

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2001,
COMMENCING AT 9:33 A.M.**

PRESENT

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON
BRENDA HERDER
MICHELE MULDER (left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.)
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO (left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.)
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

PAUL DOLYNNY, Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer (left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.)
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Poyser expressed pleasure, and extended congratulations to Michele Mulder who was elected President of the Alberta School Boards Association at the Fall General Meeting. Ms. Mulder was wished all the best during her term of office.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Poyser expressed condolences to the Bockanesky family, and staff and students at the Sparling School, on the death of Peggy Bockanesky, Teaching Assistant at the Sparling School, and that of her son, Dean.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#202/01 P. ZENIUK – That the following additions be included on the agenda:

Timed Items

Edberg School Council and Principal
Strome School Council and Principal
Alliance School Council and Principal
Bashaw School Council and Principal

In-Camera Session

- 4. Contingency Plan
- 5. Central Alberta Regional Consortium

New Business

- 11. Agenda for School Council/Board of Trustees Liaison Meeting
- 12. Charlie Killam School Modernization
- 13. Sifton School Junior High Program
- 14. CCHS Grade Nine Program
- 15. Computer Inservice for Trustees

CARRIED

TERMS OF REFERENCE – ADVOCACY COUNCIL

#203/01 M. MULDER – That the Board approves the terms of reference for the Advocacy Council as presented, and further that these be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

It was noted that the terms of reference for the Advocacy Council calls for representation from the Board of Trustees. Trustee Zeniuk volunteered to serve on the Council. Trustee Mulder nominated Chairman Poyser. There were no further volunteers or nominations.

Chairman Poyser and Trustee Zeniuk will serve on the Advocacy Council for the 2001-02 school year.

REPORT ON MEETING – CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN CAMROSE

Trustees Sears reported on his attendance at a meeting on November 15, 2001 for the establishment of a Catholic high school in Camrose as proposed by the Elk Island Catholic Separate School District. Mr. Sears noted that several options were outlined for the Catholic parents at that meeting.

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

DELEGATION – EDBERG SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL (9:58 a.m.)

Chairman Poyser welcomed Thomas Midbo, Principal at the Edberg School; Carrie Chromik, Chair of the School Council, and Rhonda Broughton to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. Midbo outlined his proposal for program plans for the junior high school students for the Edberg School for the 2002-03 school year. Mr. Midbo also presented a proposed budget for the 2002-03 school year.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Mr. Midbo indicated that the Edberg community wishes to keep the junior high program at the Edberg School as long as possible.

Chairman Poyser thanked the delegation for coming to the Board meeting again this year, noting that it is important for the Trustees to hear program plans for the next school year, and that there is community support for the program.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Mr. Midbo noted that fundraising at the Edberg School comes from the community for specific projects only, i.e. library needs.

Chairman Poyser informed the delegation that the proposed amendment to the attendance/transportation areas has not yet been debated by the Trustees.

Chairman Poyser noted that the Board will make a decision before the thirtieth of November with respect to the continuance of the junior high program at the Edberg School based on the presentation, and that this decision will be communicated to Mr. Midbo.

The delegation left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

DELEGATION – STROME SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL (10:29 a.m.)

Chairman Poyser welcomed Ron Zimmer, Principal at the Strome School, and a delegation of six persons from the Strome School Council, and invited their presentation.

Mr. Zimmer outlined two proposals for programming planning and budgeting for the junior high program at the Strome School for the 2002-03 school year. Mr. Zimmer noted that the first proposal, and the first choice of the Strome community, is to have the grade nine students return to the Strome School. Mr. Zimmer requested that the Board consider re-instating the grade nine program at the Strome School.

In response to a question from a Trustee, two parents in the delegation, who have students in the grade current eight program, indicated their support for the return of the grade nine program and noted that informal discussions with other parents who have students in grade eight at the Strome School also support this proposal.

Chairman Poyser noted that the Board will make a decision before the thirtieth of November with respect to the continuance of the junior high program at the Strome School based on the presentation, and that this decision will be communicated to Mr. Zimmer.

Chairman Poyser informed the delegation that the proposed amendment to the attendance/transportation areas has not yet been debated by the Trustees.

Chairman Poyser requested information with respect to fundraising at the Strome School. Mr. Zimmer noted that there is very little fundraising done by the School Council for school projects.

Chairman Poyser thanked the delegation for coming to the Board meeting again this year, noting that it is important for the Trustees to hear program plans for the next school year, and that there is community support for the program.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

DELEGATION – ALLIANCE SCHOOL (11:04 a.m.)

Chairman Poyser welcomed Denise Rudolph, Principal at the Alliance School, and Raylene Bateman, School Council Chair, and Raylene's son, Dillon, to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Ms. Rudolph outlined her proposal for program planning for the grades 1-3 program at the Alliance School and presented her proposed budget for the 2002-03 school year.

Ms. Poyser thanked Ms. Rudolph for her enthusiasm and dedication to the students at the Alliance School.

Ms. Bateman provided a written presentation on behalf of the School Council expressing strong support for the education of the grades 1-3 students in the Alliance community. Ms. Bateman thanked the Board for its willingness to continue to support the Alliance School. The School Council desires a quality education for the children from Alliance in a school closest to their home.

Chairman Poyser noted that the Board will make a decision before the thirtieth of November with respect to the continuance of the elementary program at the Alliance School based on the presentation, and that this decision will be communicated to Ms. Rudolph.

Chairman Poyser thanked the delegation for coming to the Board meeting again this year, noting that it is important for the Trustees to hear program plans for the next school year, and that there is community support for the program.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

DELEGATION – BASHAW SCHOOL (11:32 a.m.)

Chairman Poyser welcomed Dennis Dunlop, Principal at the Bashaw School, and Diane Szumlas, School Council Chair, to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. Dunlop noted that the senior high school enrolment is lower this year than what is projected for the next five years. The projections for the next five years show the enrolments to be above the critical minimum enrolment. Mr. Dunlop reviewed the proposed budget for the 2002-03 school year and outlined the programs offered at the school.

Chairman Poyser thanked the delegation for coming to the Board meeting again this year, noting that it is important for the Trustees to hear program plans for the next school year, and that there is community support for the program.

Ms. Szumlas assured the Trustees that the information presented to them today was presented to the School Council and was supported by the parents, noting also that parents are pleased with the program offerings in the senior high program at the Bashaw School.

Chairman Poyser noted that the Board will make a decision before the thirtieth of November with respect to the continuance of the senior high program at the Bashaw School based on the presentation, and that this decision will be communicated to Mr. Dunlop.

The delegation left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Ms. Walsh, Finance Manager, left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

AGENDA FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON MEETING

Trustees discussed and determined the items for inclusion on the agenda at the School Council/Board of Trustees Liaison meeting scheduled for November 28, 2001.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:51 p.m.)

#204/01 G. OBERG – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 3:12 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Discussion ensued with respect to the delegations heard by the Board earlier in today's meeting. Recommendations will be forthcoming for the continuation of the regular meeting on November 29, 2001.

CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny informed Trustees that an e-mail response had been received from Doug Ramsay from Alberta Infrastructure indicating that a letter will be forthcoming from the Chairman of the School Buildings Board with respect to the request by the Board of Trustees to modernize Charlie Killam School.

#205/01 W. THRONDSOON – That the Charlie Killam School be modernized and renovated to accommodate the presentation of a grades seven to nine program.

CARRIED

Trustee Mulder left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 4:24 p.m.

Trustee Thronpson left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

At 4:30 p.m. Chairman Poyser recessed the meeting until November 29, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

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