

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON APRIL 23, 2003,
COMMENCING AT 9:04 A.M.**

PRESENT

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON
BRENDA HERDER
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
STEPHEN SMITH, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#99/03 M. MULDER – That the items noted on the distributed sheet be added to the agenda, as well as the following items:

- V. In-Camera Session
4. Banking Information – Bill Schulte
 5. By-election Information – Bill Schulte

CARRIED

BUDGET MEETING DATES

The initial presentation of the instructional budget will be presented on May 8, 2003 with the entire budget being presented to the Trustees on May 22, 2003 for approval.

NOVEMBER 2003 BOARD MEETING AND PLANNING DATES

#100/03 W. THRONDSO – That the second meeting of the Board of Trustees in November 2003 be held on Friday, November 28th (moved from Thursday, November 27th), and further that the Trustees' Strategic Planning Session follow the Board meeting.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Vice-Chairman Herder assumed the chair as Chairman Poyser vacated the chair and left the meeting, declaring a conflict of interest in the discussion of the amendment to the Collective Agreement. Trustee Oberg also left the meeting, declaring a conflict of interest.

Trustee Sears spoke to the proposed amendment to the Collective Agreement with the ATA, specifically in reference to clause 5.1.4. Mr. Sears noted that a meeting with the Economic Policy Committee of the ATA Local on April 17, 2003 resulted in an agreement to the amendment.

#101/03 B. SEARS – That the Board approves the amendment to clause 5.1.4 of the Collective Agreement, that provides for an allowance in the amount of \$10,000 for the newly-created Director's position, effective March 1, 2003.

CARRIED

Chairman Poyser and Trustee Oberg returned to the meeting. Chairman Poyser re-assumed the chair.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:18 a.m.)

#102/03 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, Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 9:49 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

APPOINTMENT – LOUGHEED SCHOOL COUNCIL

At 10:01 a.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed three members representing the Lougheed School Council to the meeting, and invited their presentation. Lorraine Davidson served as spokesperson.

The delegation expressed their concern, and that of the School Council, with respect to the declining enrolments in the rural areas, and the impact the decline is having on the student population at the Lougheed School.

This has resulted in split grades with the possibility of triple grading for the 2003-04 school year. The delegation invited the Board to attend a meeting with the parents, teachers, and community members to discuss programming options for the next school year.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for this request and agreed to a meeting date to be arranged through the School Council. Chairman Poyser, Vice-chairman Herder and Superintendent of Schools Phillips will work with the School Council representatives and the School Principal to develop an agenda for this meeting.

The delegation left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

ALBERTA INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (AISI) PROPOSAL

At 10:40 a.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Jim Rubuliak, Division Principal, to the meeting and invited his presentation on the proposed AISI project for the 2003-04 school year.

Mr. Rubuliak noted that this proposal was developed by a Committee appointed to this task.

#103/03 G. OBERG – That the Board approves, in principle, the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) project as amended.

CARRIED

Mr. Rubuliak also noted for the Trustees that the grade 5 students at Allan Johnstone School that participated in the AISI project at that school during this school year wrote and illustrated with watercolors a book about the disappearance of the grain elevators from the prairies. This book was entered in the Scholastic Books “Kids Are Authors” contest. The teacher, Ms Jerry-Lynn Burden, received information from the Toronto office that this book was chosen for publication from over 230 entries from schools across Canada. The book is entitled ‘Through the Eyes of the Sentinels’ and gives a history of rural Alberta through what the elevators “saw.”

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL GROUNDS PROJECT

#104/03 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board allocates \$17,000 from the Capital Account fund towards the grounds improvement project at the Charlie Killam School.

CARRIED

It was noted that all plans for the grounds improvement are to be approved by the Director of Operations and Maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER