

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 27, 2004, COMMENCING AT 9:53 A.M.

PRESENT

BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
CHERYL SMITH
WAYNE THRONDSO
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

MICHELE MULDER

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
STEPHEN SMITH, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

Ray Bosh, Deputy Superintendent; Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation; and Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager joined the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#118/04 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves the additions to the agenda as noted on the distributed copies of the add-on sheet.

CARRIED

BUDGET 2004-05

Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for the 2004-05 school year.

Director of Transportation Johnson presented the Transportation budget and left the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Operations and Maintenance, joined the meeting at 10:19 a.m. to present the Operations and Maintenance budget and left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:39 p.m.

BUDGET 2004-05 (continued)

Discussion on the 2004-05 budget continued following the recess.

Ms Walsh and Mr. Bosh left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

The 2004-05 budget will be brought to the June 10, 2004 Board meeting for finalization.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – STEPHEN SMITH

Stephen Smith, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools, provided Trustees, via the Battle River School Division #31 web page, a new section on the web page about student results based on the ASBA's initiative 'Students Are Our Bottom Line'. This is a pilot project and provides a balanced report card on student results.

PURCHASE OF A COACH BUS FOR THE CAMROSE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Trustees reviewed a letter received from Jim Ofrim, Vice-Principal at Camrose Composite High School, requesting assistance with the purchasing of a coach bus for team field trips.

Following discussion, Trustees determined that further information is needed with respect to this request and that this item will be further discussed at the June 10, 2004 Board meeting.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES – LEARNING STRATEGIES 15 AND 25

#119/04 P. ZENIUK – That Learning Strategies 15 and 25, as developed by Black Gold School Division, be offered as Locally Authorized Courses in Battle River School Division #31 schools, effective September 2004.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES – PERFORMING ARTS 15, 25, AND 35

#120/04 G. OBERG – That Performing Arts 15-25-35, as developed by Edmonton Public Schools, be offered as Locally Authorized Courses in Battle River School Division #31, subject to the conditions of use outlined by the Program Coordinator of Edmonton Public Schools in his letter of May 19, 2004.

CARRIED

REVISED POLICY HGBG 'FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AND FRENCH LANGUAGE IMMERSION

#121/04 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board approves, in principle, policy HGBG 'French as a Second Language and French Language Immersion' and further that this policy be sent out for feedback by September 30, 2004.
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE HEALTHY INTERACTIONS PROGRAM

Vice-Chairman Herder volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee for the Healthy Interactions Program.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Smith reported on her attendance at a meeting with respect to a collaborative effort on a Performing Arts Center, and noted that planning for a feasibility study is still in process.

Trustee Oberg reported that he attended the Forestburg School Council meeting where appreciation was expressed for the funding provided for the playground.

Vice-Chairman Herder reported on her attendance at the ASBA 'School Boards Working Together' sharing session on May 19, 2004. A compilation of the report will be forthcoming.

Trustee Zeniuk noted that she attended the CCHS graduation ceremonies and expressed appreciation for the organization of this event. She will also be attending the Hay Lakes School graduation on May 28, 2004. Ms Zeniuk noted that she has done several presentations on dyslexia.

Trustee Sears noted that he attended the Tofield School graduation.

Chairman Poyser reported on information received from the ASBA President with respect to discussions by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Learning. She further noted that she has attended a number of School Council meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The items noted on the agenda with respect to information were provided to the Trustees in a folder at the last meeting.

Meeting re Sedgewick 'Family of Schools'

Superintendent Phillips reported on a meeting he attended with the Principals from the Allan Johnstone, Killam, Loughheed and Sedgewick Schools and outlined ways provided by the principals in which these schools could collaborate.

High School Completion Rates

Dr. Phillips informed Trustees that he requested each school to provide recommendations from staff with respect to ideas as to what can be done at each school to improve high school completion rates. These were compiled and distributed to the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiating Committee

June 16, 2004 has been set for the next negotiation meeting with the ATA.

Support Staff Liaison

The Support Staff Liaison Committee has been meeting with the various support staff groups and have one more meeting scheduled in June.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:23 p.m.)

#122/04 B. HERDER – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Communications Officer Chamberlin and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 4:56 p.m.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on May 26, 2004 to discuss the annual report to communities.

BEAVER BUS DRIVER ASSOCIATION

#123/04 P. ZENIUK – That the Board accepts the recommendations 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

ASBA Zone 4

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 Meeting and the Edwin Parr Banquet on May 17, 2004.

Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan (ASEBP)

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that the ASEBP web site now has links to the Mayo Clinic and is in the process of developing interactive systems.

Drug Response Task Force

Trustee Zeniuk noted that the Drug Response Task Force is sponsoring a forum on June 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Camrose Composite High School.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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