

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON AUGUST 27TH, 2020, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

LYLE ALBRECHT
KAREN BELICH
NORMAN ERICKSON
ZSUZSANNA HEMPERGER
JEFFRY KIMBALL
KENDALL SEVERSON
VALERIE SIMS
LAURIE SKORI

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

RITA MARLER, Superintendent of Schools
SHAN JORGENSON-ADAM, Assistant Superintendent - Learning
IMOGENE WALSH, Secretary Treasurer
NATASHA WILM, Assistant Superintendent – System Supports
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Director of Communications
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

I WALSH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Treasurer Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#73\20 K SEVERSON – That the Board of Trustees approve the Agenda of the Organizational Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

METHOD OF VOTING

#74\20 V SIMS – That, in the event an election is required to fill various positions or offices, voting be conducted by open votes unless one or more Trustees request that the vote be conducted by secret ballot for the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

CARRIED

TERM OF OFFICE

#75\20 N ERICKSON – That the term of office for Chair, Vice-Chair and all committee positions be held until the Organizational Meeting of the Trustees in 2021.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Secretary Treasurer Walsh called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Erickson nominated Trustee Belich.

Ms Walsh called twice for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Ms Walsh declared that nominations cease.

Trustee Belich was declared Chair elected by acclamation.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR BOARD CHAIR

Ms Walsh administered the Oath of Office for Board Chair to Trustee Belich. The Oath of Office is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

CHAIR BELICH ASSUMED THE CHAIR

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR

Chair Belich called for nominations for the position of Board Vice Chair.

Trustee Sims nominated Trustee Hemperger. Trustee Severson nominated Trustee Albrecht.

Chair Belich called twice for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Chair Belich declared that nominations cease.

Voting was conducted by ballots. Ballots were counted by Secretary Treasurer Walsh and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Fairall.

Ms Walsh announced Trustee Hemperger is declared Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR BOARD VICE CHAIR

Ms Walsh administered the Oath of Office for Board Vice Chair to Trustee Hemperger. The Oath of Office is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

#76\20 V SIMS – That the secret voting ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

WELCOME AND MESSAGE TO TRUSTEES

Ms Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated Chair Belich and Vice Chair Hemperger, and thanked the past Executive and the entire Board for their contributions to Battle River School Division in the past school year. Ms Marler welcomed all Trustees to the start of the 2020 – 2021 School Year, acknowledging the current challenging times while looking forward to doing rewarding and meaningful work moving forward.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Bank Accounts

#77\20 K SEVERSON - That, in addition to the Chair or Vice Chair, the Superintendent of Schools and the Secretary Treasurer be granted signing authority for all Division bank accounts.

CARRIED

Funding and Grant Applications

#78\20 L SKORI – That signing authorities for Alberta Education grant applications be either the Superintendent of Schools or the Secretary Treasurer.

CARRIED

#79\20 N ERICKSON - That signing authorities for all other grant applications be any one of the following persons: Superintendent of Schools, Secretary Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent – Learning, or Assistant Superintendent – System Supports.

CARRIED

School Division Contracts

#80\20 V SIMS - That signing authorities for Battle River School Division contracts be any one of the following persons: the Chairman, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent – Learning, or Secretary Treasurer.

CARRIED

#81\20 Z HEMPERGER - That the signing authorities for the International Program Agent Agreements be the Superintendent of Schools or Assistant Superintendent – System Supports.

CARRIED

BORROWING RESOLUTION

#82\20 L ALBRECHT - That whereas it is necessary for the purposes of the Board to borrow money or obtain other financial assistance on the credit of the Board from time to time from one of the chartered banks of Canada:

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Battle River Regional Division No. 31, as a resolution thereof:

1. That the Officers of the Board (Chair, Vice Chair, Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent - Business) of the Battle River Regional Division #31 be hereby authorized to borrow monies or obtain other financial assistance from time to time from the Bank of Montreal (the “Bank”) (including without limitation through the issuance of bills of exchange drawn by the Board and accepted by the Bank) upon the credit of the Board in such amounts as they deem proper and by way of overdraft or otherwise.

2. That any promissory notes, bills of exchange or other negotiable paper (including renewals thereof in whole or in part) signed on behalf of the Board by the officers of the Board authorized from time to time to sign negotiable instruments on its behalf and granted to or accepted by the Bank for monies borrowed and interest thereon as may be agreed upon or other financial assistance obtained from the Bank shall be binding upon the Board.

3. That the Officers may from time to time, if they see fit to do so, grant securities by way of mortgage, hypothecation, pledge or otherwise covering all or any of the property and assets of the Board present and future as security for all or any monies borrowed by the Board from the Bank or any other liability of the Board to the Bank, and any such mortgage, hypothecation, pledge, or other security shall be valid and binding upon the Board if signed by any of the officers authorized to sign negotiable instruments on the Board’s behalf.

4. All contracts, deeds, grants, assurances and documents reasonably required by the Bank or its Counsel for all or any of the purposes aforesaid shall be executed and carried into effect by the proper officers of the Board (and when necessary the seal of the Board shall be affixed thereto).

5. This resolution, when sanctioned by the Board, shall be irrevocable until a resolution repealing this resolution shall have been confirmed or sanctioned by the Board and a copy thereof duly certified (under the seal of the Board) delivered to the Bank, and meanwhile all the powers and authorities hereby conferred shall continue in force.

CARRIED

BORROWING MOTION

#83\20 N ERICKSON - That the Board may borrow from time to time from the Bank of Montreal, sum(s) up to but not exceeding \$1,400,000 (\$1,000,000 line of credit and \$400,000 Purchasing Card) which the Board deems necessary to expend to meet the current expenditures and obligations of the Board, and to pay or agree to pay interest thereon, or on so much thereof as remains from time to time unpaid.

CARRIED

TAPING OF MEETINGS

#84\20 Z HEMPERGER - That the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees be taped to assist the Executive Assistant - Superintendent in the preparation of accurate minutes, and further that when the minutes of a particular meeting have been approved, the tapes be erased.

CARRIED

NOTES FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

#85\20 J KIMBALL - That notes with respect to in-camera sessions of the Board of Trustees not be kept.

CARRIED

MEETING DATES

#86\20 K SEVERSON - That the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, and that the second Thursday be either a continuation of the Regular Meeting, if needed, or Committee meetings with the exception of the December and June Regular Board Meetings which will be held on the second Thursday of those months.

CARRIED

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION TIME FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#87\20 J KIMBALL - That, with respect to the meetings of the Board of Trustees, the commencement time be 9:00 a.m. and the completion time be 4:30 p.m., and further that if any meeting is to continue past the above-noted finish time, a motion to do so must be passed by a majority of the Trustees present.

CARRIED

ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#88\20 Z HEMPERGER – That the Board establishes the following committees:

Board Committee of the Whole
All Trustees

Audit Committee
Four Trustees (one of whom is Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees)

Executive Committee
Chair and Vice Chair

Negotiating Committee - ATA
Three Trustees and one alternate

Negotiating Committee - Union Caretakers and Bus Drivers
Two Trustees and one alternate

Policy Development \ Review Committee
Three Trustees (one of whom is Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees)

Student Affairs Committee
Three Trustees and two alternates

Community Engagement Committee (Committee of the Whole):

Council of School Councils
Two Trustees plus two Trustees rotating on Committee

Political Advocacy Committee
Three Trustees

Public Consultation Committee
Three Trustees.

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP OF TRUSTEES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

#89\20 V SIMS – That the memberships on the Board Standing Committees will be as follows:

Board Committee of the Whole

All Trustees

Audit Committee

Chair Belich, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Kimball, Trustee Sims

Executive Committee

Chair Belich and Vice Chair Hemperger

Negotiating Committee - ATA

Trustee Erickson, Trustee Kimball, Trustee Skori
Trustee Sims (Alternate)

Negotiating Committee - Union Caretakers and Bus Drivers

Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hemperger
Trustee Severson (Alternate)

Policy Development \ Review Committee

Vice Chair Hemperger, Trustee Erickson, Trustee Sims

Student Affairs Committee

Chair Belich, Trustee Severson, Trustee Sims
Vice Chair Hemperger (Alternate)
Trustee Albrecht (Alternate)

Community Engagement Committee

All Trustees

Council of School Councils (CEC)

Vice Chair Hemperger, Trustee Skori (plus two Trustees rotating on Committee)

Political Advocacy Committee (CEC)

Trustee Erickson, Trustee Sims, Trustee Severson

Public Consultation Committee (CEC)

Chair Belich, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Kimball.

CARRIED

AUTHORITY OF STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#90\20 K SEVERSON - That the Student Affairs Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the entire Board in all matters pertaining to Student Affairs.

CARRIED

BOARD REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

#91\20 N ERICKSON – That the Board of Trustees will have representation on the following external committees as listed:

ASBA Zone 4

1 Trustee and 1 Alternate

Canadian Parents for French

1 Trustee

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERSHIP ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

#92\20 L ALBRECHT – That the Board of Trustees will have membership on the following external committees as listed:

ASBA Zone 4

Trustee Skori

Trustee Kimball (Alternate)

Canadian Parents for French

Trustee Sims

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

Chair Belich.

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERSHIP ON AD HOC COMMITTEE

#93\20 J KIMBALL – That the Board of Trustees will have membership on the following Ad Hoc Committee as listed:

Round Hill Renaissance Committee

Chair Belich, Trustee Albrecht, and Trustee Severson.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair Belich adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

KAREN BELICH, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY TREASURER

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