

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis (arrived at 11:16 a.m., attended virtually)
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

H. Ludwigsen, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
C. Edmonds, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
C. Haney, Senior High School Principals’ Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from David Thompson school led the national anthem.

Chair Hack acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. She also acknowledged the Tsuut’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting.



2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that no agenda change requests were received.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Dennis

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Proud to be CBE School Tours**

Trustee Downey shared a presentation, highlighting trustee engagement through school tours; the success of CBE students; programming choice for families and students; CBE's importance in the community; increasing high school graduation rates; the importance of public education; specialized supports for students with diverse learning needs; academic and career pathway options for high school students; before and after school care in CBE elementary schools; community rental use of school spaces; collaboration with the City of Calgary, other school boards, and community partners; and the Board of Trustees' advocacy priorities.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-5: Financial Planning – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report.

Superintendent B. Grundy, Chief Financial Officer, highlighted information in the report that relates to the 2021-22 school year, noting the CBE's commitment to transparency and accountability; the CBE's good stewardship of public funds; the process for annual financial reporting; and CBE's compliance with all relevant indicators.

Chair Hack commented on the clarity and readability of the report.

Trustees had no questions on the report.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-5: Financial Planning to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, June 15, 2023. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the June 20, 2023 consent



agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-5: Financial Planning.

5.2 OE-9: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that the data collected is from the 2021-22 school year during which the CBE was operating under continued COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the subsequent lifting of those restrictions. He also highlighted the success of the Facilities and Environmental Services team in maintaining safe and healthy learning environments during the pandemic.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting: the unique challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions; the inability to report on indicator one for the 2021-22 school year, the commitment to making up to 80% of schools available to the public, due to COVID-19 restrictions and the desire to maximize in-person learning; and success in maintaining school cleanliness.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: hazard reports and indoor environmental quality reports; emergency maintenance and repair requests; the process of responding to these reports and requests; cleanliness standards; and school modernization.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-9: Facilities to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, June 15, 2023. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the June 20, 2023 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-9: Facilities.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 EducationMatters Presentation and Financial Statements

Chair Hack introduced the presentation.

Hanif Ladha, Board Chair, and Marilyn Field, Executive Director of EducationMatters thanked the Board and CBE staff for their work and support, and presented on: EducationMatters' goal to enhance CBE student success; the Board of Governors structure; purpose of advancing and enhancing education for CBE public education students, aligning with the CBE goal of equity and success for all students; fundraising achievements in the 2022 calendar year; funding disbursements to support program grants and student awards; CBE's return on operational grant investment; trends in donor giving; collaborative development of funding priorities; post-secondary student support; trends in school needs; the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan; sustainability planning; and funding impact on students.



Following the presentation, trustees made comments on their appreciation for EducationMatters.

7.2 Three Year System Student Accommodation Plan (SSAP) 2023-2026

Chief Usih introduced the report, stating the report comes during a year of record enrollment growth; projects completed within the current school year; steps to address student accommodation needs for the 2023-24 school year; and identified challenges.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting the impacts of record enrollments; complexities surrounding the opening of new schools; impacts of family choice; monitoring of schools for increasing utilization pressures; and adaptation to rapidly changing demographics.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: lottery programs and overflow schools; schools that are over or nearing capacity; communication timelines; North Calgary High School anticipated utilization; stability for students; increase in overflow schools; high school capacity in south Calgary; placement of year-four high school students; funding for the home education program in Windsor Park School; capital planning; and school utilization rates.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

There were no reports or presentations.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

9.2.2 Construction Projects Update

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss two labour and one strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Recessed: 12:27 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:58 p.m.

10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

Trustee Dennis confirmed she was alone and in a location that no other person could hear her or any part of this meeting.



Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the private agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, June 13, 2023 be considered at an in-camera session; therefore, be it

Resolved, THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation A as outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation B as outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation C as outlined in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED

In Favour: Trustee Bolger



Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 2:48 p.m.

