

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON APRIL 25, 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

LYLE ALBRECHT
DOUG ALGAR
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN
PATRICK MCFEELY

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

RHAE-ANN HOLOIEN, Superintendent of Schools
IMOGENE WALSH, Secretary-Treasurer
STEPHEN HOYLAND, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services
NATASHA WILM - Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources
MICHELLE GIRVAN, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

CHAIR MCFEELY IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McFeely called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#39\24 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda.

CARRIED

Margaret Carlson, Colony Schools Principal, joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair McFeely welcomed Ms Carlson, and virtually invited Ms Skoretz, Ms Morken, Ms McClements and the students of Viking Colony School. They presented a video of the building of the new school space, and the students shared their work and answered some questions.

Ms Carlson left the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#40\24 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of March 28, 2024 as amended.

CARRIED

POINT OF ORDER

Trustee Dibben raised a Point of Order regarding the proceedings of the March 28, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting, specifically that motions #33/24, and #34/24, and #35/24 are out of order as they were identical in theme and aspect to motion #31/24 which was previously defeated by the Board at the same meeting. (No ruling given at the time.)

Ms Wilm left the meeting at 9:28 am.
Ms Wilm joined the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair McFeely invited Ms Kropinske’s review of the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2024.

Ms. Kropinske left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS, PRIORITIES AND POTENTIAL RISKS

#41\24 D DIBBEN - That the Board adds number 10 to the Budget Assumptions that BRSD schools be sufficiently resourced to provide core subjects in the year of enrollment for grades 1 through 9.

DEFEATED

#42\24 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the Budget Assumptions for the 2024 - 2025 school year as presented.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

SURPLUS LAND SALES

#43\24 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees declares the properties listed below as surplus and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to advertise the land for sale by tender.

Beaver County	Former Lake Vernon SD (2.86 acres)	4;11;46;4;SW
Beaver County	Former Maple Lodge SD Viking (0.16 acre)	4;11;48;20;NW
Beaver County	Former Overleigh SD / Killam (2.0 acres)	4;12;46;11;NW
Beaver County	Former Poplar Hill SD (1.0 acre)	4;12;48;14;NW
Beaver County	Former Lornedale SD (file 1) (0.94 acre)	4;12;49;29;NE
Beaver County	Former Lornedale SD (file 2) (0.94 acre)	4;12;49;32;SE
Beaver County	Former Lakeford SD (3.0 acres)	4;13;46;1;SE
Beaver County	Former Holden SD (Bruce) (6.5 acres)	4;14;48;30;NE
Beaver County	Jubilee/Bruce 1 (2.64 acres)	4;15;49;13;SE
Village of Holden	Holden (empty lot 1)	4558HW;6;16
Village of Holden	Holden (empty lot 2)	4558HW;6;17
Flagstaff County	Former Doupe SD (4 acres)	4;12;39;13;SW
Flagstaff County	Former Bedford SD (2 acres)	4;13;41;11;NW
Flagstaff County	Former Sunrise SD (1 acre)	4;14;45;26;NE
Flagstaff County	Former Strome School (former 5200 52 St) (7.22 acres)	735TR;G;

CARRIED

SURPLUS LAND SALES

#44\24 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees declares that the property located at Plan 6277HW, Block A, Lot (P) (Park Reserve) in the Hamlet of New Norway, as surplus and requests approval of this declaration from the Minister of Education. Further, once Ministerial approval is received, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to apply to Camrose County to have the Park Reserve designation removed. Once that process is completed, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer conduct the sale of the property through a real estate broker.

CARRIED

BUS PURCHASE

#45\24 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Transportation to purchase new school buses at a cost of no more than \$750,000, and further that the cost of the purchase is taken from the current year's budget and from the Bus Purchases Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

ADULT STUDENT FEES

#46\24 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the adult student fee for 2024-2025 to be set at \$204.33 per credit taken, and further that this fee does not include the transportation fee.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES FOR 2025-2026

#47\24 K BELICH - That the Board approves for the 2025 - 2026 school year, 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

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRIP - TOFIELD SCHOOL TO ITALY

#48\24 L ALBRECHT - That the Board approves, in principle, and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Italy by the Tofield School students during spring break 2025, tentatively March 21 - 28, 2025.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRIP - NEW NORWAY SCHOOL TO GREECE

#49\24 K BELICH - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Greece by the New Norway School students during spring break 2025, tentatively March 20 - 29, 2025.

CARRIED

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

#50\24 K BELICH - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River Award for the City of Camrose be awarded to Sharon A. Blue.

CARRIED

#51\24 K BELICH - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River Award for Beaver County be awarded to Sandy Brolly.

CARRIED

#52\24 D DIBBEN - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River Award for Camrose County be awarded to the Round Hill Elks Lodge #71.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:30 P.M.)

#53\24 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 Holoien, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh.

Mr Hoyland, Ms Wilm and Ms Girvan left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:30 P.M.)

#54\24 D DIBBEN - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

Mr Hoyland, Ms Wilm and Ms Girvan joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

CAMROSE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL SITE

#55\24 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees advises that the City of Camrose that other than subdividing and disposing of the Support Services Centre land and building, the remaining properties at Camrose Composite High School will be retained as a potential location for a new school site unless the City of Camrose is able to identify a new school site for Battle River School Division.

CARRIED

JOINT USE AND PLANNING AGREEMENTS

#57\24 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between Battle River School Division and the Town of Bashaw.

CARRIED

#58\24 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between Battle River School Division and the Village of Rosalind.

CARRIED

#59\24 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between Battle River School Division and Flagstaff County.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 2:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Albrecht will be bringing forward a Notice of Motion to amend Motion #33/24 from the March 28, 2024 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

PATRICK MCFEELY, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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