

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON NOVEMBER 9TH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 8:58 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

CHERYL SMITH, Chair

ALSO PRESENT

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

D BOWIE IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bowie called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Jack Jones, student, and Bob Kluthe, teacher, New Norway School, joined the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Vice Chair Bowie welcomed Jack Jones, student, and Bob Kluthe, teacher, New Norway School, and invited their presentation on Jack's success at school.

Mr Jones and Mr Kluthe left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#148\11 K SEVERSON - That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#149\11 P MILLER - That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 13th and 27th, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ATA INDUCTION

Vice Chair Bowie brought to the Trustees attention, the invitation received from David Andreassen, Vice President, ATA Local, to attend the ATA Induction on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011, at the Norsemen Inn. Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie, and Trustees Grundberg and Severson together with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Ray Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent - Instruction, Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, and Greg Friend, Manager - Human Resources, will attend.

EDUCATION ACT UPDATE

Trustees discussed a communiqué received from the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, outlining his commitment to review and re-work the Education Act.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM NEW NORWAY STUDENTS

Trustees received a letter of thanks from the New Norway School students and Learning Facilitator for their contribution of funding in support of their anti-bullying program.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING APPLICATION

Dr Larry Payne will construct a working committee consisting of Trustee representation and staff, to review an Alternative Programming request received from the Living Truth Christian School and bring forward a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting this school year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Miller provided an update on the Community Engagement Committee. The Community Engagement Forums are scheduled on February 1st, 2nd, and 6th, 2012.

TALK TO THE TRUSTEES

Trustees discussed feedback received through the ‘Talk To The Trustees’ portion of the BRSD website.

ASBA LEGAL CONFERENCE

Vice Chair Bowie and Trustee Grundberg reported on their attendance at the ASBA Legal Conference in Calgary on October 31st and November 1st, 2011.

ADMINISTRATORS’ MEETING

Trustee Miller reported on his attendance together with Chair Smith, Vice Chair Bowie, and Trustee Grundberg at the Administrators’ Meeting on Monday, November 7th, 2011 at the Edgeworth Centre.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

ASBA POLICIES BULLETIN

Trustees discussed their view of the proposed policy positions that will be placed before the membership at the ASBA Fall General Meeting on Monday, November 21st, 2011 in Edmonton.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Administrators' Meeting

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the recent Administrators' Meeting held Monday, November 7th, 2011. Mary McGregor, Early Literacy Consultant and guest speaker at the Administrators' Meeting, provided a broad based presentation on literacy as a lifetime skill for all students.

Action On Inclusion

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, reported on his participation, together with Chair Smith and Kathryn Graff, Manager of Intervention Services, in the Change Agent Meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 at the Rocky View School Division in Airdrie.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Trustees reviewed an overview of the agenda for the Board Planning Session on November 14th, and 15th, 2011 at Pigeon Lake. The main focus for this Planning Session will be strategic leadership and long term visioning for Battle River School Division.

TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, provided an update to the Trustees on his recent involvement as an advisory committee participant on the current Tripartite discussions. Keray Henke, Alberta Education, David Anderson, ASBA, and Gordon Thompson, ATA, will be the main committee leading discussions, with subcommittees formed on three topics: funding, salaries and dispute resolution. Each of the subcommittees has representation from Alberta Education, ASBA, and ATA.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:32 p.m.)

#150\11 R HEIBERG - 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 Schulte, Treasurer Walsh, Communications Coordinator Hutchinson, and Recording Secretary Fairall be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:56 p.m.)

#151\11 R HEIBERG – That the In-Camera session conclude to permit the Trustees to return to the Regular Board Meeting.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools and Ray Bosh, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services, reported on a meeting held with Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, Ken Robitaille, Director of Technology, and Administrators of Lougheed, Rosalind and Strome schools to discuss the next steps in pursuing virtual classrooms.

CITY UNIVERSITY

Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, has been selected to be a member on the Advisory Board for City University which offers masters degrees for teachers and educators.

COMMUNICATION SCENARIO

Trustees discussed messages to be shared with the public and BRSD staff regarding the recently announced onetime budget funding increase.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:07 p.m.

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