

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2003,
COMMENCING AT 1:12 P.M.**

PRESENT

BRENDA HERDER
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Director of Operations and Maintenance Spelliscy joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m. to present his report of the work done by the maintenance department during the summer months.

Asbestos Removal

#201/03 W. THRONDSO – That the Board directs the Director of Operations and Maintenance to remove the asbestos from the Holden School at a maximum cost of \$9,000, and from the Sparling School at a maximum cost of \$14,325, and further that these projects be funded from the BQRP budget.

CARRIED

Apprenticeship Programs

#202/03 B. SEARS – That, upon successful completion of an apprenticeship program, the Board re-imbuers an employee tuition fees of \$400 per course to a maximum of \$1200 per year.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- #203/03 B. HERDER – That the agenda for the regular meeting be approved with the addition of the distributed add-on sheet.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- #204/03 P. ZENIUK – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12 and 26, 2003 be approved with the removal of the words ‘Policy IC’ on the header of motion #129/03.
CARRIED

BRINGING FORWARD MOTION #135/03

Motion #135/03, postponed from the June 12, 2003 meeting, was brought forward, discussed and voted upon.

- #135/03 B. SEARS – That the expense for providing bus service to shop and home economic trips be charged to the instructional budget.
DEFEATED

Director of Transportation Johnson and Fleet Supervisor Bowman joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Re-routing of Bus Request – Student #4502-01

- #205/03 B. HERDER – That the Board adheres to policy and denies the request of the family of student #4502-01, resident in the Bashaw School attendance area, for school bus gate service to New Norway School.
CARRIED

Purchase of Additional School Buses

- #206/03 M. MULDER – That the Board authorizes the purchase of ten additional new school buses.
CARRIED

Fifteen Passenger Vans

- #207/03 B. SEARS – That the Board directs transportation administrative personnel to approach the principals of the schools affected by the disposal of fifteen passenger vans with an offer to negotiate an arrangement to replace these units with school buses that will be deleted from our fleet.
CARRIED

Appointment of Safety Officer

- #208/03 M. MULDER – That, for the purposes of instructing the S Endorsement course, Lloyd Franke be appointed Transportation Safety Officer for Battle River Regional Division #31.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson and Mr. Bowman left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

BY-ELECTION UPDATE

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reviewed the process of the by-election, noting that the Board determines the date of such.

- #209/03 G. OBERG – That the date of the by-election for a trustee from the City of Camrose ward be October 20, 2003, and nomination day be September 22, 2003.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:16 p.m.)

- #210/03 B. HERDER – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and further that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 2:52 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- #211/03 B. HERDER – That the Board ratifies the payment of the accounts for the months of June and July, 2003.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL 2004 REQUEST - CCHS

- #212/03 P. ZENIUK – That the Board approves, in principle, the proposed trip to Europe during spring break 2004 by the students registered in the International Travel Program at Camrose Composite High School, and further that final plans for this trip be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for approval.

CARRIED

FACILITY FOR CORPORAL PROGRAM IN BASHAW

- #213/03 B. HERDER – That the Board directs administration to enter into an agreement to lease the “sale barn” in the Bashaw Agriculture Society facility for the period of September 1, 2003 to January 31, 2004 with the possibility of extending the lease to June 30, 2004, with the monthly cost to be not more than \$1000.

CARRIED

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, HAY LAKES SCHOOL

#214/03 M. MULDER – That the Board ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee to delay the start day of the elementary students at the Hay Lakes School by four days, i.e. September 8, 2003.

CARRIED

READING PROGRAM – EDMONTON OILERS HOCKEY CLUB

#215/03 B. HERDER – That the reading program initiated by the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, be distributed to schools, with the decision to participate be the decision of each individual school.

CARRIED

Business Manager Jensen joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY, VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

#216/03 G. OBERG – That the Board permits the use of the former tennis court on the Alliance School property by the Village of Alliance for the purpose of constructing a skate board park subject to the following requirements:

- That Battle River Regional Division #31 is fully named on the Village of Alliance liability policy and added as an additional named insured with respect to any, and all, claims that arise from the use of this property, regardless of whether it is used by skateboarders, BMX bikers, roller skaters, or others.
 - Failure to provide a yearly copy of the insurance certificate with the school board named as additional named insured cancels any permission to use the school board property.
- The Village of Alliance is responsible for all costs associated with the skateboard park (creation, maintenance, and removal when it is no longer used or safe).
- The Village of Alliance would be responsible for any damage to Alliance School property due to the use of this skateboard park.
- The Village of Alliance ensures that there is adequate lighting and is responsible for the associated costs.
- Skateboarders and other skateboard park users will be encouraged to wear protective equipment (helmets, wrist guards, knew pads and elbow pads). [The Village may wish to pass regulations requiring the use of safety equipment in their skateboard park.]
- The Village of Alliance arranges for increased surveillance around the school either through the RCMP visual checks or other means (cameras, etc.).

CARRIED

SALE OF SCHOOL SITES

Caledonia School District #2845

#217/03 W. THRONDSO – That, subject to the advertised conditions, the NW 36-43-12-W4th one-acre parcel (more or less)(title number 032006554 +1) be sold to bidder #1 for #364.51 plus GST.

CARRIED

Armena Lot

#218/03 W. THRONDSO – That, subject to Ministerial approval, Lot 3, Plan 832 1422 (title number 952 228 465 +80) be sold to the Armena Athletic Association for \$1.00 plus GST and associated legal costs in conjunction with the former Armena School grounds.

CARRIED

DISPOSITION OF RESERVE LANDS

Business Manager Jensen will provide the Trustees with further research with respect to the disposition of jointly owned municipal school reserve lands with the County of Beaver. This will be brought to the October 9, 2003 regular meeting for consideration.

CLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOL AT RYLEY

Ms Jensen provided Trustees with preliminary information with respect to the closure of the swimming pool at Ryley. This facility is located on school division property with an apparent 99 year lease on the land. The lease, however, has not been located at this time.

Ms Jensen left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

LETTER FROM THE CITY OF CAMROSE – PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Trustees reviewed a letter from the City of Camrose with respect to the concept of a Performing Arts Centre at CCHS. A meeting has been requested with the City Council to update Council on various school-related issues including the Charlie Killam School renovation project, the concept of the Performing Arts Centre, and the City of Camrose student enrolments. Chairman Poyser and Trustee Thronpson will meet with City Council on September 8, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE

Chairman Poyser received an invitation to attend a Board meeting of the Region 5 East Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority on September 24, 2003. A questionnaire was included with the invitation,

which will be answered with the assistance of the Superintendent of Schools.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Chairman Poyser congratulated Trustee Mulder on her appointment as president of the Canadian School Boards Association.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Poyser noted that the information items were listed on the agenda and were in the folder that was passed around to the Trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiating Committee

Several Trustees attended the ASBA Labor Relations meeting at the Wolf Creek School Board offices in Ponoka on August 26, 2003.

Support Staff Liaison Committee

Trustees were informed that the decision rendered by the Labor Relations Board with respect to the AUPE application to represent the support staff in the Beaver Ward is under appeal.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on August 26, 2003 to discuss the terms of reference for Board Committees and the process for the upcoming public consultations. Further information on the public consultation process will be brought to the September 11, 2003 Board meeting.

Capital Plan Committee

Trustee Sears recommended that Trustees take some time to tour the modernization work done at the Charlie Killam and Hay Lakes Schools.

Trustees expressed appreciation to Mr. Spelliscy, Director of Operations and Maintenance, and Mr. Stang, Foreman, for the work done in the maintenance department during the summer months.

ASBA Zone 4

The next ASBA Zone 4 meeting will be held on September 22, 2003.

Trustee Mulder noted that the Learning Commission report release has been delayed until mid-October, 2003.

ASEBP

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported that the next ASEBP Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2003.

Drug Response Task Force

The next meeting of the Drug Response Task Force committee is scheduled for September 9, 2003.

It was noted that this Committee has an appointment with the provincial government's Standing Policy Committee on October 7, 2003.

#219/03

M. MULDER – That the Chairman of the Board writes a letter to the Minister of Learning, the Minister responsible for Child and Family Services, and the Minister of Health, copied to the MLAs, outlining the work of the Drug Response Task Force.

CARRIED

Administrators' Meeting

Trustee Zeniuk reported on her attendance at the administrators' meeting held on August 26, 2003.

French Immersion Committee

It was noted that the French Immersion Committee will be setting a date soon for its next meeting.

DYSLEXIA INSERVICE

Trustee Zeniuk noted that she attended a camp this summer where the guest speaker spoke about dyslexia. This person is interested in speaking to educators in Canada, and to that end has been scheduled to be here on September 15, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. to talk about dyslexia and other learning disabilities. The speaker will also be meeting with Michele Mulder in her roles as chairman and president of the Alberta School Boards Association and the Canadian School Boards Association.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser declared the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER