

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JUNE 14, 2001, COMMENCING
AT 9:33 A.M.**

PRESENT

LORNE ENRIGHT (joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
JACQUIE SCHAFFTER (joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m., left the meeting at 11:38 a.m. returned at 11:59 a.m.)
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSOEN (left the meeting at 11:58 a.m., returned at 1:19 p.m.)
ROXANE WOLOSHYN

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

PAUL DOLYNNY, Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

M. MULDER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#99/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the agenda be approved as presented with the
add-on sheet. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#100/01 G. POYSER – That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held
on May 10 and May 24, 2001 be approved as presented. CARRIED

THIRD PARTY WAIVERS

#101/01 G. OBERG – That the Board approves for use in Battle River Regional
Division #31 the 'Informed Consent/Permission Form for Education Trips'
developed by Jubilee Insurance Agencies Limited. CARRIED

ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES REQUEST – ROUND HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Trustees deferred the request from the Round Hill School Council for a redrawing of the attendance area boundaries for the Round Hill School until June 28, 2001 in order to enable Director of Transportation Johnson to complete a survey of the parents in the proposed area of change, and to enable the Board to contact other School Councils whose school attendance areas might be affected by the change.

A trustee posed the question of where the students in the area of proposed change would attend high school when they completed their elementary and junior high school years at Round Hill.

SEABOARD STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

#102/01 W. THRONDSO – That the Board provides a basic fee of \$1.20/student for basic student accident insurance for each student during school hours or at any school approved/supervised activity, and further that the insurance coverage include ECS students registered in Board-operated programs, those students registered in privately-operated ECS programs offered in cooperation with the Board, and to Home Education students registered with the Board, to the extent that the insurance company will permit such coverage at the rates established for the students registered in regular school programs.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 9:57 a.m. to present his report with respect to the work completed during the past month by the maintenance department and the work in progress.

Mr. Spelliscy noted that a site meeting is scheduled for the Forestburg School on June 26, 2001.

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, and Wayne Bowman, Fleet Supervisor, joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Bus Purchases

Ms. Johnson noted that bus tenders close on Friday, June 15, 2001. Tender opening is scheduled for June 22, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

Survey of Parents – Round Hill School Attendance Area Boundaries

Ms. Johnson informed Trustees that she provided legal land descriptions to the County of Beaver office for the area outlined by the Round Hill School Council for attendance boundary changes. The County office will provide Ms. Johnson with the names of the legal landowners. This information has not yet arrived. Ms. Johnson noted that she will be asking these residents where they would foresee their children attending high school if the boundary lines were changed. Currently the high school students in this area attend Tofield School.

It was noted that the school attendance area boundary for the Round Hill School will not change for the 2001-02 school year.

Trustees noted that if preliminary surveys are going to be conducted and the Board is considering changing attendance boundaries, the survey should include people who are currently attending Round Hill School who may chose to attend Tofield School. This would include the area north of the Miquelon area.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:27 a.m.)

#103/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Director of Transportation Johnson, Fleet Supervisor Bowman, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session ended at 10:50 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT (continued)

Trustee Sears commended Ms. Johnson and Mr. Bowman on the inspection report conducted by Bob Zifkin, Loss Prevention Officer with Jubilee Insurance Agencies, with respect to the Transportation Building. The report indicated “This facility is very impressive. Good safety procedures and standards are in place. Good record keeping.”

Chairman Mulder noted that at a school business officials meeting she attended an official from Alberta Learning indicated to her that the Battle River Regional Division #31 transportation system is second to none in Alberta.

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Bowman left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

PLAYGROUND REQUEST – HOLDEN SCHOOL

#104/01 M. MULDER – That, because the Board re-aligned the Ryley and Holden Schools and directed the elementary students from the Ryley School to attend the Holden School, the Board provides \$15,000 towards the expansion of the playground for new playground equipment at the Holden School, thereby making the playground appropriate for the number of students at the school, as requested by the Holden School and community.

CARRIED

EVER ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 11:22 a.m. to provide information to the Trustees with respect to the Ever Active Schools Program.

Mr. Smith noted that the health curriculum will embrace a comprehensive school health program, with the schools and school systems working together with the home and school community environments to establish collaborative partnerships.

Mr. Smith indicated that the Ever Active Schools Program is proposing to hire a coordinator to establish a comprehensive school health program in the Camrose area with the thrust of the program to be that of preventing diabetes through healthy lifestyles. This is to be a pilot program. The coordinator would bring together various community groups. Mr. Smith noted that this would fit very well into the comprehensive school health program. The proposal does not require any funding from Battle River Regional Division #31.

#105/01 G. OBERG – That the Board endorses the Ever Active Schools Program, as presented by Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent.

CARRIED

HARDISTY ECS

Trustees were notified that the Hardisty ECS Society has been discussing the possibility of moving from their portable into a room at the Allan Johnstone School. As no formal letter has been received from the ECS Society, Trustees received this as information only.

USE OF STUDENTS FOR LABOR RAFFLES OR SLAVE AUCTIONS

Executive personnel expressed concern with respect to the possible liability associated with students involved in labor raffles or slave auctions. Because the exact nature of the work assigned is not known at the time of the raffle or auction, students may be involved in activities that may pose a risk to the safety of the student. As these are school sponsored activities, Battle River Regional Division #31 could be held liable for any injury that a student sustained in carrying out their assigned labor or slave task. These activities are used in some schools as a fund raiser.

Trustees noted that some of the activities students are involved in through labor raffles are good citizenship activities, others perhaps not so.

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny will discuss these concerns with the school administrators at their meeting in August, 2001.

Trustee Schaffter left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

OSCAR PROGRAM – SPARLING SCHOOL

Trustees received a request to permit the use of the Sparling School after school for the OSCAR Program – an after-school daycare program. Based on a letter of consent from the Principal at the Sparling School and the fact that this program operates successfully in two other schools in the City of Camrose, Trustees voiced no objection to this request.

RYLEY SWIMMING POOL REQUEST

Trustees reviewed a request from the Recreation Coordinator of the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society for funding assistance to install a water pump lift to be used for the disabled at the Ryley Swimming Pool and Wellness Center.

The Board indicated that it preferred to lend support for this through advocating rather than financial.

ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL FEES, 2001-02

#106/01 G. POYSER - That, for the 2001-02 school year, the Board of Trustees set the tuition fees at CEU costs for an adult student, and further that this fee not include the instructional materials fee or the transportation fee.

CARRIED

FOREIGN STUDENT FEES, 2001-02

#107/01 G. POYSER - That, for the 2001-02 school year, the Board of Trustees set the tuition fee at \$5936.00 for foreign students, and further that this fee not include the instructional materials fee or the transportation fee.

CARRIED

SUMMER BOARD MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees after the June, 2001 meeting is August 23, 2001.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER – ELECTIONS, OCTOBER 2001

#108/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the Board of Trustees appoints the Secretary-Treasurer as the Returning Officer for Battle River Regional Division #31 for the election scheduled for October, 2001.
CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION FOR JOINT ELECTIONS

#109/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Secretary-treasurer to enter into agreements with the City of Camrose, and the Counties of Beaver, Camrose and Flagstaff for the purpose of holding joint elections.
CARRIED

RECEIPT OF NOMINATION PAPERS

#110/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the nomination papers for school trustees be received at the offices of Battle River Regional Division #31 in Camrose between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. on Monday, September 17, 2001.
CARRIED

Trustee Thronson left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Trustee Schaffter returned to the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

CHANGE TO AGENDA

#111/01 L. ENRIGHT – That item #16 under New Business ‘Course Request, CCHS’ be moved to item #11 under In-Camera Session.
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Mulder reviewed the information items as noted on the agenda.

Trustee Thronson joined the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Director of Transportation, Brenda Johnson, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – DAVE ZIMMEL

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Mulder welcomed Dave and Brenda Zimmel to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmel, who currently live in Daysland and whose children are attending Daysland School, are moving to a residence in the Heisler School attendance area during the summer. They requested bus gate service from that residence to Daysland School for their two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmel left the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Affairs Committee

Trustee Schaffter reported that the Student Affairs Committee met on May 29, 2001 to hear a recommendation for expulsion. The student was expelled for the remainder of the school year.

Negotiating Committees

Trustee Woloshyn reported that a meeting was held with the Bus Drivers Association and that an agreement had been attained with them that will be presented to the Board for ratification.

Trustees were notified that the initial meeting for negotiation purposes with the ATA Local is set for June 21, 2001.

Executive Committee

Chairman Mulder noted that the Executive Committee met on June 7, 2001 to set the agenda for this meeting and to discuss other issues. A meeting will be arranged for this Committee to review expense accounts.

Ms. Mulder noted that the Executive Committee is conducting an evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

Trustees were asked to respond to the Alberta Learning Outcomes document and return their responses to Trustee Poyser for collation.

The Executive Committee will respond to the Second Languages in Alberta – Issues and Directions document.

Capital Plan Committee

Trustee Enright informed Trustees that the modernization projects at Forestburg School and Central High-Sedgewick Public School are proceeding.

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny reported that he was present at a meeting with the City of Camrose engineer with respect to the sidewalks and possible bus pickup and drop off for Charlie Killam and Sifton Schools. The City engineer recommended that the fence at Charlie Killam School that adjoins 48th avenue (Highway 13) be moved north 20' as the City of Camrose plans to expand the highway at this location. An 8' wide sidewalk will have to be built separated from the highway by a boulevard. This will not happen for the 2001-02 school year, however Mr. Dolynny strongly suggested that the Board consider moving the fence this year in preparation for the highway widening. This would also provide more room for students to walk along the fence rather than next to the highway.

With respect to bus pick up and drop off, it was suggested that buses could line up on 49th Avenue and that a sidewalk be built on the south side of the Avenue to accommodate the students embarking and disembarking. Further information on this will be provided to the Trustees on June 28, 2001.

ASBA Reports and Information

Trustee Oberg reported on an ASBA meeting he attended in Red Deer on May 11, 2001 to review the ASBA Handbook. Mr. Oberg also reported that he attended the ASBA Zone 4 meeting in Red Deer on May 28, 2001 as well as the Edwin Parr Award Banquet. Several other Trustees and Divisional Office executive personnel also attended this banquet.

Staff Development Committee

A meeting of the Staff Development Committee was held on June 13, 2001 for the purpose of reviewing the opportunities for staff development that were provided during the 2000-01 school year and for setting goals for the 2001-02 school year.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

#112/01 G. POYSER – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 4:38 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

AUDIT PROPOSAL

#113/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That, effective with the 2001-02 school year, the Board accepts the five-year audit proposal from Fossen Harberg Nikiforuk and Wood.

CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT – BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31 BUS DRIVER ASSOCIATION

#114/01 W. THRONDSOEN – That the Board of Trustees ratifies the agreement with the Battle River Regional Division #31 Bus Driver Association as presented by the Negotiating Committee.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

At 4:41 p.m. Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting until 9:30 a.m. on June 28, 2001.

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