

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON MAY 25TH, 2023, COMMENCING AT 9:01 A.M.

PRESENT

LYLE ALBRECHT
DOUG ALGAR
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN
PATRICK MCFEELY

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

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

CHAIR BELICH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Belich called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#45\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#46\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of April 27th, 2023.

CARRIED

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair Belich invited Imogene Walsh's review of the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending April 30th, 2023.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

#47\23 K BELICH - The Board of Trustees approve the terms of the Superintendent Contract for Ms. Rhae-Ann Holoien of Wainwright Alberta as outlined on May 5th, 2023.

CARRIED

ATA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

#48\23 D ALGAR - That, the Board of Trustees accept the Memorandum of Agreement between Alberta Teacher's Association and Battle River School Division dated May 3rd, 2023.

CARRIED

POLICY REVISIONS

#49\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the revisions, in principle to the following Policies as amended:

Policy 18 Alternative Programs,
Policy 23 Public Disclosure of Travel and Expenses, and
Policy 25 International Travel Study.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUEST

#50\23 D DIBBEN - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Policy 24 'International Travel Study', the international travel trip to England and France by the École Camrose Composite High School students during 2023 – 2024 spring break, tentatively March 14th to 23rd, 2024.

CARRIED

EDUCATION ASSURANCE PLAN

#51\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees accepts the Battle River School Division Annual Education Plan for 2023-2026 as presented.

CARRIED

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

#52\23 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the use of the following locally developed courses and any learning resources detailed in the course outline for use in BRSD schools, beginning on September 1st, 2023:

Course Name	Version	Course Code	First Approved Year	Last Approved Year
Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre 15	3 & 5 Credits	LDC1975	2023-2024	2026-2027
Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre 25	3 & 5 Credits	LDC2975	2023-2024	2026-2027
Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre 35	3 & 5 Credits	LDC3975	2023-2024	2026-2027
Audio 15	3 & 5 Credits	LDC1471	2023-2024	2026-2027
Audio 25	3 & 5 Credits	LDC2471	2023-2024	2026-2027
Audio 35	3 & 5 Credits	LDC3471	2023-2024	2026-2027
Ceramics 15	5 Credits	LDC1867	2023-2024	2026-2027
Ceramics 25	5 Credits	LDC2867	2023-2024	2026-2027
Ceramics 35	5 Credits	LDC3867	2023-2024	2026-2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 15	3 & 5 Credits	LDC1269	2023-2024	2026-2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 25	3 & 5 Credits	LDC2269	2023-2024	2026-2027
Creative Writing and Publishing 35	3 & 5 Credits	LDC3269	2023-2024	2026-2027
SL Introduction to Canadian Studies 15	5 Credits	LDC1212	2023-2024	2026-2027
ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies 25	5 Credits	LDC2212	2023-2024	2026-2027
ESL Introduction to Science 15	5 Credits	LDC1213	2023-2024	2026-2027
ESL Introduction to Science 25	5 Credits	LDC2213	2023-2024	2026-2027
Global Health 15	5 Credits	LDC1130	2023-2024	2026-2027
Journalism 15	5 Credits	LDC1696	2023-2024	2026-2027
Journalism 25	5 Credits	LDC2696	2023-2024	2026-2027
Journalism 35	5 Credits	LDC3696	2023-2024	2026-2027
Myth Busting Methods 25	3 Credits	LDC2295	2023-2024	2026-2027
Painting 15	5 Credits	LDC1871	2023-2024	2026-2027
Painting 25	5 Credits	LDC2871	2023-2024	2026-2027
Painting 35	5 Credits	LDC3871	2023-2024	2026-2027
Positive Psychology 15	5 Credits	LDC1107	2023-2024	2026-2027
Student-Centered Learning 15	3 Credits	LDC 1234	2023-2024	2026-2027
Theatre Appreciation 15	3 Credits	LDC1237	2023-2024	2026-2027
Theatre Appreciation 25	3 Credits	LDC2237	2023-2024	2026-2027
Theatre Appreciation 35	3 Credits	LDC3237	2023-2024	2026-2027
Tipi Making (Elder Chronicles) 15	3 Credits	LDC1021	2023-2024	2026-2027
iOS App Design 15	5 Credits	LDC1129	2023-2024	2026-2027

CARRIED

SUMMER SCHOOL FEES

#53\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves Summer School fees for 2022-2023 be set at \$45.00 per course for Battle River School Division students and \$65.00 per course for non-resident students, and further that this fee is non-refundable.

CARRIED

INELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION FEE

#54\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the fee for ineligible transportation services for the 2023-2024 school year at \$400.00 per student in grades 1 – 12 and \$200 per child in Kindergarten, to a maximum charge of \$900.00 per family.

CARRIED

TECHNOLOGY FEE

#55\23 P MCFEELY - For the 2023-2024 school year, the Board of Trustees approves a Technology Fee as follows:

- a) Grades 1 – 3 - \$10.00
- b) Grades 4 – 12 - \$20.00

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

EARLY LEARNING FEE

#56\23 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the fees for the 2023-24 Early Learning Program as follows:

- \$225.00/month - community and mild/moderate coded children
- \$100.00/month – children with severe intellectual, emotional/behavioural, physical/medical disabilities or severe language delay: code 41 - 47

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:18 P.M.)

#57\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, Superintendent Marler, Deputy Superintendent Jorgensen-Adams, Assistant Superintendent Wilms, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Director of Human Resources Stephen Hoyland, Director of Communications Hutchinson, Executive Assistant - Superintendent Fairall, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan, be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:40 P.M.)

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

APPROVE BUDGET

#58\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2023-2024 budget as presented, including the request for approval from the Minister of Education to use surplus funds for operating expenses.

Trustee Albrecht requested a recorded vote.

In favour of the motion

Opposed to the motion

D Algar
K Belich
D Dibben
P McFeely

L Albrecht

CARRIED

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY IN HARDISTY

#59\23 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees declares the properties located described as Plan 9223507, Block 20A in the Town of Hardisty (Allan Johnstone School) as surplus and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to advertise the land and building for sale by tender.

Trustee Dibben requested a recorded vote.

In favour of the motion

Opposed to the motion

L Albrecht
D Algar
K Belich
P McFeely

D Dibben

CARRIED

DISPOSAL OF DIVISION OFFICE LAND AND BUILDING

#60\23 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees declares the property located at 5402 48A Ave (Plan 4544MC, Block 24, Lot 4A) in the City of Camrose (Division Office) as surplus and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to advertise the land and building for sale through a real estate broker.

CARRIED

BUS PURCHASE

#61\23 PAT MCFEELY - That the Board authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Transportation to purchase new school buses at a cost of no more than \$450,000.00, and further that the cost of the purchase is taken from the current year's budget.

CARRIED

Assistant Superintendent-HR Natasha Wilm and Director of Human Resources Stephen Hoyland left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:54 P.M.)

#62\23 D DIBBEN - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:23 P.M.)

Superintendent Marler, Deputy Superintendent Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Director of Communications Hutchinson, Executive Assistant, Superintendent Fairall, and Executive Assistant, Superintendent Girvan left the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair Belich adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

KAREN BELICH, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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