

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON JUNE 12, 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT

PATRICK MCFEELY
DOUG ALGAR
LYLE ALBRECHT
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

NATASHA WILM, Acting 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

#139\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#140\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the May 27, 2025 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board as amended.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION KM RATE FOR FIELD & EXTRACURRICULAR TRIPS

- #141\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the rate to be charged to the schools for using buses for field trips to be established at \$.93/kilometre for the 2025-2026 school year.

CARRIED

CROSS-BOUNDARY TRANSPORTATION FEE

- #142\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the rate for the 2025-2026 cross-boundary transportation fee is established using the following:

#kms one round trip x cost/km (currently \$1.71) x 178 school instructional days.

CARRIED

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

- #143\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve the use of the following locally developed courses and any learning resources detailed in the course outline for use in BRSD Schools, beginning September 1, 2025.

Area of Study	Course Name		Number of Credits	Approval History	New Approval Date range	Course Info
Design Studies	Design Thinking for Innovation	LDC1131 LDC2131 LDC3131	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	Awaiting	
CTS- Human & Social Services	Leadership, Character & Social Responsibility	LDC1509 LDC 2509 LDC3509	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Lead...
Information Processing	Understanding Video Games	LDC1008	5	2021-2022 2024-2025 2028-2029	2025-2029	Unde...
CTS - Legal Studies	Forensic Studies 25	LDC2256	3	2024-2025	2025-2029	Foren...
CTS- Legal Studies	Forensic Studies 35	LDC 3256	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Foren...
Fine Arts	Art Appreciation- Film and Media Art 15-25-35	LDC1092 LDC2092 LDC3092	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Film ...

Choral Music	Choir 15-25-35	LDC 1414 LDC2414 LDC3414	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Choir...
Choral Music	Vocal Jazz 15-25-35	LDC1433 LDC2433 LDC3433	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Vocal...
Instrumental Music	Chamber Ensemble 15-25-35	LDC1417 LDC2417 LDC3417	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Cha...
Instrumental Music	Instrumental Jazz	LDC1431 LDC2431 LDC3413	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Instru...
Other Personal Development	Workplace Essential Skills	LDC2743 LDC 3743	5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Wor...
Biology	Epidemiology: Study of Pandemics	LDC1156	3 or 5	2020-2021 2024-2025	2025-2029	Epid...
Paleontology	Paleontology	LDC1293 LDC2293 LDC3393	3 or 5	2021-2022 2024-2025	2025-2029	Paleo...
English Language Development 35(LDC3149)	ELL	LDC 3149	3 or 5	2021/2022 2024-2025	2025/2026	ELL- ...
Academic Achievement through English Language Acquisition – Beginner 15	ELL	LDC1481	3 or 5	new	2025-2029	ELL- ...
-Academic Achievement through English Language Acquisition – Intermediate 15	ELL	LDC1482	3 or 5	new	2025-2029	ELL- ...
CTS- Career Transitions	Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35	LDC3123	5	new	2025-2029	Foun...

Other Personal Development	Building Communities of Hope 15	LDC1078	3	2021-2022 2023-2024	2025-2028	
Drama/Fine Arts	Theatre Performance 15-25-35	LDC1367 LDC2367 LDC3367	5	2007-2008 2023-2024	2025-2028	

CARRIED

BORROWING RESOLUTION

#144\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board approves the ATB Borrowing Resolution School Division - Current Expenditures.



Borrowing Resolution School Division – Current Expenditures

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the School Division (hereafter called the "Board") in the Province of Alberta considers it necessary to borrow certain sums of money from time to time to meet current expenditures for its schools for its financial year commencing September 1, ;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act, be it resolved by the Board that:

- The Board do borrow from ATB Financial, previously Alberta Treasury Branches (hereafter called "ATB") sums of money from time to time in the said financial year as required to meet current expenditures of the Board in the said financial year, provided that the total principal amount owed to ATB at any one time hereunder shall not exceed the sum of DOLLARS (\$).
- The Chairman and Treasurer of the Board be and they are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Board:
 - to apply to ATB for the aforesaid loans to the Board;
 - to obtain advance of monies from ATB in the said financial year by way of an overdraft on the Board's account at an ATB or pursuant to promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness, as may be permitted or required by ATB; and
 - to execute on behalf of the Board such bills, promissory notes or similar forms of obligation as ATB may require as evidence of and security for all sums borrowed hereunder;

and each document executed as aforesaid shall be valid and binding upon the Board according to its tenor and ATB shall never be bound to inquire whether such officers are observing the limitations on their authority as set forth in this Resolution.
- All sums borrowed as aforesaid or so much thereof as from time to time remains unpaid shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to () % PER CENT the Prime Lending Rate established from time to time by ATB, and such interest shall be calculated and due and payable monthly.
- All sums authorized to be borrowed hereunder, including interest, shall be due and payable in full no later than August 31 of the said financial year.
- As security for payment of money borrowed hereunder, the Board hereby charges to and in favour of ATB the whole of the Alberta Learning Funding received or to be received by the Board, and all other money due or accruing due to the Board, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized on behalf and in the name of the Board to execute and deliver to ATB such security documents as ATB may require in relation to the foregoing charge. The said charge shall be collateral to the obligation of the Board to repay with interest all sums borrowed from ATB and ATB shall not be bound to recover any such funding or other monies before being entitled to payment from the Board.
- ATB shall be furnished with a certified copy of this Resolution and a list of the officers of the Board together with specimens of their signatures, and the said list shall be binding on the Board until notice to the contrary or of any changes therein shall be given to the Manager of the ATB at which the account of the Board is kept.

CERTIFICATE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Board therein mentioned at a duly and regularly constituted meeting thereof held on the day of at which a quorum was present, and that the said Resolution is in full force and effect.

WITNESS our hands and the seal of the Board this day of .

Chairman

(Seal)
Secretary

CARRIED

THE FAIRNESS AND SAFETY IN SPORTS ACT

#145\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees gives direction to the Policy Committee to create Policy to ensure Battle River School Division's compliance with the *Fairness and Safety in Sport Act* and Regulation, which takes effect September 1, 2025.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:35 A.M.)

#146\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, Acting Superintendent Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services Hoyland, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

Patrick McFeely, left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Patrick McFeely, joined the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (10:47 A.M.)

#147\25 D ALGAR - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

Melinda Kykosz, Dimphy Benusic, Charlotte Tasko, Brenda Fleck, Marilou Yampolsky, Carol Senz, Justin Jorstad and Ellis Wedel joined the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

FRIENDS OF BATTLE RIVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Friends of Battle River Award was created to recognize individuals or organizations who have contributed in outstanding ways to the success of students in BRSD Schools.

Melinda Kykosz accepted the Beaver County Friends of Battle River Award for her work at C.W. Sears School as a dedicated volunteer who has spent the past four years enriching the lives of C.W. Sears students through her kindness, literacy and math support, and presence at school events. As a valued member of our school community, Melinda exemplifies inclusion in action, showing students that meaningful contributions come in many forms.

Dimphy Benusic accepted the Camrose County Friends of Battle River Award for her work as a volunteer at Bawlf School. Bawlf School is deeply grateful for volunteers like Dimphy, affectionately known as "Nana," who for the past three years has supported students in Grades 1 to 4 with literacy, numeracy, and heartfelt encouragement. Her joyful spirit and generous presence shine through in classrooms, after-school programs, and school events alike.

Charlotte Tasko and Brenda Fleck accepted the Flagstaff County Friends of Battle River Award on behalf of the Killam Twice Nice Store Society. Killam Twice Nice has been a steadfast supporter of Killam Public School, providing supplies, clothing, and generous financial grants that have enhanced student projects and school initiatives like the community garden. Their continued contributions reflect the power of strong community connections in creating a supportive and enriching learning environment.

Marilou Yampolsky accepted the City of Camrose Friends of Battle River Award. For the past five years, Marilou has been a quiet but powerful force at École Charlie Killam School, always asking, "What can I do to help?" Through her generous support of student programs and thoughtful gestures for staff, she has made a lasting impact on the entire school community.

Carol Senz accepted the Division-Wide Friends of Battle River Award. For the past eleven years, Carol has delivered engaging, age-appropriate farm safety education to K-6 students across Flagstaff, Camrose, and Beaver County through the Safety Smarts Program. Her dedication, adaptability, and passion have empowered countless rural students with the knowledge they need to stay safe—always at no cost to schools.

Justin Jorstad, Program Manager, and Ellis Wedel, School Meal Program Supervisor accepted the Division-Wide Friends of Battle River award on behalf of the Hope Mission - Bethany Homes. The Hope Mission has made a profound impact on students and families across our division, providing over 9,500 nutritious lunches, hundreds of

dinners, and meaningful programs that support student well-being and personal growth. Their unwavering generosity and compassion continue to break down barriers and build brighter futures for children in our communities.

Melinda Kykosz, Dimphy Benusic, Charlotte Tasko, Brenda Fleck, Marilou Yampolsky, Carol Senz, Justin Jorstad and Ellis Wedel left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Board Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

PATRICK MCFEELY, BOARD CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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