

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON JANUARY 14TH, 2010, COMMENCING AT 9:42 A.M.

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
PETER MILLER
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK
KENDALL SEVERSON
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

DR LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent
BILL SCHULTE, Assistant Superintendent - Business
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Coordinator
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#01\10 K OFFORD – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the following items:

INFORMATION

5.14 David Anderson & Heather Welwood – Monday, January 18th, 2010

5.15 Video Conferencing Re: Expulsions – 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 28th, 2010

NEW BUSINESS

7.5 Drug Task Force Representation

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

8.6 New Hutterite Colonies – Bill Schulte

TRUSTEE REPORTS

11.2 Trustee Reports

And remove:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

8.2 Fiscal Monitoring Report

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#02\10 H SYED – That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 3rd, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:45 a.m.)

#03\10 R HEIBERG - That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees and Superintendent of Schools Payne, be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

BAILEY THEATRE TOUR

Chair Smith advised that a tour of Bailey Theatre is scheduled for 12:00 Noon today, Thursday, January 14th, 2010.

LETTER FROM MINISTER – ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR RESULTS

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter received from the Minister of Education congratulating Battle River School Division on the results of the 2009 Accountability Pillar evaluation.

ELK ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MEETING REQUEST

Trustees have been invited to attend a meeting with Elk Island Catholic School Board. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 25th, 2010.

LETTER FROM MINISTER – H1N1 VACCINE PROGRAM

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter received from the Minister of Education replying to the Trustees' letter requesting that the H1N1 vaccination program be implemented in our schools.

NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE INVITATION FROM MLA VERLYN OLSON

Trustees received an invitation to a New Year's Open House on January 6th, 2010 at the Wetaskiwin – Camrose Constituency Office in Camrose to meet on an information basis with Verlyn Olson, MLA.

COVENANT HEALTH ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL INVITATION

Vice Chair Zeniuk will attend a dinner and focus group on behalf of the Trustees at St. Mary's Hospital on January 26th, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM VERLYN OLSON

Dr Larry Payne received congratulations from MLA Verlyn Olson on receiving the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Award (MELRA) for 2009.

NEW FINE ARTS FRAMEWORK

Chair Smith, Dr Payne, and Maureen Parker, Director of Curriculum, met with Mr Tom Spila, CCHS Music Teacher, and Mr Bob Bailey, Charlie Killam Music Teacher, to discuss the proposed Fine Arts Framework. The proposed new framework is a foundational document covering rationale, vision, guiding principles, learner outcomes and the potential structure for drama, music and visual arts from Kindergarten to Grade Twelve. The current framework has not been updated for over 20 years.

EDWIN PARR NOMINATION REQUEST

The request for nominations for the 2009 – 2010 Edwin Parr Award was received and forwarded to Mr Greg Friend, Director of Personnel.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Dr Payne provided, for the Board's awareness, a summary received from Alberta Education on curriculum development and changes to the curriculum being implemented during the current school year.

CHALLENGE DAY

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Zeniuk, Trustee Heiberg and Dr Payne reflected on their participation in Challenge Day held at the Camrose Composite High School on January 11th and 12th, 2010.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Chair Smith brought to the attention of the Trustees a December 18th Edmonton Journal article by Mark Lisac, which highlighted Minister Hancock’s blog comments in conjunction with speculation on the upcoming provincial budget, education funding, and financial policy.

ASBA GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK

Chair Smith advised Trustees that the ASBA Governance Handbook incorporating updates from the Fall General Meeting is available through the ASBA website.

MEETING WITH CAMROSE CITY COUNCIL

Trustees discussed agenda items proposed by the Consultative Process Committee for the meeting with Camrose City Council scheduled on February 1st, 2010. Ms Hutchinson will provide a draft agenda for Trustees to review.

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION FEES

#04 \10 P MILLER - That, for the 2010 – 2011 school year, the Board establish a transportation fee for rural foreign students that is equal to the average per pupil funded amount received from Alberta Education for rural transportation (currently \$1,049.73).

CARRIED

BAWLF HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRAVEL REQUEST

#05\10 P ZENIUK – That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 ‘Travel Study’, the international travel trip to Disneyland by the Bawlf High School Band students (April 29th to May 3rd, 2010).

CARRIED

LETTER FROM BUFFALO TRAIL – IMPACT OF FUNDING REDUCTION

Trustees requested information from Imogene Walsh, Treasurer, on the impact of possible Small Schools by Necessity funding reductions to Battle River School Division, in consideration of providing support for the Buffalo Trail letter.

ASBA ZONE 4 MEETING

Vice Chair Zeniuk along with Trustees Offord and Miller plan to attend the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on January 25th, 2010 in Innisfail.

Chair Smith has contacted Mr Bob Huff, Trustee of Wolf Creek School Division to obtain information on the Friends of Education Award.

BAILEY THEATRE TOUR

Trustees attended a tour of the Bailey Theatre in Camrose. The historical structure is undergoing renovations to become a Performing Arts Centre. The anticipated completion date is December 2010.

Trustee Syed left the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

#06 \10 R HEIBERG - That the Board of Trustees offers a contract for the period of September 1st, 2010 to August 31st, 2015 to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr Larry Payne, conditional on receipt of Ministerial approval.

CARRIED

Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent (Instruction) joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Chair Smith welcomed Mr Jarrett and invited his presentation. Mr Jarrett highlighted suggested revisions to the Survey Questions. The survey is categorized into the three domains of the Pyramid of Success; academic, character, and relationships, with an equal amount of questions in each area. Trustees will further review the questions and provide feedback to Mr Jarrett prior to distribution of the survey in February, 2010.

Chair Smith and Dr Payne thanked Mr Jarrett for the tremendous amount of work he has done on this survey.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Mr Jarrett provided an update on the continued success of the Leadership Academy. Some of the key results of the Leadership Academy are meaningful and directed professional development for school terms, improved three year planning, teacher leadership, improved divisional leadership and an increased level of trust and collaboration throughout the organization.

Trustee Petruk commended Mr Jarrett on the good work he in doing in this area.

Mr Jarrett left the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

Mr Ian Erickson, Ms Janice McKie, Ms Tracy Naslund, Mr Jim Thompson, Ms Corinne Thompson, Ms Becky Carrington, Ms Gail Garvie, Ms Sandra Carter and Ms Kelly Ash, Viking Parent Council representatives, joined the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

VIKING PARENT COUNCIL

Chair Smith welcomed the group and requested introductions. Ian Erickson, as spokesperson for the delegation, thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this presentation. The Council is requesting that Viking School adopt a four day school week as a pilot project for one year starting September 2010. At the end

of the pilot project, feedback would be gathered through a formal survey and evaluated by the Parent Council. If the results were favourable for continuation of a four day week, the Council would approach the Board to request a permanent change to a shortened week.

Mr Erickson summarized the events leading to this proposal and the results of surveys completed by parents, school staff, custodians, bus drivers and students in Division II, III and IV.

Mr Erickson reviewed the benefits and concerns listed from research completed by the Parent Council and provided in the presentation material.

Chair Smith thanked the delegation for their presentation and referred the matter to administration for further investigation with a recommendation to be brought forward to the February 11th, 2010 Board meeting.

The Viking Parent Council representatives left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Trustee Miller left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

ASBA INVITATION

Chair Smith advised that David Anderson, Executive Director of ASBA and Heather Welwood, President of the ASBA Board of Directors have accepted an invitation to meet with Trustees at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 18th, 2010 at the Division Office. The discussion will include a request for information and clarification around the separation of Francophone, Public and Separate school divisions and putting forward the notion that all could exist with increased efficiency under one umbrella organization

PRESENTATION BY VIDEO CONFERENCING TO ZONE 1

The Student Affairs Committee, comprised of Chair Smith, Trustees Severson and Heiberg along with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools and Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction, will present “Connecting To Your Vision in Crisis” through video conferencing to the ASBA Zone 1 meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 28th, 2010. This presentation was showcased at the ASBA Zone 4 meeting on September 28th, 2009 in Camrose.

DRUG RESPONSE TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVE

#07\10 K SEVERSON – That the Board approve Vice Chair Zeniuk as a representative on the Drug Response Task Force Committee in place of Trustee Miller for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

CARRIED

NEW HUTTERITE COLONIES

Bill Schulte, Assistant Superintendent – Business, provided an update on the possibility of new Hutterite colony schools in the Battle River School Division.

Dr Payne thanked Mr Schulte for the extensive amount of work he has done in this area.

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Chair Smith and Trustees Severson and Offord reported on their attendance at the Administrators' Meeting on January 12th, 2010.

NATIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Chair Smith reported on the National School Development Council Conference she was invited to attend along with Dr Larry Payne, Superintendent of Schools, Rick Jarrett, Assistant Superintendent – Instruction and Shirley Stiles, Consultant, as presenters on December 5th to 9th, 2009 in St. Louis. Their presentation “Building a Rural School District of Leaders” discussed the utilization and alignment of the Trustee Profile of Excellence, Leadership Academy, Principal Institute, Vice Principal Institute and Pathways to Student Success Learning Institute as effective vehicles to build capacity and move all personnel toward achieving the vision “every student, every day, a success”.

Chair Smith also provided a summary of the conference sessions she attended.

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON RURAL EDUCATION

Vice Chair Zeniuk, Trustee Miller and Dr Larry Payne will be presenting “Building a Rural School District of Leaders” at the Fifteenth National Congress on Rural Education on March 28th to 30th, 2010 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS COMMITTEE

Chair Smith provided an overview on the activities to date of the Consultative Process Committee. During November and December 2009 a series of forums were held to gather input from students, staff, parents and community members. The forums were focused around the question of what stakeholders consider to be essential components of a 21st century education. From the collection of data through the six forums with over 200 people contributing, themes emerged which will be passed to the Minister of Education and MLAs.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Vice Chair Zeniuk and Trustees Miller and Offord will be attending the Public School Boards Council Meeting February 4th to 6th, 2010 in Leduc. Trustees were requested to provide feedback to Chair Smith on a draft document containing suggested revisions to the School Act which will be discussed at this meeting.

BOARD \ ADMINISTRATORS' RETREAT

Dr Payne provided an update of the draft agenda for the Board \ Administrators' Retreat scheduled on February 18th and 19th, 2010 in Edmonton.

AISI CONFERENCE

Trustees were reminded of the AISI Conference on February 8th, 2010 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING BEYOND 5:00 P.M.

#08\10 R HEIBERG – That the regular meeting continue beyond 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

RETIREMENT AND LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Retirement and Long Service Recognition Banquet will be held on September 25th, 2010 at the Camrose Regional Exhibition.

MEETING WITH VERLYN OLSON

Chair Smith and Dr Payne reported on their meeting with Verlyn Olson, MLA for Wetaskiwin – Camrose Constituency on December 18th, 2009. Discussion included points gathered from the consultative process meetings and the new fine arts framework.

BOARD COMMITTEE DAY

Trustees are attending a Board Committee Day on January 28th, 2010 at the Knights' of Columbus Hall. Topics will include Fiscal Operating Beliefs and Priorities, Questions from the Consultative Process, and the Results Review.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Capital Plan Report

Trustee Severson reported on the CCHS project and site meeting he attended.

Drug Response Task Force

Vice Chair Zeniuk reported on the upcoming 'Peace Our Way' event sponsored by the Drug Response Task Force on March 24th, 2010 at Augustana Campus. This year's theme is 'Homelessness'.

CHAMPS Christmas Party

Chair Smith reported on her attendance along with Dr Payne at the CHAMPS Christmas Party at Charlie Killam School on December 14th, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

WILLIAM SCHULTE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS

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