

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004,
COMMENCING AT 1:37 P.M.**

PRESENT

REBECCA HEIBERG
BRENDA HERDER
GERRY OBERG
KEN OFFORD
VICTOR PETRUK
CHERYL SMITH
HAMEED SYED
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
TIM CHAMBERLIN, Communications Officer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

B. HERDER IN THE CHAIR

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#246/04 H. SYED – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the items on the distributed add-on sheet.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#247/04 P. ZENIUK – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 14, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING

Superintendent of Schools Phillips invited Trustees to the upcoming Administrators' Meeting on November 9, 2004.

FRASER INSTITUTE AWARDS

The Board of Trustees offered its congratulations to the Bawlf School on continued excellence in its nomination for the fifth consecutive year of the W. Garfield Weston Award for academic excellence in excess of

expectations. Bawlf School also is nominated for a second award, that of overall academic excellence for non-selected schools.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MARKET SURVEY

Superintendent of Schools Phillips informed Trustees that Alberta Human Resources personnel in the Camrose office are interested in conducting a market survey on pre-employment or trade-apprenticeship courses. This is in preparation for the possibility of NAIT offering courses through Camrose Composite High School. The area to be surveyed would include the City of Camrose, the County of Camrose and east on highway 13, perhaps as far as Hardisty.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:44 p.m.)

#248/04 K. OFFORD – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and further that all persons except Superintendent of Schools Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 1:51 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m.

CONDOLENCES

The Board of Trustees expressed its condolences to the family of Amanda Clement, who was killed in an accident on Saturday, October 30, 2004.

BEST WISHES

The Board of Trustees extended its best wishes for a complete recovery to Ashley Boksteyn, student in Battle River School Division #31 who was in the same accident as Amanda Clement, and who is currently in the hospital in Edmonton.

HEISLER SCHOOL DISPOSITION

#249/04 G. OBERG – That the Board of Trustees approves the disposition of the Heisler School land and building to the Heisler Family and Community Social Services for the sum of \$1.00, and that the Board agrees to transfer the funds approved for the demolition of the Heisler School in the amount of \$204,460 to the Heisler FCSS, subject to verification of the Heisler FCSS as a recognized entity; and further that the Heisler FCSS grants Battle River School Division #31 permission to retain its wide-area network tower on the Heisler school grounds and that Battle River School Division #31 be granted access to electrical power for the tower for an indefinite period of time for the sum of \$1.00.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON RECLAIMING INSURANCE PREMIUMS FROM JUBILEE RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE (JRIE)

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte updated Trustees with respect to the withholding of school boards' equity, which is approximately \$4 million, in the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange after 43 school boards left JRIE on June 30, 2004 to join the Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange. As all other methods to have the departing boards' equity returned have been unsuccessful, legal action has now been initiated.

FUNDING FOR THE P.A.R.T.Y. (PREVENT ALCOHOL AND RISK RELATED TRAUMA IN YOUTH)

#250/04 K. OFFORD – That the Board provides \$5,000 from the Innovations Fund to the Camrose P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program.

CARRIED

DIVISION COMPUTER PURCHASE PLAN

#251/04 V. PETRUK – That the Division Computer Purchase Plan be discontinued.

CARRIED

Imogene Walsh, Finance Manager, joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

2004-05 BUDGET REVISIONS

Ms Walsh updated Trustees with respect to revisions to the 2004-05 budget and noted that a detailed report will be presented to the Board at its regular meeting on November 25, 2004. This was received as information.

Ms Walsh left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Petruk reported on his attendance at the Viking School awards on October 29, 2004, and noted that he presented the Rutherford Scholarship awards.

INFORMATION

Trustees reviewed the information items contained in the folder that was circulated at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiating Committee

Trustees were notified that an agreement for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years was ratified by the Alberta Teachers' Association.

ASBA Zone 4

Trustee Oberg reported on his attendance at the October 28th information meeting of ASBA Zone 4 and the regular meeting on October 29th in Stettler. Mr. Oberg noted that Brenda Herder was elected as Vice-Chair of ASBA Zone 4. The next meeting date is November 29, 2004.

Trustees will meet on November 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues with respect to the ASBA Fall General Meeting.

ASEBP

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported that the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alberta School Employees Benefit Plan will be held on November 19, 2004.

Drug Response Task Force

Trustee Zeniuk reported on the continuing work of the Drug Response Task Force.

Administrators' Meeting

Trustees received the agenda for the November 9, 2004 Administrators' meeting. Vice-chairman Smith will serve as the Board's representative at this meeting.

ATA Liaison Meeting

Trustees chose two possible dates for a meeting of the ATA Liaison Committee: November 29, 2004 and December 1, 2004.

Performing Arts Centre Committee

Superintendent of Schools Phillips received a call from the President of the Camrose Arts Society who noted that the Committee is looking at several possible sites for a Performing Arts Centre including the former Bay area at the mall.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being complete and there being no dissent, Chairman Herder adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

BRENDA HERDER, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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