

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2002,
COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

BILL SEARS

ALSO PRESENT

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

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#20/02 B. HERDER – That the following additions be made to the agenda:

Timed Item

10:00 a.m. – Rob Rabinovitch, Architect

In-Camera Session

5. Financial Statements

New Business

11. Labor Dispute Issues

12. Forestburg School Modernization – Request from Principal

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:36 a.m.)

#21/02 G. OBERG – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 10:03 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ROB RABINOVITCH, ARCHITECT

At 10:04 a.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Mr. Rob Rabinovitch, Architect, to the meeting and invited his proposals.

Forestburg School Modernization Project

Mr. Rabinovitch presented suggestions for the modernization of the Forestburg School with respect to the new construction portion of the modernization project and the mechanical work in the high school wing, in accordance with Board motion #10/02. Mr. Rabinovitch received Board direction to proceed with drawings in preparation of going to tender. The date for tendering this project was tentatively set for the end of February, 2002.

Charlie Killam School Modernization Project

Mr. Rabinovitch presented suggestions for the initial work on the modernization of the Charlie Killam School to prepare it for the presentation of a grades 7-9 program. Mr. Rabinovitch noted that the design is prepared and that some committee meetings are needed to finalize the designs.

The Committee that will meet to finalize the design drawings for the Charlie Killam School will be comprised of the members of the Board Capital Plan Committee, the Principal and Vice-Principal of the Charlie Killam School, the Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Maintenance and Operations.

The meeting date was scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Rabinovitch left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

MEETING RECESS (10:46 a.m.)

The regular meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

REQUEST FROM PRINCIPAL – FORESTBURG SCHOOL

Trustees reviewed a request from the Principal at the Forestburg School for three classrooms on the east side of the south wing of the elementary wing at the Forestburg School be made into two by dividing the middle room in two with a partition to accommodate the return of the ECS class to the school.

#22/02

M. MULDER – That the Director of Maintenance and Operations proceed with the renovation work necessary for moving the Forestburg ECS into a classroom in the school, and further that the costs for this renovation be taken from the re-imbusement fund.

CARRIED

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

LABOR ISSUES

Chief Deputy Superintendent of School Phillips informed Trustees that a number of questions have been asked by staff with respect to a possible strike by the teachers. Some decisions have been made administratively and Trustees have received a summary of these. The answers to the following questions will have to be determined by the Board.

Should private ECS societies who lease a room in Battle River Regional Division #31 schools continue to access these rooms during a teachers' strike?

#23/02

G. OBERG – That, in the event of a strike by teachers in Battle River Regional Division #31, schools will be closed to all private ECS Societies who access rooms within the schools.

CARRIED

Should private bus contractors be paid a portion of their capital costs during a strike?

#24/02 G. OBERG – That, in the event of a teachers' strike, the Board accepts the recommendation of the Director of Transportation to pay private bus contractors according to contractual obligations as well as provide non-operational pay for drivers of contracted routes.

CARRIED

Can non-school groups who have chartered a school bus still access the bus in the event of a strike?

#25/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board honors all charter bus permits that have been issued.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS (12:03 p.m.)

The regular meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

LABOR ISSUES (continued)

Deputy Superintendent Smith informed Trustees that, in the event of a teachers' strike, the OSCAR program (currently using space at Chester Ronning, Jack Stuart and Sparling Schools) will run out of Ronning Place from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Neighborhood Youth Centre will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on week days. The OSCAR program can accommodate 70-100 children.

Can sick leave and maternity leave benefits continue during a strike?

Trustees noted that sick leave and maternity leave are determined by the Collective Agreement. During a strike the Collective Agreement is not in place, therefore the benefits will not continue.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:32 p.m.)

#26/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the regular meeting recess to allow Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 1:38 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:38 p.m.

REPORT – DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Director of Transportation Johnson joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Survey – Extended Round Hill School Attendance Area

Ms Johnson noted that she received a request for the results of a survey she conducted of people living in the Round Hill area within the area of a

proposed boundary change, which was brought forth by the Round Hill School Council. The number responses will be released, the names of those responding will not be released.

Attendance Boundaries

Ms Johnson presented an attendance boundary issue that involves the addition of 14 miles/day to a bus route that begins at approximately 7:28 a.m.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – LABOR ISSUE

The Operations Committee, struck through Board approval of the Contingency Plan, will become operational immediately.

MEETING RECESS (2:03 p.m.)

At 2:03 p.m., the regular meeting was recessed until February 14, 2002, or at the call of the Chair.

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