

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2000,
COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.**

PRESENT

LORNE ENRIGHT
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER (arrived at 9:44 a.m.)
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO (left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.)
ROXANE WOLOSHYN

ABSENT

JACQUIE SCHAFFTER

ALSO PRESENT

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

M. MULDER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#257/00 G. POYSER - That the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#258/00 R. WOLOSHYN – That the minutes of the November 9 and 23, 2000 regular meeting be approved with the following amendment:

page 123, Alliance School Delegation – it was noted that there were three persons representing the Alliance School as part of their delegation to the Board on November 23, 2000.

CARRIED

2002 SUMMER GAMES

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte informed the Trustees that the City of Camrose is requesting permission to build a 400-meter, 8-track, Track and Field facility at the Camrose Composite High School grounds in preparation for the 2002 Summer Games. The total cost of building this facility would be approximately \$596,275.24. The City of Camrose has

included a \$50,000 contribution for this facility, and is requesting a donation from Battle River Regional Division #31 of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Schulte indicated that Catherine Jensen, Business Manager, is researching the insurance implications of having this track on Battle River Regional Division #31 property. Mr. Schulte also indicated that he raised the question, at the Summer Games Committee meeting, of maintenance of the track once the summer games were over.

#259/00 R. WOLOSHYN - That the Board of Trustees approve the concept of installing a 400-meter, 8-track, Track and Field facility at the Camrose Composite High School grounds, and subject to insurance and maintenance concerns being satisfactorily addressed, the Board approves the project.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and presented her report to the Trustees.

Pre-School Children on Buses

#260/00 W. THRONDSO – That the Board of Trustees approves the ridership of preschool-aged children of bus drivers, provided that the child is six months of age or older, is properly secured in a car seat provided by the operator, there is room on the bus and that the child has been properly registered for ridership by the Director of Transportation.

CARRIED

Contract Rates

Mrs. Johnson requested a meeting with the Negotiating Committee to discuss contractor rates.

Information Items

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the information items as noted on the distributed copies of her written report.

Mrs. Johnson left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE 1999 ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT

#261/00 G. POYSER – That the 1999 Annual Education Results Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Spelliscy reviewed with the Trustees the work of the maintenance department during the past month.

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (ATA) COMMITTEE ON WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Trustees reviewed a letter received from the ATA requesting a response with respect to a proposed seminar on service integration for children at the school level with school administrators from Clearview, Buffalo Trail, Battle River and East Central Catholic Separate School Divisions and representatives from Ribstone and Metis Settlements Child and Family Authorities. The two-hour seminar will take place in Killam with a tentative date of Thursday, May 10, 2001.

#262/00 G. POYSER – That the Board of Trustees approve participation of administrators in Battle River Regional Division #31 at the service integration seminar in Killam (tentative date of May 10, 2001), as requested by the ATA.

CARRIED

FLAGSTAFF MUSIC FESTIVAL REQUEST

#263/00 G. POYSER – That the Board of Trustees provides \$500 to the Flagstaff Music Festival in lieu of registration fees for schools within Battle River Regional Division #31.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee met on December 7, 2000, with the result that a student was expelled from attendance at any school in Battle River Regional Division #31, with the exception of home schooling, for the balance of the 2000-2001 school year.

Communications/Public Relations Committee Update

The Communications/Public Relations Committee will be meeting on December 13, 2000. This Committee will be preparing a general information brochure about Battle River Regional Division #31 to be placed in schools, municipal and real-estate offices. Another meeting of this Committee is scheduled for January 31, 2001.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:31 a.m.)

#264/00 L. ENRIGHT – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except the Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Recording Secretary Lauber, and the persons noted below, be excluded.

CARRIED

Warren Phillips, Chief Deputy Superintendent, was invited to join the in-camera session at 10:34 a.m. and left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, and Graeme Leadbeater, Architect from Group 2 Architects in Red Deer, were invited to join the in-camera session at 10:57 a.m. and left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 1:46 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – DAVE TWITCHELL

At 1:47 p.m. Chairman Mulder welcomed Dave Twitchell to the meeting and invited his presentation. Mr. Twitchell requested that the Board permit bus gate service for his children to a school in the City of Camrose from an acreage on which he made an offer to purchase in the Round Hill School attendance area.

Mr. Twitchell left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:54 p.m.)

#265/00 G. OBERG – 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

RE-ALIGNMENT OF CAMROSE SCHOOLS – LETTER TO PARENTS

The draft letters to the parents of students attending Sifton and Charlie Killam Schools were presented to the Trustees for review. It was noted that these letters will be sent out on December 15, 2000.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

#266/00 B. SEARS – That the Board of Trustees approves payment of the accounts for November, 2000.

CARRIED

AUDIT PROPOSALS

#267/00 L. ENRIGHT – That the Secretary-Treasurer seek proposals for auditing purposes from auditors within the Battle River Regional Division #31 geographical boundaries.

CARRIED

LIBRARY SERVICES AFTER PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and reviewed the process and recommendations for library services for Battle River Regional Division #31 when the contract with Parkland Regional Library expires.

#268/00 G. OBERG – That the Board of Trustees approves the recommendations as presented by the Deputy Superintendent with respect to future library services in Battle River Regional Division #31.

CARRIED

REPORT ON CAREER FAIR

Mr. Smith provided a written review of the regional Career Fair held on November 10, 2000.

Mr. Smith left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – DAVE TWITCHELL

#269/00 L. ENRIGHT – That the Board of Trustees adhere to policy with respect to attendance areas and deny the request from Dave Twitchell for gate service from an acreage located in the Round Hill School attendance area, to schools in the City of Camrose.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

ASBA Zone 4

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance at the ASBA Zone 4 meeting held on November 27, 2000. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2001 at the Parkland Regional Library in Lacombe.

ASBA Strategic Plan and Priority Initiatives

Chairman Mulder requested Trustee input with respect to future directions of the ASBA before her attendance at the ASBA Strategic Plan and Priority Initiatives meeting on January 11, 2001.

ATA Liaison Committee

Trustee Sears reported on his attendance at the ATA Liaison Committee meeting held on December 5, 2000.

Administrators' Meeting

Chairman Mulder and Trustee Poyser reported on their attendance at the Administrators' Meeting held on December 12, 2000, noting that the majority of the meeting time was spent discussing items that were unfinished from the Board/Administrators Planning Session on November 30 and December 1, 2000.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:15 p.m.)

#270/00 G. OBERG – 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, Recording Secretary Lauber, and the following person, be excluded.

CARRIED

Catherine Jensen, Business Manager, was invited to join the in-camera meeting at 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Jensen left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 4:37 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:37 p.m.

LAND TITLES SALES

#271/00 G. OBERG – That, subject to Ministerial approval, the Board retaining ownership of any existing mineral titles in the Board's name, and the buyer paying all the legal costs associated with the sale (the work being done through the Alberta School Board Association legal staff), that the offer from Camrose Windsor Hotel Limited be accepted for the purchase of the parcel of land located at NW 19-46-16-W4.

CARRIED

#272/00 B. SEARS - That, subject to Ministerial approval, the Board retaining ownership of any existing mineral titles in the Board's name, and the buyer paying all the legal costs associated with the sale (the work being done through the Alberta School Board Association legal staff), that the offer from Brent and Vicki Child on Woodham School Division #3746 (NW 33-45-13-W4) be accepted, excluding the February 2, 2001 possession date.

CARRIED

#273/00 L. ENRIGHT - That, subject to Ministerial approval, the Board retaining ownership of any existing mineral titles in the Board's name, and the buyer paying all the legal costs associated with the sale (the work being done through the Alberta School Board Association legal staff), that the offer from Elizabeth and Peter Tensen on Lots 7 and 8, Block 26A, Plan 8121135 in the Village of Ryley, be accepted.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

At 4:40 p.m., Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting until Thursday, December 21, 2000.

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