

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BATTLE RIVER REGIONAL DIVISION #31, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2001,
COMMENCING AT 9:43 A.M.**

PRESENT

LORNE ENRIGHT (left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.)
MICHELE MULDER
GERRY OBERG (left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.)
GWENDA POYSER
JACQUIE SCHAFFTER
BILL SEARS (left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.)
WAYNE THRONDSO
ROXANE WOLOSHYN (joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and left at 2:10 p.m.)

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

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

M. MULDER IN THE CHAIR

Chairman Mulder extended condolences on behalf of the Board of Trustees to Catherine Jensen whose mother-in-law died, and to the family of Tyler Martz, student in Battle River Regional Division #31, who was killed in an accident. Ms. Mulder also extended thoughts and prayers to those affected by the tragedy in New York and Washington on September 11, 2001. Condolences were also extended to the family of the student who was killed in a farm accident at the Iron Creek Hutterite Colony.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#138/01 G. POYSER – That the agenda be approved with the addition of the items on the distributed add-on sheet and the following additions:

Information Items

8. Thank You Note from Students
9. Alberta Infrastructure 2001-04 Business Plans.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#139/01 G. POYSER – That the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 23, 2001 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON STATUS OF SMALL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Superintendent of Schools Dolynny noted that Dr. Leroy Sloan, Alberta School Boards Association, will be presenting recent research information to the Small Schools Committee on October 18, 2001 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Mulder noted that a Board response to the draft paper 'Small Rural Schools' is to be submitted to Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) by September 30, 2001. The Executive Committee will prepare a response on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

At 9:48 a.m., Pat Spelliscy, Director of Maintenance and Operations, joined the meeting to present his report on the work of the maintenance department during the past month.

Allan Johnstone School Playground Request

The Allan Johnstone School Parent Advisory submitted a letter requesting Board assistance in improving the playground area at the school. The request included leveling the grounds, bringing in top soil, installing an underground sprinkler system, and resurfacing the area with grass. The request also included fencing in appropriate areas to improve safety.

Mr. Spelliscy noted that an estimate of approximately \$3000-5000/year would be used in water consumption for irrigation.

It was noted, that in order to determine the level of assistance the Board could provide, a firm proposal with cost estimates is needed.

#140/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That the Board provides a fence on the playground in the area determined by the Director of Maintenance and Operations as needed for safety of the students at the Allan Johnstone School, and further that a letter be sent to the School Council indicating that the Maintenance Department will work with the School Council to develop plans for playground improvement for Board consideration.

CARRIED

MOMENT OF SILENCE

As requested by the Prime Minister of Canada, a moment of silence was observed in the Board room at 10:00 a.m. in respect for the tremendous loss of lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

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

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

At 10:16 a.m., Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting.

Draft Addition to Policy IC 'Attendance Areas/Transportation'

Trustees received as information a draft addition to Policy IC 'Attendance Areas/Transportation'.

Request for Transportation to Daysland School

#141/01 G. POYSER – That, notwithstanding policy IC 'Attendance Areas/Transportation' the Board allows grade seven student #4706-02, resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to access the bus transporting high school students to the Daysland School.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

CAPITAL PLAN

#142/01 B. SEARS – That, having taken into consideration the feedback from the school communities, letters from individuals and written submissions from school councils, the Board accepts the Battle River Regional Division #31 Facility Plan as presented, that the Facility Plan be released to school administrators and school councils, with submission to Alberta Infrastructure by October 15, 2001.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Mulder reviewed the information items as noted on the distributed copies of the agenda.

Trustee Woloshyn joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will be meeting to prepare a response to the 'Small Rural Schools' study and to review expense accounts.

Capital Plan Committee

The Capital Plan Committee will be working with the architect to obtain estimates for the proposed modernization at Charlie Killam School.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

#143/01 L. ENRIGHT – That the following item be added to the agenda:

Information Items

10. Letter from the principal at the Rosalind School outlining the goals and plans for the upcoming year.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

Trustee Oberg informed the Board that there is a meeting with the MLA's on September 21, 2001 at the Red Deer Public School Board offices. The regular ASBA Zone 4 meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2001 in Innisfail.

ATA Liaison Committee

Trustees were informed that the second annual Battle River Regional Division #31/ATA golf tournament will be held in Daysland on October 22, 2001.

Administrators' Meeting

Chairman Mulder will attend the October 2001 Administrators' Meeting, with Vice-Chairman Poyser as an alternate.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

APPOINTMENT – JIM KUCHERA

At 11:22 a.m., Chairman Mulder welcomed Jim Kuchera, Principal at the Charlie Killam School, to the meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:24 a.m.)

#144/01 R. WOLOSHYN – 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, Principal Kuchera, and Recording Secretary Lauber be excluded.

CARRIED

Mr. Kuchera left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Jim Rubuliak, Division Principal, joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and left the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 12:00 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:10 p.m.)

#145/01 J. SCHAFFTER – 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

The in-camera session recessed at 1:34 p.m.

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

APPOINTMENT – JUNE AND ANDREW MEISNER

At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Mulder welcomed June and Andrew Meisner to the Board meeting and invited their presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Meisner requested permission for their three children, resident in the Heisler School attendance area, to board a Daysland-bound school bus to attend Daysland School.

Mr. and Mrs. Meisner left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:53 p.m.)

- #146/01 R. WOLOSHYN – 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

Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

The in-camera session recessed at 2:01 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS

- #147/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That the payment of the accounts for the month of August, 2001 be ratified.

CARRIED

DRAFT ADDITION TO POLICY IC 'ATTENDANCE AREAS/TRANSPORTATION'

- #148/01 W. THRONDSOON – That the Board accepts, in principle, the draft addition to policy IC 'Attendance Areas/Transportation', that the draft be sent to the school administrators and school councils for response, and further that the responses be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools by November 15, 2001.

CARRIED

RATIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDINGS FROM NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES

Employee Bus Driver Group

- #149/01 R. WOLOSHYN – That, effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee with respect to the employee bus driver group, and further that the recommendations be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes

CARRIED

Custodians

- #150/01 G. POYSER – That, effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee with respect to the custodians, and further that the recommendations be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

Gibson Contract Custodians

#151/01 G. POYSER – That, effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee with respect to Gibson Contract Custodians, and further that the recommendations be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

Employee #2285-05

#152/01 J. SCHAFFTER – That, effective September 1, 2001, Employee #2285-05 be placed on grid for salary purposes.

CARRIED

Maintenance Personnel

#153/01 G. POYSER – That, effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee with respect to the maintenance personnel, and further that the recommendations be attached to, and form a part of, these minutes.

CARRIED

Trustee Woloshyn left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

MEETING RECESS

At 2:16 p.m., due to a lack of a quorum, Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting until Thursday, September 27, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

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