

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2007, COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

REBECCA HEIBERG  
GERRY OBERG (joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.)  
KEN OFFORD  
VICTOR PETRUK  
CHERYL SMITH  
HAMEED SYED  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

LARRY PAYNE, Superintendent of Schools  
RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent  
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer  
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Communications Officer  
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

C. SMITH IN THE CHAIR

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#148/07 K. OFFORD – That the agenda be approved with the additions noted on the distributed add-on sheet and the following:  
  
9.6 Professional Development Day Agenda

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#149/07 H. SYED – That the minutes of the August 24, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

At 9:40 a.m., Chair Smith welcomed Joannie Zimmer, Division Principal, to the meeting and invited her presentation. Ms Zimmer provided Trustees

with information with respect to her responsibilities and plans for this school year.

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

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:59 a.m.)**

#150/07 R. HEIBERG – That the regular meeting recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Payne, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 11:22 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

**BUDGET DEFICIT POSITION AT ALLIANCE AND EDBERG SCHOOLS**

Trustees were informed that, as of September 7, 2007, the enrolment numbers at the Alliance and Edberg Schools were significantly lower than was projected, therefore both schools will experience a budget deficit for the 2007-08 school year.

#151/07 R. HEIBERG – That the Board directs administration to budget for the 2007-08 deficit coverage at the Alliance and Edberg Schools in the Division's Fall budget.

CARRIED

**FLAGSTAFF CONTRACT BUS OPERATORS**

#152/07 G. OBERG – That the Board rescinds motion #113/07, which reads "That, effective September 1, 2007, the Board provides a 3.25% increase to the contracts of contract bus drivers."

CARRIED

#153/07 G. OBERG – That the Board adopts a new formula base of pay for Flagstaff Contract Bus Operators which reflects an adjustment to the formula and includes a 3.25% increase.

CARRIED

**ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (ASBA) SPECIAL MEETING**

Trustees reviewed issues that will be presented at the ASBA Special Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2007 in Edmonton.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

#154/07 V. PETRUK – That the Board schedules a special meeting on November 27, 2007 in order to facilitate approval of the 2006-07 Audited Financial Statement and the submission of same to Alberta Education before the end of November 2007.

CARRIED

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Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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**TRANSPORTATION APPEAL**

At 1:35 p.m., Chair Smith welcomed Ms Tara Tanton to the meeting, requested introductions, and invited Ms Tanton to make her presentation.

Ms Tanton requested that an exception be made to policy to permit the bus bound for the school at Sedgewick to cross 300 meters into the Lougheed School attendance area in order to permit her children to attend school in Sedgewick by boarding the bus from their residence in the Lougheed School attendance area. Ms Tanton's child is currently riding a bus to Lougheed School and transferring to the high school bus to ride to Central High-Sedgewick Public School.

Ms Tanton left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

#155/07 P. ZENIUK – That the Board adheres to policy and deny Ms Tanton's request to permit the bus bound for Sedgewick School to cross the attendance area boundary of the Lougheed School in order for her child to board the Sedgewick bus at her residence.

CARRIED

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Ms Johnson left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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**DEFINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The public consultation process for this school year was brought to the attention of Trustees to enable them to begin thinking about how this should be done based on the results of what happened in this area last year.

Further discussion on the implementation of the public consultation process for this school year will occur at the Board Committee meeting scheduled for September 27, 2007.

**BOARD SELF-EVALUATION**

A Board self-evaluation is noted on the Board's Annual Plan for the month of September.

Surveys will be completed and submitted to Sylvia Lauber, Executive Secretary, by September 24, 2007 for compilation and discussion on September 27, 2007.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

**PROPOSED ISSUES FOR THE ASBA FALL GENERAL MEETING**

Trustees reviewed proposed issues for their response by September 24, 2007 with respect to items to be discussed at the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting.

**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Deputy Superintendent Bosh reported that a draft District Technology Plan is being prepared, and noted that there will be changes with respect to the use of technology in the curriculum and with the wireless network. Each school will also be required to do its own technology plan.

Mr. Bosh noted that to remain current there is a strong need at this time to do further research into new technology.

#156/07 V. PETRUK – That the Board approves the hiring of an additional technician in the Technology Department.

CARRIED

**VIKING SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB REQUEST**

#157/07 V. PETRUK – That, pending further information, the request for travel to Costa Rica by the Viking School Travel Club be deferred to the Board meeting on October 11, 2007.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The information items were circulated in a folder during the Board meeting.

**Committee Binders**

Chair Smith reminded those who serve on various Board committee that the binders in the Board room are to be used for recording the work of each committee.

Division Office and ISC Staff Breakfast

Trustees discussed the logistics of preparing breakfast for the staff of Division office and the Instructional Services Center on September 27, 2007.

Professional Development Day

Trustees received a schedule of the events for the Professional Development Day on September 21, 2007.

Encana Scholarship

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that the oil company Encana provides a \$10,000 scholarship over a four-year period for students studying post-secondary petroleum engineering to one student chosen from one of the following schools: Central High-Sedgewick Public School, Viking School, Bashaw School and Daysland School.

The student chosen to receive the Encana Scholarship for the 2006-07 school year was from Central High-Sedgewick Public School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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CHERYL SMITH, CHAIR

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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