

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2003,  
COMMENCING AT 10:55 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

WAYNE THRONDSO

**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**

#51/03 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the following items be added to the agenda:

In-Camera Session

4. Financial Statement
5. Electronic Funds Transfer
6. Agenda Topics for March 3, 2003 Committee Meeting

New Business

16. AISI Project Planning Committee
17. AUPE Update

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:57 a.m.)**

#52/03 M. MULDER – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Communications Officer Chamberlin, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 11:30 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

#53/03 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the Board approves the use of Electronic Funds Transfers to remit payments to the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), Alberta Teachers Retirement Fund (ATRF), Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan (ASEBP), and the Receiver-General.

CARRIED

**CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL MODERNIZATION BUDGET**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reviewed the proposed budget for the completion of the modernization of the Charlie Killam School. Mr. Schulte noted that the City of Camrose requires that Battle River Regional Division #31 do a Traffic Management Study. The timeline for completion of the modernization is November or December, 2003.

Trustees will discuss the moving of the grade nine students at their regular meeting held on March 13, 2003.

**ALBERTA INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (AIS) PROJECT PLANNING**

Trustees Oberg and Fitzmaurice-Johnson volunteered to serve on the AISI project planning committee.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Herder reported that she will be meeting with Halvar Jonson, MLA, and has met with the school administrators in her ward. She will be setting up meetings with the municipal leaders and, in some cases, community group leaders to pass on the messages outlined in the Board's communications plan.

Trustee Oberg noted that he and Chairman Poyser met with Doug Griffiths, MLA, who expressed his keen interest in rural Alberta. Mr. Oberg also met with the School Council at Heisler School, and noted that the School Council is planning a public meeting on March 19, 2003 with respect to multi-aged education.

Trustee Fitzmaurice-Johnson noted that she has attended several presentations at Camrose Composite High School (CCHS) and has had

informal discussions with teachers. Ms Fitzmaurice-Johnson has also been involved in the work of the Drug Response Task Force, attending a meeting in Tofield recently, and will be attending another scheduled at Killam in March.

Trustee Zeniuk noted that, although she has not set up any formal meetings, she has had informal conversations with school personnel and has been fielding phone calls and responding to e-mails.

### **MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

Trustee Sears noted that he has attended School Council meetings in Ryley and C. W. Sears School as well as the 'High On Life' Day at the Tofield School, and met informally with staff members over coffee.

Trustee Mulder spoke with a number of School Council chairs at the Liaison Meeting on February 19, 2003. Ms Mulder noted that she will be meeting with the Minister of Learning on March 3, 2003.

Chairman Poyser noted, that in addition to meeting with the MLA, she attended the Funspiel on February 22, 2003, attended the AISI conference in Calgary, and has met with several principals. Ms Poyser noted that she, too, had several excellent conversations with School Council members at the Liaison meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser declared the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER