

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON May 9TH, 2013, COMMENCING AT 9:06 A.M.

PRESENT

DOUG BOWIE
REBECCA HEIBERG
SHELLEY GRUNDBERG
NOREEN METZ
PETER MILLER
KENDALL SEVERSON

ABSENT

JIM FIELDING
CHERYL SMITH

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
RICK JARRETT, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent – Business
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

D BOWIE IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bowie called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#55\13 P MILLER – That the Board of Trustees approves the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#56\13 K SEVERSON – That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25th, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED

#57\13 R HEIBERG – That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 7th, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED

EXERPT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – MAY 7TH, 2013

'COMMUNITY PETITION

#56\13 J FIELDING – That, in response to the petition received on April 11th, 2013, the Board supports the attached statement on Administrative Procedure #360.

Trustee Grundberg requested a recorded vote

In favour of the motion

Opposed to the motion

D Bowie
J Fielding
R Heiberg
N Metz
P Miller
K Severson
S Smith

S Grundberg

CARRIED'

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:12 a.m.)

#58\13 P MILLER - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, Director of Finance Kropinske, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:18 a.m.)

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

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FEES

#59\13 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees approves Early Learning Fees for 2013 - 2014 to be as follows:

3 Year Old Program - \$750 per year
4 Year Old Program - \$1450 per year.

CARRIED

CUPE AGREEMENT RATIFICATION

#60\13 K SEVERSON - That the Board of Trustees adopts the Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE, for the CCHS caretakers, signed on behalf of the Board by the Negotiating Committee on April 24, 2013.

CARRIED

BECOMING A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

#61\13 N METZ – That the Board host an evening and invite Jacquie Hansen, President of the Alberta School Boards' Association, to present a Division-wide forum at the Daysland Community Hall to encourage and inform community members on becoming a school board trustee.

CARRIED

Dale Szott, parent, Rosalind School, joined the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL

Chair Bowie welcomed Mr Szott and requested his presentation.

Mr Szott is requesting school bus service to his residence at SE 1–45–17–W4 which is currently within the Rosalind School area and will now be designated to the Bawlf School area, to enable his children to attend Daysland School.

Mr Szott left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:06 p.m.)

#62\13 K SEVERSON - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Business Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:31 p.m.)

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

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:31 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT

BRSD Board of Trustees response to AP 360 petition

In response to a petition received by BRSD on Thursday, April 11, 2013, the Board of Trustees makes the following statement:

- The Board of Trustees supports *AP 360 – Student Assessment* and its direction, with its emphasis on rich, descriptive feedback, teaching to outcomes and promotion of lifelong learning.
- The Board of Trustees has heard the voice of concerned parents and community, and believes their concerns need to be addressed, even though the petition as presented has been declared technically invalid.
- The Board of Trustees has confidence in the Superintendent of Schools, as the instructional leader of Battle River School Division.
- The Board of Trustees believes the Division has been responsive to the needs of individual schools and supports the previous adjustments that have been made to AP 360 by Administration, including the 2011 announcement of a delay in junior high implementation and the Spring 2012 and February 2013 announcements regarding delays in implementation at the senior high level.
- The Board of Trustees also has confidence in the most recent changes to AP 360 that were brought forward by the Superintendent of Schools on March 27, 2013, including:
 - ensuring that, in addition to levels and clear written feedback, accurate overall percentages are available on high school report cards and by request at any other time to both junior and senior high school students and their parents;
 - permitting teachers to give a mark of zero, with guidelines to be developed by each school;
 - giving every school community the time and support it needs in the assessment journey.
- The Board of Trustees and the Superintendent acknowledge the need for responsiveness and also the evolving nature of Assessment across the province of Alberta and will work together to address changes or concerns as they arise.