

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 23, 2002, COMMENCING
AT 9:35 A.M.**

PRESENT

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON
BRENDA HERDER
MICHELE MULDER (left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.)
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
WAYNE THRONDSO
PATRICIA ZENIUK (left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.)

ABSENT

GERRY OBERG

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Acting Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

#112/02 M. MULDER – That the following items be added to the agenda:

New Business

14. Signing Authority for Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools
15. FSLW Canoe Trip Funding
16. 2002-03 Student Accident Insurance Renewals
17. Letter from PSBAA – Services Cooperative or Consortium

Information

- 5. Letter from PSBAA re Bill 16 (Separate School Boards)
- 6. CSBA Accountability Discussion Paper

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:36 a.m.)

- #113/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Acting Superintendent Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Finance Manager Walsh, Director of Transportation Johnson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 11:49 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:49 a.m.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Agreement with Village of Forestburg

- #114/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board enters into an agreement with the Village of Forestburg to share the demolition costs of the swimming pool at Forestburg, to a maximum of \$3,000 plus GST from reimbursement funding, and that, in return, the Village will transfer the pool area land to Battle River Regional Division #31 at no cost to the Division.

CARRIED

Approval of Change Orders – Forestburg School Modernization Project

- #115/02 B. SEARS – That, with respect to the Forestburg School Modernization Project, the Facilities Committee be given the authority to approve change orders to a maximum of \$5,000 per change order.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – SUSAN NIEHAUS

- #116/02 W. THRONDSOON – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/ Transportation’, the Board allows the children of Susan and Maurice Niehaus, resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to access the bus transporting high school students to the Daysland School.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

CHARLIE KILLAM SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Trustee Thronkson outlined the proposed phased-in modernization of the classrooms at Charlie Killam School.

- #117/02 W. THRONKSON – That the preliminary design prepared by Workun, Garrick and Associates be the master plan for the modernization of the Charlie Killam School.

CARRIED

DELEGATION – JAMES MAHER, HARVEY WIENS AND MELISSA STARKY

At 2:03 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed James Maher, Principal at the Ryley School; Harvey Wiens, an employee at the Ryley School; and Melissa Starky, a student at the Ryley School, to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. Maher noted that Mr. Wiens is a valued employee at the Ryley School who expressed an interest in learning to read, or read better. An arrangement was made with Ms Starky to tutor Mr. Wiens in reading and printing during her spare time. Mr. Wiens provided samples of the work he has been learning and Ms Starky outlined the activities she has been working on with Mr Wiens.

Dr. Phillips congratulated Mr. Wiens for taking this initiative and thanked Ms Starky for her work with Mr. Wiens.

Chairman Poyser presented Ms Starky with a Battle River Regional Division #31 volunteer pin, and Mr. Wiens with a brief case.

The delegation left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

PORTABLE CLASSROOM – JACK STUART SCHOOL

- #118/02 B. SEARS – That the Board allocates funds from the capital account, at an approximate cost of \$100,000, to place a portable classroom at Jack Stuart School.

CARRIED

SIGNING AUTHORITY – ACTING CHIEF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- #119/02 P. ZENIUK – That the Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools be granted signing authority for all Division bank accounts during the time he serves as Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON WORKERS (FSLW) CANOE TRIP FUNDING

Dr. Phillips noted that the Board previously provided funding for one student from Battle River Regional Division #31, in the amount of \$470, to participate in the summer canoe trip sponsored by the FSLW. Fundraising for the balance of the costs of the trip has become difficult and the timelines are short.

- #120/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board approves funding, to a total of \$1600 (includes \$470 from motion #36/02) to support students participating in the FSLW canoe trip during the summer of 2002.

CARRIED

2002-03 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE RENEWAL

- #121/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the Board provides a fee of \$1.20/student for basic student accident insurance for each student during school hours or at any school approved/supervised activity, and further that the insurance coverage include ECS students registered in Board-operated programs, those students registered in privately-operated ECS programs offered in cooperation with the Board, and to Home Education students registered with the Board, to the extent that the insurance company will permit such coverage at the rates established for the students registered in regular school programs, and further that, in addition to the basic coverage, the insurance coverage provides an additional \$0.10 per insured student for the IAP Kids Plus Enhanced Option Package.

CARRIED

LETTER FROM PSBAA – SERVICES COOPERATIVE OR CONSORTIUM

The letter received from the Public School Boards Association of Alberta with respect to the formation of a services cooperative or consortium was received as information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Poyser noted the information items as outlined on the distributed copies of the agenda.

ASBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY POSITIONS TAKEN BETWEEN GENERAL MEETINGS

Chairman Poyser encouraged Trustees to review the document from Alberta School Boards Association entitled 'Board of Directors Policy Positions Taken Between General Meetings'.

SMALL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Herder noted that she e-mailed her report to Trustees with respect to the Small Schools Committee meeting held on April 17, 2002, and further noted that this report was shared with the administrators at their meeting held on May 14, 2002. Four administrators have indicated their interest in serving on this committee. Ms Herder also reported on her attendance at the Small Schools Conference held on May 3 and 4, 2002 in Red Deer.

SUPPORT FOR ASBA PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#122/02 B. SEARS – That the Board sends a letter of support and appreciation to the President and the Board of Directors of the Alberta School Boards Association.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:59 p.m.)

#123/02 W. THRONDSOON – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Acting Superintendent Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Trustee Zeniuk left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 3:14 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION – ANDY LYSTER

Dr. Phillips noted that he received a letter notifying him that Mr. Andy Lyster, Teacher at Camrose Composite High School, received the 2002 Certificate of Commendation from the Health & Physical Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Mr. Lyster was one of twenty-two individuals recognized province-wide for their outstanding contributions to health and physical education.

ARPEGGA AWARD – ED STAUFFER

Trustees were informed that Mr. Ed Stauffer, Principal at Round Hill School, is the recipient of an ARPEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta) award as an Outstanding Math and Science Teacher. Recipients are chosen for their superior teaching skills and ability to inspire learning in math and science. This awards program recognizes exceptional teachers for their

enthusiasm and dedication. Round Hill School will receive \$1000 for Mr. Stauffer's nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Poyser adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

GWENDA POYSER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER