

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2001,  
COMMENCING AT 9:32 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

LORNE ENRIGHT (left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.)  
MICHELE MULDER  
GERRY OBERG (left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.)  
GWENDA POYSER  
JACQUIE SCHAFFTER  
BILL SEARS  
WAYNE THRONDSO (left the meeting at 3:47 p.m.)  
ROXANE WOLOSHYN

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

PAUL DOLYNNY, Superintendent of Schools  
BILL SCHULTE, Secretary-Treasurer  
SYLVIA LAUBER, Recording Secretary

**M. MULDER IN THE CHAIR**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#122/01 G. OBERG – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the items  
on the distributed add-on sheet.  
CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

#123/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June  
14, 2001 and June 28, 2001 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED

**SMALL SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE**

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny noted that many school jurisdictions are involved in studies with respect to program delivery at small schools. As well, Dr. Leroy Sloan at the Alberta School Boards Association, has been involved in a 'Small Rural Schools' study. This document will be distributed to Trustees for response. Mr. Dolynny indicated that it would be preferable to work in partnership with other groups who are already involved in this research and be part of a larger group finding solutions.

The mandate of this committee would be to review the current research, provide input into the Alberta School Boards Association draft paper, and to make connections, through Divisional Office administrative personnel, with provincial groups.

The Board would support the attendance of committee members to provincial meetings with respect to small schools.

#124/01

R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board establishes a small school committee to be comprised of the eight School Council volunteers, two Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, and a student enrolled in a Master of Education program, who would assist with the research.

CARRIED

### **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Mulder expressed condolences to the family of Bill Bilyk, maintenance worker for Battle River Regional Division #31, who died this summer.

Mr. Spelliscy presented his report noting the work done by the maintenance department during July and August. Mr. Spelliscy noted that the modernization project at the Forestburg School has gone to tender with the closing of such on September 6, 2001.

#### **Holden School Playground**

In response to a question from a Trustee, Mr. Spelliscy noted that the pea gravel for the Holden School playground was in place on August 22, 2001.

#### **Alliance School Playground**

In response to a question from a Trustee, Mr. Spelliscy will investigate the reason why sand for the playground at the Alliance School has not been replaced.

#### **Allan Johnstone School Council Request**

Trustees reviewed a request from the Allan Johnstone School Parent Advisory with respect to the leveling, adding topsoil, installing an underground sprinkler system and resurfacing with grass of the playground at the Allan Johnstone School. Mr. Spelliscy noted that approximately 8 inches of top soil would be needed to support good grass growth. Concern was expressed about the ongoing cost of irrigation. The letter of request noted that the Advisory group is prepared to assist in fundraising for this project. Mr. Spelliscy was asked to do some research on this. Further discussion on this request will take place at the Capital Plan meeting on August 30, 2001.

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Mr. Spelliscy left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m. to present her report.

Request for Transportation to Daysland School

#125/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ the Board allows grade eight student #4702-01, resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to access the bus transporting high school students to the Daysland School.

CARRIED

Request for Transportation to Central High-Sedgewick Public School

#126/01 B. SEARS – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ the Board allows grade nine student #2285-03, resident in the Lougheed School attendance area, to access the bus that serves high school students from the south Hardisty and Lougheed attendance areas to Central High-Sedgewick Public School.

DEFEATED

#127/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That the Board adhere to policy and deny the request for grade four student #4701-02, resident of the Lougheed School attendance area, to access the high school shuttle bus to Central High Sedgewick Public School.

CARRIED

Request for Transportation to Lougheed

#128/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That, notwithstanding policy IC ‘Attendance Areas/Transportation’ the Board allows students of #4701-03, resident in the Alliance School attendance area, to access the Lougheed School grades 4-9 bus.

CARRIED

Request for Transportation to Camrose Composite High School

#129/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board deny the request to have grade 10 student #4507-01, resident in the Hay Lakes School attendance area, access the special education bus in order to attend Camrose Composite High School.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:04 a.m.)**

#130/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Director of Transportation Johnson, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

The in-camera session recessed at 11:10 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT (continued)**

Request to Allow a Wetaskiwin Bus to Enter Battle River Regional Division #31

#131/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the Board adhere to the agreement in place, between Battle River Regional Division #31 and Wetaskiwin Regional Division, that buses not enter the region of the other to pick up students, and not permit a Wetaskiwin Regional Division school bus to enter Battle River Regional Division #31 boundaries for the purpose of transporting students as requested by #2285-04.

CARRIED

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Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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**SCHOOL COUNCILS**

Trustee Poyser suggested the Board provide an orientation/facilitating meeting at individual schools for School Councils and school administrators outlining the role and responsibilities of School Councils. Trustees agreed, in principle, that this would be useful to many School Councils as new members become part of the School Councils. A suggestion was made that a workshop, facilitated by Central Alberta Regional Consortium, for all school council representatives and administrators could be scheduled. Break-out sessions would follow with individual School Councils meeting with their respective administrators.

Mr. Dolynny will provide further suggestions / information for this session at the September 27, 2001 Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**ENDORSEMENT – PRESIDENCY OF ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

#132/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the Board of Trustees support Michele Mulder in her bid to seek election of the presidency of the Alberta School Boards Association at the Fall General Meeting on November 18 and 19, 2001 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

**DATE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

#133/01 G. OBERG – That the date of the organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees be held on October 25, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE ORIENTATION SESSION**

The orientation session of the new Board of Trustees is scheduled for October 18, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

**PARENT REQUEST – FRENCH EDUCATION**

#134/01 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board not enter into a tuition agreement with College Mathieu, Gravelbourg SK, for a student, resident in Camrose and whose parents do not have charter rights.

CARRIED

**MEETING RECESS**

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

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Trustee Oberg left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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**DIVISION PRINCIPAL**

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny introduced Mr. Jim Rubuliak, Division Principal, to the Trustees.

Mr. Rubuliak left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**DELEGATION – CARIE CHROMIK**

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Mulder welcomed Carie Chromik to the Board room and invited her presentation. Ms. Chromik requested that the Board consider permitting her daughter (whose sixth birth date is on January 10, 2002) to enter grade one for the 2001-02 school year.

Ms. Chromik left the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

#135/01 B. SEARS – That the Board adhere to policy and deny the request by Ms. Carie Chromik to permit her daughter (DOB January 10, 1996) to enter grade one for the 2001-02 school year.

CARRIED

**ECS CLASSROOMS – LEASE SPACE**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte noted that the private ECS Societies who currently rent classroom space in Battle River Regional Division #31 schools pay a lease of \$1.00/year. Trustees agreed, in principle, to leave the lease cost as is.

**CANADA WORLD YOUTH REQUEST**

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny reviewed a request from Canada World Youth for volunteer work placement in Battle River Regional Division #31 schools for a number of participants for 10 weeks from September 4 – November 7, 2001. Participants would be in the schools 3 days/week (Monday to Wednesday) and would be expected to work full days.

The Board agreed to the above-noted work placement on the condition that appropriate background checks have been conducted and that school administrators agree to the placements.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Trustees reviewed the information items as noted on the distributed agenda.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:04 p.m.)**

#136/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the regular meeting recess to allow the Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons except Trustees, Superintendent of Schools Dolynny, Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

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Mr. Stephen Smith, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to present a report on Student Services. Mr. Smith left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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Trustee Enright left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

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Trustee Thronson left the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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The in-camera session recessed at 4:05 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Student Affairs Committee

Trustee Schaffter reported that the Student Affairs Committee met on June 28, 2001 to hear recommendations for expulsion of two students. Both students were expelled from attendance at the recommending school.

Capital Plan Committee

It was noted that on August 30, 2001, the Board as a whole will be meeting to discuss a revised Capital Plan.

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

Trustees Mulder, Poyser and Woloshyn attended the Canadian School Boards Association conference in Calgary on July 19-21, 2001.

Ribstone Child and Family Services

Trustee Schaffter noted that her appointment to the Ribstone Child and Family Services Board of Directors concludes on August 31, 2001.

**RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

#137/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That the payment of the accounts for June and July, 2001 be ratified.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chairman Mulder adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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MICHELE MULDER, CHAIRMAN

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WILLIAM SCHULTE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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