

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 70 HELD AT THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON 02 MARCH 2010**

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**TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:**

Richard Gilchrist, Chair	Present
Dorcas Kilduff, Vice-Chair	Present
Kathleen Linder	Present
Irene Goebel	Present
Robert Gillard	Present
Darcy Kolodnicki	Present
Elsie Kinsey	Present

**ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Lynne R. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools  
Tim Monds, Deputy Superintendent  
Kelly Wilkins, Associate Superintendent  
Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent (Business and Finance)  
Ben Beil, Associate Superintendent (Learning Services) - Regrets  
Stacey Vermeulen, Executive Assistant

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Richard Gilchrist, at 6:00 p.m.

**Res 036-2010**

**MOTION TO MOVE INCAMERA**

MOVED by Trustee Linder that the Board of Trustees moves to incamera at 6:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

*Chair Gilchrist and the Senior Executive Team recused themselves from InCamera at 6:20 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.*

**Res 037-2010**

**MOTION TO REVERT TO A PUBLIC MEETING**

MOVED by Trustee Gillard that the Board of Trustees reverts to a public meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**RECESS**

A recess was called and the meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Following the playing of the national anthem, the Chair requested a moment for attendees to reflect on their purpose here this evening

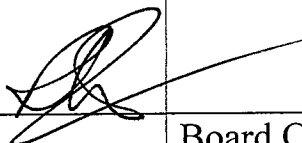
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustees shared announcements regarding their recent attendance at various school and community events.

The Chair provided opportunity for discussion and questions.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- 5.1.1 Town of Stony Plain – Re: Shikaoi
- 5.1.2 Stony Plain Chamber – 2010 Membership
- 5.1.3 Spruce Grove Chamber – 2010 Membership
- 5.1.4 Town of Stony Plain – Re: Request for Financial Assistance
- 8.2 Central Alberta Media Services (D. Kilduff)



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

Res 038-2010

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED by Trustee Linder that the Agenda be approved with additions.

**CARRIED**

Res 039-2010

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

MOVED by Trustee Kilduff that the Minutes of the 16 February 2010 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Res 040-2010

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Minutes of the 01 March 2010 Special Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Gilchrist wished to address injustice at the Special Board Meeting of 01 March 2010. The board heard from Millgrove School Council as a delegation at the Special Meeting; regarding Spruce Grove Boundary Adjustment. The presentation was clear and succinct and presented professionally. However, there was a clear focus on questioning Administration's credibility and intentions. Numerous statements were made in the presentation questioning the credibility and intentions of Administration. A statement was made that the positive merits of Parkland Village School were being focused on to "cover" Administration's lack of planning. There were 18 occasions where presenters made negative comments regarding Administration.

I failed as Board Chair, being preoccupied with the business of running the meeting, in not correcting the delegation for those negative comments. As a result the Board may have left the mistaken impression that the criticisms were justified. This is not the case, and I wish to offer an apology to administration that as Chair I failed to do something that should have been done at the time.

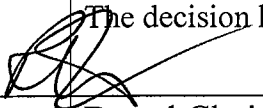
I request that the record show that the Spruce Grove Boundary Adjustment decision was a Board exercise, and a Board decision. Administration is responsible to provide all the information and scenarios available; however, it is the Board's decision making process. Any references made that Administration had ulterior motives is false. I will be refuting the negative comments made in the presentation through the Board's reply to the delegation. I will also refute the comments at Millgrove School's next School Council meeting.

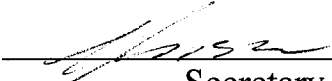
The Board is making this decision. The Board is responsible. It is not a question of poor planning by Administration or ulterior motives. I intend to make this message publicly clear and request the support of the Board to do so.

A decision has been made, and it is impossible to please everyone. The capacity situation at Millgrove is intolerable and cannot be sustained. The Board has made an informed decision, even to the point that a decision was made not to move the students/families that were affected by last year's cross boundary closures, and in fact, those families will remain at Millgrove School.

In conclusion I believe that we need to give Administration our vote of confidence, they did not 'set this up' as has been implied by the presentation, we, as Trustees 'set it up'.

The decision has been made, it is now time to focus on the transition and make

  
Board Chair

  
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sure every student's experience is a positive one.

**Res 041-2010**

**LETTER TO ADMINISTRATION**

MOVED by Trustee Kilduff that the Board Chair send a letter to the Senior Executive Team thanking them for their dedicated efforts and continued commitment to the students and families of Parkland School Division; and Further

that the Board appreciates the on-going support provided by the Senior Executive Team.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

There were no reports from Administration.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Res 042-2010**

Communications Committee

MOVED by Trustee Goebel that the Board of Trustees receives as information the Communications Committee Minutes of 11 February 2010 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 02 March 2010.

**CARRIED**

Central Alberta Media Services (CAMS)

Trustee Kilduff shared a written report on Central Alberta Media Service Meeting held 25 February 2010.

Discussion ensued.

Further information on the Division's use of CAMS services will come forward at the Regular Meeting of 04 May 2010.

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

Meeting Dates

*Open to the Public:*

- 08 & 09 March 2010 ..... Speech Arts Festival Finals
- 09 March 2010 ..... Education Committee (High Park School 9am)
- 11 March 2010 ..... Council of School Councils
- 16 March 2010 ..... Regular Board Meeting (daytime)
- 24 March 2010 ..... Choral Celebration

*Closed to the Public:*

- 30 March 2010 ..... Capital Planning

Topics for Future Agendas

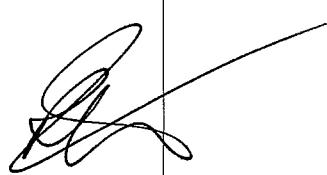
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Requests for Information

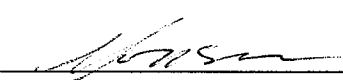
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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer