

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON APRIL 27TH, 2023, COMMENCING AT 8:59 A.M.

PRESENT

LYLE ALBRECHT
DOUG ALGAR
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN
PATRICK MCFEELY

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

DR RITA MARLER, Superintendent of Schools
SHAN JORGENSON-ADAM, Deputy Superintendent
NATASHA WILM, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources
IMOGENE WALSH, Secretary-Treasurer
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Director of Communication
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

CHAIR BELICH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Belich called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#30\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#31\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 9th, 2023.

CARRIED

#32\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 17th, 2023.

CARRIED

#33\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 22nd, 2023.

CARRIED

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair Belich welcomed Ms Kropinske and invited her review of the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending March 31st, 2023.

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARDS

#34\23 D ALGAR - That, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation from the Community Engagement Committee and award the 2023 Friends of Battle River nominations as follows:

Division-wide:

Blair Buffalo: who has been visiting schools across the Division along with Elder Brad Rabbit to share Indigenous history and culture, supporting drumming and Cree singing as well as helping BRSD MHCB team to build their learning and understanding of Indigenous culture.

Beaver County: Wild Oats and Notes Music Society, for their contribution of grants in support of music programs at Tofield School, including the purchase of instruments and providing a qualified instructor to support the Tofield School Jam Club.

Camrose County: the Bawlf and District Recreational Association, for their ongoing support of Bawlf School's band and recreational activities, including the purchase of items such as ping pong tables, the Gaga pit, high jump mats, sidewalk games, and band instruments.

Flagstaff County: 100 Women Who Care, who have provided funding to purchase appliances in the new Foods Lab at Killam Public School to assist students to learn important life skills.

City of Camrose: Denise Robbins of the Camrose Association for Community Living, who has gone above and beyond to support BRSD students and their families with kindness and compassion through some very difficult situations.

CARRIED

POLICY REVISIONS

#35\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the revisions to the following Policies as presented:

- Policy 3 Schedule A Board Annual Work Plan,
- Policy 8 Board Operations,
- Policy 9 Committees of the Board, and
- Policy 20 Safe, Caring, and Healthy Schools and Worksites.

CARRIED

Danniëka Hofer, Hailey Myers, and Liam Venables, students, together with Maria Schaade, Principal, and April L’Heureux, Assistant Principal, of Ryley School joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair Belich welcomed Ms Hofer, Ms Myers, and Mr Venables and invited their presentation on the BURST Literacy Program and its successful strategy to assist young readers.

Ms Hofer, Ms Myers, Mr Venables, Ms Schaade, and Ms L’Heureux left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION BUS DRIVERS ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

#36\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees accepts the Memorandum of Agreement between the Battle River School Division Bus Drivers Association and Battle River School Division, dated February 23rd, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

2023 – 2024 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

#37\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees accepts the Budget Assumptions for the 2023 - 2024 School Year as presented.

CARRIED

ADULT STUDENT FEES

#38\23 D AGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the adult student fee for 2023 - 2024 be set at \$204.33 per credit taken, and further that this fee not include the transportation fee.

CARRIED

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Kelly Kushnerik, Director of Facilities, joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

VIKING SCHOOL ENVELOP PROJECT

#39\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the selection of Vantage Builders Ltd.'s bid in the amount of \$891,065.00 + GST for the Viking School Envelop Upgrade Phase 2 base project with funding to be allocated from the Division's Capital Maintenance and Renewal Funding (CMR) and Infrastructure, Maintenance & Renewal Funding (IMR).

CARRIED

#40\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves the selection of Vantage Builders Ltd.'s bid in the amount of \$229,971.00 + GST for the Viking School Envelop Upgrade Phase 2 alternative #1 (gymnasium) project with funding to be allocated from the Division's Infrastructure, Maintenance, and Renewal Funding (IMR).

CARRIED

#41\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the selection of Vantage Builders Ltd.'s bid in the amount of \$285,016.00 + GST for the Viking School Envelop Upgrade Phase 2 alternative #2 (south elevation) project with funding to be allocated from the Division's Infrastructure, Maintenance & Renewal Funding (IMR).

CARRIED

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

#41\23 D ALGAR - That, for the 2024 - 2025 school year, the Board of Trustees approves the tuition fee for foreign and international students be set at \$10,900.00 and that this fee includes the transportation fee and the instructional materials fee, except for activity fees.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:09 P.M.)

#42\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, and Superintendent Marler, be excluded.

CARRIED

Deputy Superintendent Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Director of Communications Hutchinson, and Executive Assistant, Superintendent Fairall left the meeting at 1:09 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Superintendent Marler, Deputy Superintendent Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Director of Communications, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Fairall left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:24 P.M.)

The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

Superintendent Marler, Deputy Superintendent Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Director of Communications, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Fairall joined the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

JOINT USE AND PLANNING AGREEMENT

#43\23 P MCFEELY - That the Board of Trustees approve the Joint Use And Planning Agreement between Battle River School Division and the Camrose County as presented.

CARRIED

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE

#44\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve the BRSD Organizational Meeting be held on June 21st, 2023.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair Belich adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

KAREN BELICH, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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