of the existing gymnasium entry, vestibule and washrooms into a fitness centre.

Trustee Sears outlined the possible changes and projected cost of this project.

#86/04 B. SEARS – That the Board approves, in principle, the conversion of the foyer area off the gymnasium at Charlie Killam School into a fitness and wellness room.

CARRIED

Mr. Kuchera and Mr. Gau left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Trustee Thronson left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

**2004-05 JURISDICTION FUNDING PROFILE**

Using information that is currently available, Dr. Phillips reviewed the 2004-05 jurisdiction funding profile as prepared by Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager.

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Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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**BUSING REQUEST – LEANNE GAUME**

At 1:33 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Leanne Gaume to the meeting and invited her presentation.

Ms Gaume, resident in the Lougheed School attendance area, requested bus transportation for her son, who will attend ECS in September 2004, so that he may accompany her daughter who is attending CH-SPS as one of only two students who would be in her grade at the Lougheed School, and has had permission to ride the bus from Lougheed to Sedgewick.

Ms Gaume left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

#87/04 B. HERDER – That the decision with respect to Ms Gaume’s request for busing for her son from Lougheed to Sedgewick be deferred until the discussion on policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ is finalized.

CARRIED

**POLICY IC ‘ATTENDANCE AREAS/TRANSPORTATION’ (continued)**

Discussion on the amendments to policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ continued.

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – FRANK EGGERTSON**

At 2:04 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Frank Eggertson to the meeting and invited his presentation.

Mr. Eggertson serves on a Committee that is working for the construction of a Performing Arts Center in the City of Camrose. The City Council has indicated that a feasibility study be done on this project. Mr. Eggertson presented a request to the Board to help share in the cost of the feasibility study. He noted that he will also be asking Augustana University College to share in funding the feasibility study. The total cost of the study will likely be \$10,000 - \$15,000. The feasibility study will look at potential user groups, the amount of usage, as well as the cost of operating such a facility and the recovery of those costs. Mr. Eggerston also invited a Trustee from the school board to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Eggertson left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

#88/04 C. SMITH – That, in partnership with the Camrose Arts Society, the Board provides \$5,000 toward a feasibility study for the construction of a Performing Arts Center in Camrose.

CARRIED

Trustee Smith volunteered to serve on this Committee.

**ASBA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Information was provided to the Trustees with respect to the possibility of Alberta School Boards Association hosting a leadership academy during the summer of 2004.

**POLICY IC 'ATTENDANCE AREAS/TRANSPORTATION' (continued)**

Trustees continued their discussion on policy IC 'Attendance Areas/Transportation'.

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Director of Transportation Johnson left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 3:09 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on April 22, 2004.

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