

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2002,
COMMENCING AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT

JUDY FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON
BRENDA HERDER
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG
GWENDA POYSER
BILL SEARS
PATRICIA ZENIUK

ABSENT

WAYNE THRONDSO

ALSO PRESENT

WARREN PHILLIPS, Acting Superintendent of Schools
STEPHEN SMITH, Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

G. POYSER IN THE CHAIR

Chairman Poyser called the meeting to order and called for a moment of reflection in remembrance of the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001.

On a celebratory note, Ms Poyser mentioned that Stephen Smith, Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools, has been nominated for the Canadian Association of School Administrators (CASA) Excel Award, which is designed to recognize school or system administrators that make a significant contribution to the system. Mr. Smith has worked tirelessly in professional development and curriculum for Battle River Regional Division #31, and has served as a 'counselor' for many in the Division. Mr. Smith is the president-elect of the Camrose Rotary Club, is, and has been, very active in the Churchmice Players theatre group.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#181/02 M. MULDER – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the items of the distributed sheet and the following:

New Business

19. Commission on Learning

Information

6. World Teachers' Day

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- #182/02 B. HERDER – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 22, 2002 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

SCHOOLS DIRECTORY

- #183/02 M. MULDER – That the Board directs the Communications Officer to proceed with the development of a schools directory for Battle River Regional Division #31, to a maximum cost of \$3,000.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 9:46 a.m. to present his report to the Board.

School Tours

Mr. Spelliscy will organize tours for the schools that the new Board has not yet visited. These will be scheduled for October 18, 22, and 29, 2002.

Dust Collection System – Industrial Arts Lab at Camrose Composite High School

- #184/02 B. SEARS – That the Board approves the installation of a new dust collection system in the industrial arts lab at Camrose Composite High School under the BQRP program.

CARRIED

Killam Maintenance Shop

Mr. Spelliscy outlined a request to construct a new maintenance shop at Killam.

- #185/02 B. SEARS – That the Board postpones the discussion and recommendation on the Killam Maintenance Shop until the November 14, 2002 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Trustees were informed that the annual awards banquet will be held on December 7, 2002.

#186/02 G. OBERG – That the honorees, and guest, be invited to the annual awards banquet as guests of the Board.

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m. to present her report to the Board.

Requests for Early Childhood Services (ECS) Students to Ride High School Bus

#187/02 M. MULDER – That, because there is no ECS class at Loughheed this school year, the Board approves requests for transportation on the high school bus of ECS students from the Loughheed attendance area to Sedgewick for the 2002-03 school year only.

CARRIED

#188/02 M. MULDER – That, because there is no ECS class at Edberg this school year, any ECS students from Edberg who request transportation be accommodated by the Director of Transportation for the 2002-03 school year only.

CARRIED

Request to Ride the Sedgewick Grade 4-12 Bus

#189/02 B. SEARS – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’, the Board allows students #4701-04 and #4701-05, resident in the Alliance School attendance area, to access the bus transporting grades 4-12 students to the Sedgewick School.

CARRIED

Request for Students to Ride the Daysland High School Bus

#190/02 M. MULDER – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ the Board allows students #4702-02, currently resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to access the bus transporting grades 9-12 students to the Daysland School.

CARRIED

Request for School Bus Services in the Town of Killam

#191/02 P. ZENIUK – That, due to extraordinary circumstances and upon payment of the appropriate fee for ineligible riders, students #4707-02, #4707-03, and #4707-04, who reside within the Killam town limits, be provided with school bus service, with a pickup point to be determined by the Director of Transportation.

CARRIED

Ms Johnson left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:09 a.m.)

#192/02 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Acting Superintendent Phillips, Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 1:25 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS, AUGUST 2002

#193/02 P. ZENIUK – That the Board ratifies the payment of the accounts for the month of August 2002.

CARRIED

ALBERTA CONGRESS BOARD

Trustees received as information a registration and pamphlet from the Alberta Labor Congress, and noted that this is a conference Trustees may attend if anyone wishes to do so.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

#194/02 M. MULDER – That the organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees be held in the morning of October 10, 2002.

CARRIED

Director of Transportation, Brenda Johnson, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – MICHELLE JACKSON

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Michelle Jackson to the meeting and invited her presentation.

Ms Jackson noted that her family lives in the Municipal District of Wainwright, ¼ mile from the Beaver County boundary line. The Jackson children have been meeting a Viking School bound bus on route in order to attend the Viking School. This year, the bus route has been altered thereby necessitating a further drive to meet the bus on route. Ms Jackson requested that the bus pick up the children at an approach on the boundary of the Municipal District of Wainwright and the Beaver County.

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

#195/02 G. OBERG – That the bus route in the Viking School attendance area be altered to accommodate the pick up of the children in the Jackson family at an approach on the boundary road of the Municipal District of Wainwright and Beaver County.

Amendment to the motion

#196/02 B. SEARS - That the bus route in the Viking School attendance area be altered to accommodate the pick up of the children in the Jackson family at an approach on the boundary road of the Municipal District of Wainwright and Beaver County, and further that the route change occur for a fee to be determined by the Director of Transportation.

#197/02 M. MULDER – That motions #195/02 and #196/02 be tabled until October 10, 2002, pending further research.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – TRACY FOOT

At 2:06 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Tracy Foot and her daughter to the meeting and invited her presentation.

Ms Foot noted that her daughter is the only student in grade 3 at the Heisler School and is required to be involved in triple grading for a number of subjects. As well, Ms Foot noted that she has other children (grades 1 and 2), at the Heisler School and sometimes all three children are in the same class. Ms Foot requested that all her children be permitted to ride the high school bus to the Daysland School.

Ms Foot and her daughter left the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

#198/02 B. SEARS – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ the Board permits the children of Mervin and Tracy Foot, resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to access the bus transporting grades 9-12 students to the Daysland School.

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

TRANSFER REQUEST – NICOLE BRAUSEN

At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Nicole Brausen, her daughter, Morgan, and Ms Brausen’s mother to the meeting and invited Ms Brausen’s presentation.

Ms Brausen noted that her daughter, Morgan, attended ECS during the 2001-02 school year, but did not meet the entrance age requirements for grade one in Battle River Regional Division #31 this school year. Ms Brausen registered her daughter in a home education program with

another jurisdiction, and is now requesting that her daughter be permitted to transfer from this program to the grade one program at the Allan Johnstone School.

Ms Brausen, Morgan Brausen, and Ms Brausen's mother left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

- #199/02 B. HERDER – That the Board adhere to policy and deny the request for Morgan Brausen to transfer from a home education program to the grade one program in Battle River Regional Division #31.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 2:59 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:15 p.m.)

- #200/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 3:15 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 3:41 p.m.

TRIP TO SPAIN – CH-SPS TRAVEL CLUB

- #201/02 M. MULDER – That the Board approves the request by the CH-SPS Travel Club to travel to Spain, provided that the trip meets the principles outlined in draft policy HGBC 'Travel Study', and that the final itinerary be presented to the Superintendent of Schools for approval.

CARRIED

TRIP TO COSTA RICA – VIKING SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB

- #202/02 G. OBERG – That the Board approves the request by the Viking School Travel Club to travel to Costa Rica provided that the trip meets the principles outlined in draft policy HGBC 'Travel Study', that the students not participate in whitewater rafting in Costa Rica, and that the final itinerary be presented to the Superintendent of Schools for approval.

CARRIED

ENROLMENTS

Dr. Phillips reviewed the enrolment numbers in Battle River Regional Division #31 schools as of September 5, 2002.

Director of Transportation, Brenda Johnson, joined the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:59 p.m.)

#203/02 M. MULDER – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Acting Superintendent Phillips, Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Director of Transportation Johnson, Recording Secretary Lauber and Case Code #2285/04 be excluded.

CARRIED

Case Code #2285/04 left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 4:27 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL – DEAN FANKHANEL

At 4:27 p.m., Chairman Poyser welcomed Dean and Carol Fankhanel to the meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fankhanel requested that a bus travel off route in order that their child can, on occasion, be delivered to the grandparents' house, where after-school care will be provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Fankhanel left the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

#204/02 J. FITZMAURICE-JOHNSON – That the Board adheres to policy and deny the request by Dean and Carol Fankhanel for the bus to travel off its established route to deliver a student to the after-school care giver.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (4:44 p.m.)

#205/02 P. ZENIUK – That the regular meeting recess to permit the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except the Trustees, Acting Superintendent Phillips, Acting Chief Deputy Superintendent Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Director of Transportation Johnson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 4:57 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:57 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – CASE CODE #2285-04

#206/02 M. MULDER – That, due to the special needs of the children of Case Code #2285-04, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to outline alternative education options to the family.

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING EXTENSION BEYOND 5:00 P.M.

#207/02 G. OBERG – That the regular meeting be extended beyond 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

PLANNING SESSIONS

Trustees gave direction to the Acting Superintendent to begin planning for Trustee / School Administrators planning sessions.

DIVISION VIDEO

Dr. Phillips informed Trustees that it might be possible to have a video done locally through the Division that would provide information about the Division. Trustees requested that they have the opportunity to view promotional videos from other jurisdictions. This will be done on September 26, 2002.

Trustee Mulder left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY HIBGA EXHIBITS

#208/02 G. OBERG – That the Board approves the amendments to the exhibits of policy HIBGA 'Acceptable Use of the Internet' as presented.

CARRIED

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Communications Officer, Tim Chamberlin, noted that World Teachers' Day is October 5, 2002. He is working on a message to recognize the teachers in Battle River Regional Division #31.

COMMISSION ON LEARNING

Chairman Poyser noted that the workbooks from the Alberta School Boards Association with respect to the Commission on Learning will be sent out on September 16, 2002. It is possible that the material contained therein can be adapted and forwarded to School Councils.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustees were informed that the arbitration agreement with respect to the Collective Agreement has been received.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 5:17 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2002.

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