

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2002, COMMENCING AT 9:31 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON  
BRENDA HERDER  
GERRY OBERG (left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.)  
GWENDA POYSER  
WAYNE THRONDSO (joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and left at 5:45 p.m.)  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

MICHELE MULDER  
BILL SEARS

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Poyser extended best wishes to Paul Dolynny, Superintendent of Schools, for a quick and complete recovery. Ms. Poyser welcomed Dr. Phillips, Chief Deputy Superintendent, to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#01/02 G. OBERG – That the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#02/02 P. ZENIUK –That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 13, 2001 be approved as presented. CARRIED

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDY UPDATE**

Dr. Phillips, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools, informed Trustees that correspondence was received from the Superintendent of Elk Island Catholic School Division indicating that his Board met on January 9, 2002 to review the feasibility study of building a Catholic high school in Camrose. The correspondence further indicated that the Elk Island

Catholic Board will meet with the Battle River Regional Division #31 Board at a mutually agreed upon time to discuss the proposed Catholic high school.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:37 a.m.)**

#03/02 G. OBERG – That the regular meeting recess to permit 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 9:58 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 9:59 a.m. to present his report on the work done by the maintenance department during the past month.

**Sale of Portables at Central High-Sedgewick Public School**

#04/02 G. OBERG – That the portable classrooms located at Central High-Sedgewick Public School be advertised for sale by tender.

CARRIED

**Roof at Killam School (Elementary Section)**

#05/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the roof of the elementary section at the Killam School be re-done, with the cost of this project to be paid for from Building Quality Restoration Program (BQRP) funding.

CARRIED

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Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to present her report.

Parent Request for Bus Transportation

#06/02

G. OBERG –That, due to exceptional circumstances, the Board approves transportation services for student #3502-01 to the Holden School from his residence located within the Village of Holden, subject to payment of the fee for ineligible service.

CARRIED

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Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

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**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO POLICY IC 'ATTENDANCE/TRANSPORTATION AREAS'**

Trustees have received the responses from School Councils and school administrators and will discuss the draft amendment to policy IC at their Planning Session.

**DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING WITH SIFTON SCHOOL PARENTS**

The public meeting with the parents of students in Sifton School is scheduled for January 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sifton School gymnasium. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed closure of the junior high program at the Sifton School.

**BOARD PLANNING SESSION**

February 28, March 1 and 2, 2002 were the dates chosen for the Board Planning Session. The session will start Thursday night and conclude on Saturday afternoon.

**ASPHALT PAD AND BASKETBALL HOOPS, CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL**

Trustees reviewed a request received from the Principal at the Charlie Killam School with respect to replacing the playground apparatus that was moved to the Sifton School with an asphalt pad and basketball hoops. The Board will consider this request, however wish to wait until modernization plans for the Charlie Killam School are finalized.

**MEETING WITH EAST CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION**

Chairman Poyser informed Trustees that she has spoken with Duane Nichol of the East Central Catholic School Division. Mr. Nichol indicated that his Board would like to meet with the Battle River Regional Division #31 Board. A date for this will be determined in the Spring.

### **ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT (AERR)**

Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and reviewed the Annual Education Results Report with the Trustees. Mr. Smith reviewed the highlights of the report and noted that the report is also available on the Battle River Regional Division #31 website ([www.brrd.ab.ca](http://www.brrd.ab.ca)). Mr. Smith noted that Alberta Learning requires that each school board in the province submit an AERR.

Mr. Smith left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Oberg reported that he has received many e-mails and phone calls expressing concern about the progress of the modernization of the Forestburg School.

### **MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

### **CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL MODERNIZATION**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that he has received information that the meeting of the School Buildings Board, scheduled for January 17, 2002, has been postponed and no date set for the next meeting. The modernization proposal for the Charlie Killam School was to have been discussed at this meeting.

Noting that a motion had been approved by the Board at its regular meeting held on November 22, 2001, Trustees directed Division Office administrators to proceed with the modernization and renovation of the Charlie Killam School to accommodate a grades 7-9 program.

### **FORESTBURG SCHOOL MODERNIZATION**

Trustee Oberg updated Trustees with respect to the chronology of the work done with respect to the modernization of the Forestburg School, noting that this has been a priority of the Board through the Capital Plan for approximately four years.

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte distributed copies of the Forestburg School Modernization / New Construction analysis for Trustees to review.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Poyser reviewed the information items as noted on the distributed copies of the agenda.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Student Affairs

Trustee Fitzmaurice-Johnson informed the Board that the Student Affairs Committee met on January 7, 2002 to review two expulsion recommendations. Two students were expelled from attendance at Camrose Composite High School for the balance of the 2001-02 school year.

### Negotiating Committee

The Negotiating Committee met on December 14, 2001 with the ATA and a mediator. A tentative date for the next meeting is set for January 13, 2002.

### Executive Committee

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman met with Dr. Phillips and Mr. Schulte on January 9, 2002.

### Facilities Committee

Trustees were informed that the Council of Educational Facility Planners International will be meeting on March 11-13, 2002 at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis.

### ASBA Zone 4

It was noted that the next meeting of the ASBA Zone 4 is scheduled for January 28, 2002. Minister of Infrastructure Ty Lund will be attending this meeting. An agenda item suggestion for this meeting was the prompt notification to all school boards of School Buildings Board decisions as soon as they are made.

Chairman Poyser noted that the President of ASBA, Michele Mulder, sends regular reports to Ms. Poyser, who will forward these via e-mail to the Trustees.

### Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan (ASEBP)

Mr. Schulte, a member of the Board of Directors of ASEBP, informed Trustees that there are two new members on the ASEBP Board, namely Michele Mulder and Maureen Kubinac, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the ASBA.

### Administrators' Meeting

The Administrators' Meeting scheduled for January 8, 2002 was cancelled. The next meeting will be February 12, 2002.

Small Schools Committee

The next meeting date of the Small Schools Committee is January 23, 2002.

**SCHEDULING OF SCHOOL TOURS**

Trustees determined that further school tours will be held on January 16 and 30, 2002. Further dates will be determined later.

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At 1:55 p.m., Trustee Oberg excused himself from the meeting for the report of the Negotiating Committee during the in-camera session. Mr. Oberg returned to the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:55 p.m.)**

#07/02 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all person except Trustees, Chief Deputy Superintendent Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 2:07 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

**FORESTBURG SCHOOL COUNCIL DELEGATION (2:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Poyser welcomed Fraser Beebe, Chair of the Forestburg School Council, Susan Strauss and Sonja Richaud to the meeting and invited their presentation. Mr. Beebe served as spokesperson, noting that they are representing the School Council of the Forestburg School as well as the Town of Forestburg. Mr. Beebe presented a list of names of persons from the Forestburg community who support the modernization and construction at the Forestburg School.

Mr. Beebe noted that the School Council appreciates the work being done by the Board in the School. They have heard that the plan for the modernization has been stalled because of higher tender bids on the construction. Mr. Beebe expressed disappointment and provided some thoughts and suggestions, including the following three option proposals:

1. Re-tender a similar plan and hope that the bids come in a little lower;
2. Re-do the blueprint to try to find ways that would make the project within the budget, and would end up with a very usable building;
3. Decide to proceed with the new construction based on the most recent plan, to right-size the classrooms, and include a new gymnasium.

The School Council and Town of Forestburg would prefer the third option.

Chairman Poyser thanked the delegation for their presentation, noting that the parents, teachers and students have been very patient with the disrupted process that has occurred with the modernization of their school.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2:39 p.m.

**FORESTBURG SCHOOL MODERNIZATION (continued)**

Trustee Oberg spoke further about the modernization and the proposed construction of the Forestburg School, and outlined a proposal for providing funds for the project.

#08/02 G. OBERG –That the Board commit to the Forestburg School modernization in the amount of \$3.8 million to be received from Alberta Infrastructure, and up to \$200,000 from the Board’s Capital Funding to complete the new construction (Cluster B, as outlined in the architectural plans) and modernization of the high school wing (Cluster C, as outlined in the architectural plan) and up to \$500,000 from reimbursement funding to complete the elementary modernization (Cluster A, as outlined in the architectural plans), and further that the demolition of the junior high section and the modernization of the elementary section be done using day labor.

DEFEATED

#09/02 W. THRONDSO – That the Board directs Garrick Workun and Associates, Architects, to revise the plans for the modernization of the Forestburg School and present the Board with an option showing the modernization of the Forestburg School without the addition of a new gymnasium.

Trustee Fitzmaurice-Johnson proposed a friendly amendment to add to the above-noted motion, “and with an option of expanding the existing gym.”

Trustee Thronson accepted the friendly amendment and the motion now reads:

That the Board directs Garrick Workun and Associates, Architects, to revise the plans for the modernization of the Forestburg School and present the Board with an option showing the modernization of the Forestburg School without the addition of a new gymnasium, and with an option of expanding the existing gym.

DEFEATED

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

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Deputy Superintendent, Stephen Smith, joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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**FORESTBURG SCHOOL MODERNIZATION (continued)**

#10/02 G. OBERG –That the Board completes the new construction (Cluster B in the architectural plans, which includes the administration suite, the library, the student gathering area, and the new gymnasium), the mechanical modernization in the high school wing, and additional modernization of the high school as the budget allows.

CARRIED

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The Forestburg School Council delegation left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:25 p.m.)**

#11/02 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Chief Deputy Superintendent Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Communications Officer Chamberlin, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 5:04 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE THE MEETING BEYOND 5:00 P.M.**

#12/02 W. THRONDSO – That the regular meeting continue beyond 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (5:05 p.m.)**

#13/02 B. HERDER – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Chief Deputy Superintendent Phillips, Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Communications Officer Chamberlin, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 5:23 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

**CONTINGENCY PLAN**

- #14/02 W. THRONDSO – That, in the event of a teachers’ strike, the Operations Committee be made up the Board chairman, one trustee (one alternate trustee to be appointed), the Superintendent of Schools, the Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Secretary-Operations.
- CARRIED

**AUTHORITY OF OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

- #15/02 G. OBERG – That the Operations Committee has the mandate to act on behalf of the Board on all matters relative to a strike.
- CARRIED

**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

- #16/02 B. HERDER – That the Board ratifies the payment of the accounts for the month of December 2001.
- CARRIED

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- #17/02 P. ZENIUK – That the Board accepts the recommendation of the Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools and grants a leave of absence, with pay, to employee #4512-01.
- CARRIED

**TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY**

- #18/02 W. THRONDSO – That, in the event that a strike/lockout occurs before the Superintendent of Schools returns from medical leave, Dr. Warren Phillips be assigned as Acting Superintendent, and Mr. Stephen Smith be assigned as Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent.
- CARRIED

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Trustee Oberg left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (5:30 p.m.)**

- #19/02 W. THRONDSO – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Chief Deputy Superintendent Phillips, Secretary-Treasure Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.
- CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 5:50 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

**MEETING RECESS**

At 5:50 p.m., Chairman Poyser recessed the regular meeting until 9:30 a.m. on January 24, 2002.

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