

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON APRIL 24, 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

PATRICK MCFEELY
DOUG ALGAR
LYLE ALBRECHT
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN

ABSENT

NATASHA WILM – Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources

ALSO PRESENT

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

BOARD CHAIR MCFEELY IN THE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#71\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#72\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the March 20, 2025 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board as presented.

CARRIED

ADULT STUDENT FEES

#73\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the adult student fee for 2025-26 to be set at \$204.33 per credit taken, and further that this fee does not include the transportation fee.

CARRIED

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEE

#74\25 D ALGAR - That, for the 2026-2027 school year, the tuition fee for foreign and international students be set at \$11,100.00 and that this fee includes the transportation fee and the instructional materials fee, except for activity fees.

CARRIED

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

Chair McFeely invited Ms Kropinske’s review of the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2025.

Ms. Kropinske left the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY FEE

#75\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves a Technology Fee for 2025-26 as follows:

- a) Grades 1 - 3 - \$10.00
- b) Grades 4 - 12 - \$20.00

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Chelsea Nielsen, teacher, and students Charlie Child, Harper Cox, Sara-Jane Ruzicka, Marcus Graff, Ada Kroetsch, and Dayna Ruzicka, joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Chair McFeely welcomed teacher Chelsea Nielsen and students Charlie Child, Harper Cox, Sara-Jane Ruzicka, Marcus Graff, Ada Kroetsch, and Dayna Ruzicka from Killam Public School. The students delivered a PowerPoint Presentation with the Board highlighting the key experiences and learnings from their national travel study trip to Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa.

Chelsea Nielsen, teacher, and students Charlie Child, Harper Cox, Sara-Jane Ruzicka, Marcus Graff, Ada Kroetsch, and Dayna Ruzicka, left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDY

#76\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves in principle and subject to the Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study' the international travel trip to Switzerland, Italy, France and Spain by the Bawlf School students during the spring break of 2026.

CARRIED

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

#77\25 D ALGAR - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River award for the Division be Hope Mission and Carol Senz.

CARRIED

#78\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River award for the Flagstaff County be Killam Twice Nice.

CARRIED

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:26 A.M.)

#79\25 D ALGAR - 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, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

Taryn Chomik joined the meeting virtually at 10:29 a.m.

Ms Chomik left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:59 A.M.)

#80\25 D DIBBEN - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

#81\25 K BELICH - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River award for the Camrose County be Dimphey Benusic.

CARRIED

#82\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River award for the Beaver County be Melinda Kykosz.

CARRIED

#83\25 D ALGAR - That the Board approves the Friends of Battle River award for the City of Camrose be Marilou Yampolsky.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

- #84\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the Budget Assumptions for the 2025-26 budget year as presented.
- #85\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees amend the Budget Assumptions to include Line Item #10. Spending on specific initiatives or undertakings directly funded by government or outside funders will not exceed those monies provided. DEFEATED
- #86\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees amend the Budget Assumptions to include Line Item #10. Reserves will be drawn to the maximum amount possible to offset any certificated staffing reduction in the 2025/26 school year. CARRIED
- #84\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the amended Budget Assumptions for the 2025-26 budget year as presented. CARRIED

INSTRUCTION BUDGET APPROVAL

- #87\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the Instruction budget with the amended budget assumptions.
- #88\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees table motion #70\25 "That the Board of Trustees approves the Instruction budget with the amended budget assumptions." DEFEATED
- #89\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the Instruction budget with the amended budget assumptions. DEFEATED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:13 P.M.)

#90\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, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

Patrick McFeely, left the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Patrick McFeely, joined the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (3:52 P.M.)

#91\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, Board Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

PATRICK MCFEELY, BOARD CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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