

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

DOUG ALGAR
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN
PATRICK MCFEELY
LYLE ALBRECHT

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

RHAE-ANN HOLOIEN, Superintendent of Schools
IMOGENE WALSH, Secretary-Treasurer
STEPHEN HOYLAND, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services
NATASHA WILM - Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources
MICHELLE GIRVAN, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

CHAIR MCFEELY IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McFeely called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#01\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Principal Maria Schaade, Teacher Karen Arychuk, and students Alyson Freeman, Manny Gara, Brycen Hofer, Gabby Romaniuk, and Payton Dietz joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair McFeely welcomed Ms Schaade, Ms Arychuk, Ms Freeman, Ms Romaniuk, Ms Dietz, Mr Gara, and Mr Hofer. The group shared a sample of their performance of The Nutcracker, and how the preparations fostered community building, cross-disciplinary learning, skill development, cultural enrichment, and showcasing talent.

Ms Schaade, Ms Arychuk, and students Ms Freeman, Mr Gara, Mr Hofer, Ms Romaniuk, and Ms Dietz left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Director of Finance Cheryl Kropinske joined the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#02\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes as amended.

CARRIED

Director of Education Services Sigrid Sollbach joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

#03\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the use of the following locally developed courses for use in BRSD Schools, beginning February 1, 2025.

Course Name/Level/Credits	Course Number	Year BRSD Acquired Course	School Authority	Authorization Period for BRSD
Academic English Through English Language Development (3 and 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1149	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Academic English Through English Language Development (3 and 5 Cr.)	LDC2149	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Academic English Through English Language Development (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC3149	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Band 15-25-35 (3 & 5 Cr.)	LDC1439/2 439/3439	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Chamber Ensemble 15-25-35 (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1417/2 417/3417	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Content Literacy 15 (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC0010	2021	Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division	2021-2025
Design Thinking for Innovation 15 (3 & 5 Cr.)	LDC1131	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Eur. History (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC3257	2021	St. Albert School Division	2021-2025
Fantasy and Sci-Fi Appreciation 15 (5 Cr.)	LDC1031	2024	Aspen View School Division	2027-2028
Film and Media Art 15-25-35 (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1092/2 092/3092	2021	Calgary School Division	2021-2025
Forensic Studies 25-35 (3 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC2256/3 256	2021	Edmonton School Division	2021-2025
Forensic Studies 35 (5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LC3256	2021	Edmonton School Division	2021-2025

Holocaust Studies 15-25-35 (3-5 Cr.)	LDC 1787/2787/ 3787	2024	Foothills School Division	2027-2028
Instrumental Jazz 15--25-25 (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1431/2 431/3431	2021	Calgary School Division	2024-2025
Leadership, Character & Social Resp. (3 & 5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1509/2 509/3509	2021	Golden Hills School Division	2024-2025
Lit and Composition 35 (5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC3627	2021	Parkland School Division	2024-2025
Musical Theatre Perf. 15-25-35 (5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1858/2 858/3858	2021	Calgary School Division	2024-2025
Paleontology 15 (3 & 5 Cr.)	LDC1293	2022	Golden Hills School Division	2024-2025
Studio Art 35 (3 Cr.)	LDC3693	2021	Rocky View School Division	2024-2025
Understanding Video Games 15 (5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC1008	2021	Parkland School Division	2024-2025
Vocal Jazz 15-25-35 (5 Cr.)	LDC1433/2 433/3433	2021	Calgary School Division	2024-2025
Workplace Essential Skills 25-35 (5 Cr.) Currently being taught in BRSD.	LDC2743/3 743	2021	Edmonton School Division	2024-2025

CARRIED

Ms Sollbach left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

EARLY LEARNING FEES

#04\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-2026 Early Learning Program fees at \$200 and the refundable deposit \$50.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

2025/2026 CALENDAR

#05\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve DRAFT C as the 2025-2026 school year calendar.

#06\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees amend DRAFT C of the 2025-2026 school year calendar changing September 30, 2025 to an instructional day.

DEFEATED

#07\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees amend DRAFT C of the 2025-2026 school year calendar to include Wednesday, November 12, 2025 as a non-operational day.

CARRIED

#05\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve DRAFT C amended to include Wednesday, November 12, 2025 as a non-operational day.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:56 A.M.)

#08\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Superintendent Holoien, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services Hoyland, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources Wilm, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:08 A.M.)

#09\25 K BELICH - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

County Reeve Cindy Trautman and Chief Administrative Officer Teresa Gratrix from the Camrose County joined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Ms Trautman and Ms Gratrix from the Camrose County left the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:35 P.M.)

#10\25 K BELICH - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Superintendent Holoien, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services Hoyland, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources Wilm, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:59 P.M.)

#11\25 D DIBBEN - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

PATRICK MCFEELY, CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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