

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON JUNE 11TH, 2020, COMMENCING AT 9:01 A.M.

PRESENT

LYLE ALBRECHT
KAREN BELICH
NORMAN ERICKSON
ZSUZSANNA HEMPERGER
JEFFREY KIMBALL
KENDALL SEVERSON
VALERIE SIMS
LAURIE SKORI

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

RITA MARLER, Superintendent of Schools
SHAN JORGENSON-ADAM, Assistant Superintendent – Learning
IMOGENE WALSH, Assistant Superintendent – Business
NATASHA WILM, Assistant Superintendent – System Supports
DIANE HUTCHINSON, Director of Communication
JASON URKOW, Systems/Network Analyst (Livestream Coordinator) from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
SHIRLEY FAIRALL, Executive Assistant – Superintendent

CHAIR ERICKSON IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#64\20 J KIMBALL – That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#65\20 V SIMS – That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28th, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

BUDGET UPDATE

#66\20 L SKORI - That the Board of Trustees approve the Budget Update including the allocation of bridge funding for the 2020 – 2021 school year as presented.

CARRIED

POLICY REVISIONS

#67\20 V SIMS - That the Board of Trustees approves the revisions to the following policies as presented:

- New Policy Electoral Subdivisions & Ward Boundaries;
- Policy 2 Appendix A Roles and Responsibilities for Communication with the Public;
- Policy 2 Schedule A Board Annual Work Plan;
- Policy 3 Appendix A Board Meeting Etiquette Statement;
- Policy 7 Schedule A Board Operations;
- Policy 8 Committees of the Board;
- Policy 8 Schedule A Committees of the Board Memberships;
- Policy 15 School Program Closure; and
- Policy 17\18 Attendance Areas.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDY

#68\20 L SKORI - That the Board of Trustees defers the decision on international travel trips for students and employees of Battle River School Division to the September 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

#69\20 Z HEMPERGER – That the Board of Trustees allow international students to continue their educational programming within Battle River School Division respecting the travel protocols established by Alberta Government and Alberta Health Services.

CARRIED

BATTLE RIVER ON-LINE GRADE CONFIGURATION MOTION

#70\20 V SIMS - That,

- 1) having considered implications for students, educational and financial impact, number of student relocations, impact on bussing and transportation, and the schools to which students will be directed, AND

- 2) having determined that continued operation of grades 1 – 8 at Battle River Online School will:
 - a) create excessive costs to the Division;
 - b) lead to future inefficiencies and ineffective programming given 5 year enrollment projections; and
 - c) will lead to unviable financial operations and program delivery,

the Board of Trustees of Battle River School Division direct that Battle River Online School shall offer only grades 9 through 12 and that the Board further direct the Superintendent to immediately notify the parents of every student enrolled in Battle River Online School who may be transferred or otherwise affected by this decision, and direct the Superintendent to provide such parents with the details of this decision and its impacts on student schooling within no more that fourteen days.

CARRIED

RURAL CAUCUS 2020-2021 BUDGET

#71\20 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accept the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards Proposal for Cost Recovery as outlined on the attached proposal which is attached to and forms a part of these Minutes.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:14 A.M.)

#72\20 Z HEMPERGER – That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Superintendent Marler, Assistant Superintendent – Learning Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent – Business Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – System Supports Wilm, Director of Communications Hutchinson, and Executive Assistant – Superintendent Fairall, be excluded.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Trustee Severson left the Meeting at 10:29

Assistant Superintendent – Learning Jorgenson-Adam, Assistant Superintendent – Business Walsh, Assistant Superintendent – System Supports Wilm, Director of Communications Hutchinson, and Executive Assistant – Superintendent Fairall left the Meeting at 10:33 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:41 A.M.)

The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair Erickson adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

NORM ERICKSON, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – BUSINESS

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