

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON MAY 26, 2005, COMMENCING AT 9:34 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

REBECCA HEIBERG  
BRENDA HERDER  
GERRY OBERG  
KEN OFFORD (joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.)  
VICTOR PETRUK  
CHERYL SMITH (left the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and returned at 2:00 p.m.)  
HAMEED SYED  
PATRICIA ZENIUK

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

RAY BOSH, Deputy Superintendent  
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer  
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer  
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

**B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

#107/05 P. ZENIUK – That the items noted on the distributed copies of the add-on sheet to the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

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Finance Manager, Imogene Walsh, joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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**TRUSTEES TRAVEL ALLOWANCE PROPOSAL**

Ms Walsh outlined a proposal for travel allowances for Trustees.

#108/05 G. OBERG – That, effective June 1, 2005, the Board approves the travel allowance under the 'actual' column, as presented by the Finance Manager, and further that this be attached to, and forms a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

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Ms Walsh left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.  
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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (9:45 a.m.)**

#109/05 C. SMITH – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Assistant Superintendent Gillies joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and left at 10:34 a.m., rejoined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and left at 11:31 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 11:31 a.m.

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 11:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12:54 p.m. Trustee Offord was absent at the convening and joined the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

**ALTERNATIVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Herder welcomed Ms Carol Brown, Principal at the Charlie Killam School, and Mr. Kerry LaBerge, Division Principal, to the meeting and invited their presentation with respect to a proposal for an alternative junior high school program at Charlie Killam School. Deputy Superintendent Bosh provided background with respect to this program and to the alternative in-school suspensions program.

The alternative junior high school program would provide supports and resources for junior high school students who are disengaged from their education and are at risk of not succeeding in school.

Mr. Bosh outlined a proposal for alternative in-school suspensions for all schools in Battle River School Division #31.

Trustees received this as information and expressed their appreciation and encouragement for the initiative shown in implementing these programs.

Ms Brown and Mr. LaBerge left the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

**COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE**

#110/05 P. ZENIUK – That the ‘Negotiating Committee – Beaver Bus Drivers and CUPE’ be renamed to ‘Negotiating/Liaison Committee’ with the responsibility to meet with caretakers and bus drivers.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:58 p.m.)**

- #111/05 H. SYED – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Deputy Superintendent Bosh, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

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Vice-Chairman Smith rejoined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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The in-camera session recessed at 2:32 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

**STROME SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING**

- #112/05 H. SYED – That the Board arranges a follow-up meeting with the Strome School Council to share information with respect to the mechanical system at the Strome School.

CARRIED

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

- #113/05 K. OFFORD - That the Board provides a basic 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

**BOARD OFFICE/INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CENTER PHONE SYSTEM**

- #114/05 H. SYED – That the Board approves the purchase of a new telephone system at an estimated cost of \$68,000 for the Division Office and the Instructional Services Center; that the cost be shared equally between the offices; and further that the administration share of \$27,000 be taken from the Administration Operating Reserve.

CARRIED

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Assistant Superintendent Gillies joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

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**2005-06 STAFF MEETINGS**

Trustees reviewed information that Dr. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools, received from the various representatives on the Superintendent's Advisory Council, relative to the number of staff meeting half days for the 2005-06 school year. This information indicated that the 10 half-days will be maintained, but flexibility will be permitted to allow the option of combining two half-day staff meetings into one full-day meeting, providing all schools with interlocking busing agree to this.

**EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE**

As requested by the Board, Mr. Gillies provided information with respect to an early retirement incentive plan. Trustees determined, by consensus, not to pursue an early retirement incentive at this time.

**UPDATE ON LABOR MARKET SURVEY**

Mr. Gillies reported on a meeting he attended with respect to a 'trades council', noting that there was great interest in lobbying for modernization at Camrose Composite High School to accommodate and promote trades training.

**UPDATE ON CTS LAB – DAYSLAND SCHOOL**

Trustees were informed that the Superintendent of Schools has approved an expenditure of \$4900 for the purchase of new equipment at the Daysland School CTS lab.

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Mr. Gillies left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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**SAFE AND CARING PROGRAM – FORESTBURG SCHOOL**

Deputy Superintendent Bosh reviewed a letter from the Forestburg School Principal that outlines a proposal to implement a 'Safe and Caring Program' at the School through professional development and staff meeting days. This proposal has been approved administratively and brought to the Trustees for information.

**UPDATE ON 'READY TO LEARN AND EARN' INITIATIVE**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported on a meeting he and others had with LeRoy Johnson, MLA, with respect to accessing funding for a facility to house the proposed 'Ready to Learn and Earn' program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being complete, and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

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BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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