

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2001,
COMMENCING AT 9:39 A.M.**

PRESENT

LORNE ENRIGHT
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
JACQUIE SCHAFFTER
WAYNE THRONDSO
ROXANE WOLOSHYN (absent from meeting from approximately 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

ABSENT

MICHELE MULDER
BILL SEARS

ALSO PRESENT

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

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#01/01 G. OBERG – That the agenda for this meeting be approved with the deletion of Item 3 (Oil and Gas Leases) under the In-camera items.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#02/01 G. OBERG – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2000 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and presented his report to the Trustees, noting maintenance projects in progress and those completed.

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:11 a.m.)

- #03/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 2:24 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- #04/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2000 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION #250/00 RESCINDED

- #05/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board of Trustees rescind notice of motion #250/00.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING – CITY OF CAMROSE SCHOOLS REALIGNMENT

- #06/01 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board of Trustees proceed with a public meeting to be held at a future date to be determined, but not later than April 30, 2001, to seek public input with respect to the possible realignment of all schools within the City of Camrose and the Sifton School attendance/transportation area.

CARRIED

SECTORING OF BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31 FOR FACILITIES

- #07/01 L. ENRIGHT – That, as requested by Alberta Infrastructure and to assist in facility planning, Battle River Regional Division #31 be divided into four sectors: the sector of Beaver County, the sector of Flagstaff County, the sector of the City of Camrose and Sifton attendance/transportation areas, and the sector of the County of Camrose, excluding the Sifton attendance/transportation area.

CARRIED

PRIORITIZING FIRST ROUND OF CLUSTERED MODERNIZATION PROJECTS

- #08/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That the Priority I Group for capital priorities for Battle River Regional Division #31 be comprised of: 1) Charlie Killam School; 2) Camrose Composite High School; 3) Hay Lakes School; 4) Alliance School; 5) Allan Johnstone School; 6) Heisler School; 7) Ryley School, and 8) Holden School; and further that the Priorities in Group II and III be listed alphabetically.

CARRIED

INFORMATION LETTER TO CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL PARENTS

The draft letter to the parents of students in the Charlie Killam School was reviewed and approved.

REQUEST FROM THE SIFTON ECS SOCIETY

Trustees reviewed the request from the Sifton ECS Society for the ECS program to become a Board-run program. In order to receive clarification on the request, Trustees requested that the executive from the Sifton ECS Society be invited to attend the next Board meeting.

JUBILEE RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Trustees requested Secretary-Treasure Schulte to respond to the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange questionnaire.

NATIVE EDUCATION REVIEW FORUM

Trustees reviewed a memo from David Anderson, Executive Director at Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), with respect to a native education review forum being hosted by ASBA on January 23, 2001. It was noted that no one from Battle River Regional Division #31 will be attending the forum.

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

The terms of reference for the Student Affairs Committee, the Negotiating Committees, and the Budget Committee were deferred to the regular meeting on February 8, 2001.

DRAFT CAPACITY AND UTILIZATION REPORT: ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte distributed copies of the proposed new standard assessment and utilization calculations received from Alberta Infrastructure. Mr. Schulte noted that the figures contained in the report could have a significant impact on Battle River Regional Division #31. It was noted that the draft School Facilities Task Force report is available on the Alberta Infrastructure web page.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on Energy Costs, Letters from the Minister of Learning

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that Battle River Regional Division #31 will be receiving approximately \$540,000 in rebate on energy costs. Mr. Schulte further noted that quarterly updates beginning January, 2001 on the consumption and pricing structures for natural gas, electricity and transportation fuel costs will be required as part of the monitoring process by Alberta Learning.

Other Information Items

Trustees reviewed the remaining information items as noted on the distributed copies of the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Trustees were informed that the Executive Committee met on January 10, 2001 and reviewed the agenda.

Capital Plan Committee Update

Trustee Enright reported that the Capital Plan Committee will be proceeding with the architectural review and with preparing plans for the modernization of the elementary section of the Central High-Sedgewick Public School.

Communications/Public Relations Committee Update

'Telling Stories Out of School' contest information was distributed to the school administrators at their meeting on January 9, 2001.

It was noted that a topic for discussion at the School Council/Board of Trustees Liaison meeting on February 12, 2001, will be the topic 'Are the efforts of school boards to shape young people into good citizens meeting society's expectations?' This topic is being promoted by the ASBA for discussion with the public, school personnel, mayors and councilors.

ASBA Reports and Information

ASBA Labor Relations – Minister's Committee on Employment Leave for Parents

Trustees requested that Division administrators respond to the Minister's survey on employment leave for parents.

Proposed Joint Employer/Employee Governance of the LAPP

The Government of Alberta is encouraging the removal of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) from existing legislation and having it governed and administered by a joint employer/employee governance structure with a tentative changeover date of January 1, 2002. A two-tier structure has been suggested with a sponsor's council responsible for overall policy issues and a board of trustees responsible for operational

and administrative matters. It has been suggested that ASBA represent school boards in developing this structure and negotiating the changeover with the employee representatives and government. Trustees indicated that there would be no concern on their behalf for ASBA to act on behalf of all school boards in this changeover process.

Central Alberta Regional Consortia (CARC)

Trustees were informed that the annual meeting of the Central Alberta Regional Consortia will be held on January 17, 2001.

Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan Report (ASEBP)

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte presented the ASEBP report, noting that the plan is doing very well financially.

Ribstone Child and Family Services

Trustee Schaffter reported that the Ribstone Child and Family Services Authority is now located in its new location in Killam, and that the official opening of the new location is scheduled for February 23, 2001.

Administrators' Meeting

Trustee Enright reported on his attendance at the Administrators' Meeting held on January 9, 2001.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:58 p.m.)

#09/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 4:32 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:32 p.m.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

#10/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board of Trustees ratify the payment of the accounts for the month of December, 2000.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Vice-Chairman Poyser adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, VICE-CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER