

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 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic (departed at 3:39 p.m.)

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
D. Unruh, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

S. Clements, Alberta Teacher’s Association (ATA), Local 38
B. Lewis, Principal’s Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

1 | **CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from New Brighton 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 a request was received to remove Item 10.2.1, 2022-23 Third Quarter Budget Variance, from the Consent Agenda and add the same as Item 8.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023 subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Hack noted that today is Chief Superintendent Usih's last public board meeting with the Calgary Board of Education.

Trustee Dennis made comments highlighting Chief Usih's impact during his time at the Calgary Board of Education, including: strategic resourcing to increase accountability and student results; school support model changes; creation of safe space for community and stakeholder feedback; integral and courageous leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic; advancement of the work on equity; relationship building; development of a highly skilled leadership team; educational frameworks; increased responsiveness to Board of Trustee priorities through the education plan and budget; and transformational change through leadership by example, and with kindness and optimism.

Chief Usih expressed his thanks and appreciation for the privilege of working with the Calgary Board of Education and its Board of Trustees, current and previous, highlighting: the value of public education; the strengths of the Calgary Board of Education; gratitude for the work and dedication of all teachers and staff across service units; the collaborative and positive working environment that allows the Calgary Board of Education to reach the goal of success for each student every day, no exceptions; his pride in the Calgary Board of Education; challenges faced and the resiliency built during COVID-19; and his gratitude for the privilege of working with the Calgary Board of Education and all teams across the system.

4 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

4.1 **ASBA Friends of Education**

Chief Usih introduced the nominee for the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award, Hull Services. This award recognizes organizations that have made significant contributions to education and communities across Alberta. Chief Usih welcomed members of Hull Services: J. Reeves, Executive Director, Dr. E. Wang, Sr. Director, D. Manderson, Sr. Director, D. Bohn, Program Director of Hull School, M.



McMahon, Principal of William Roper Hull School, and K. Jardine, Principal of Children's Village School.

Superintendent J. Pitman highlighted the work of Hull Services, noting over sixty years of service in the community and over forty years of partnership with the Calgary Board of Education, which over the past year has benefited over 9000 students and families.

Trustee Close provided the thanks of the Board of Trustees to Hull Services for their work with CBE.

D. Manderson, Sr. Director of Hull Services, provided a few comments on behalf of Hull Services, thanking the Calgary Board of Education and the Board of Trustees for a long collaborative partnership, and gratitude for the collaboration with many school principals.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

7 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

8.1 **2022-23 Third Quarter Variance Analysis**

Chief Usih introduced the report and asked Superintendent Grundy, Chief Financial Officer, to provide further detail.

Superintendent B. Grundy commented on the report, stating: the report compares Administration's best estimate of total 2022-23 spending to the approved budget for the same year; the budget had estimated a small deficit, which grew by a small amount as noted in the Second Quarter Variance Analysis report, however, Administration is now estimating a small surplus; funding received in this school year is fully invested in students; prudence is followed in managing financial resources; the impacts of enrollment growth on resource needs; effects of a return to pre-pandemic activities on resource needs; expected operating reserve growth and sufficiency; expected decline in capital reserves due to jurisdictional growth and new schools; and the overall financial health of the Calgary Board of Education.

Chair Hack commented on the care and attention taken and the CBE's good working relationship with Alberta Education. She thanked Superintendent Grundy and his team for their work.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including funding for growing enrolment and increased student complexity.

9 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

9.1 2023-24 Monitoring Adjustments to Results 3, 4 and 5

Chief Usih introduced the report, highlighting: the upcoming implementation of new K-3 French First Language and Literature, French Immersion Language Arts and Literature, and Science curriculum, and the new grades 4-6 English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics curriculum; professional development for teachers; and removal of the requirement for K-6 reporting on Results in the 2023-24 school year to allow teachers time to focus on curriculum implementation and to make appropriate adjustments to required reporting.

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees suspends the inclusion of any indicators for Results 3: Citizenship, Results 4: Personal Development and Results 5: Character related to Kindergarten to Grade 6 school report cards for the 2023-24 school year, with the exception of Results 4: Personal Development, section 4.5.

In debate of the motion, Trustees made comments on: support for the motion; impacts of new curriculum implementation; expectations for student personal development, citizenship, and character results; reporting on and monitoring of results indicators; low risk in suspending these indicators due to recent high results; and teacher work load.

Recessed: 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:08 p.m.

Trustees continued debate on the motion, commenting on: the importance of personal development, citizenship, and character in students for future impact; and expectations for students as per Section 31 of the Education Act.

Chair Hack called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic



MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the revised Indicator 4.5.1 for Results 4: Personal Development policy as provided in Attachment I to this report.

In debate of the motion, Trustees made comments on: curriculum changes to the Physical Education and Wellness programs of study and the related wellbeing STEMS in K-6 report cards; and monitoring and success indicators.

Trustee Dennis called a Point of Order and requested that the Board be reminded of the process for policy and monitoring indicator changes. P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, provided the Board with a review of the process.

Trustees continued debate on the motion, commenting on: the need for monitoring reflective of the new curriculum; appreciation for Administration's work in keeping monitoring indicators in line with curriculum changes; indicator purpose; and the process for indicator amendments.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

10 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

10.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

10.1.1 OE-5: Financial Planning – Annual Monitoring

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

10.1.2 OE-9: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-9: Facilities.

10.1.3 Roster for Second Vice-Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the roster for Second Vice-Chair for the period of July 2023 to June 2024 as submitted.



10.1.5 Meeting Minutes

- Special Meeting held May 2, 2023
- Regular Meeting held May 23, 2023
- Regular Meeting held May 30, 2023

THAT the Board approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held May 2, 2023, the Regular Meetings held May 23, 2023 and May 30, 2023, as submitted.

10.2 Items Provided for Board Information

10.2.2 Correspondence

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one legal, five labour, three land, and four strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Recessed: 12:20 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:38 p.m.

10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

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 20, 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.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:



THAT the Board of Trustees approves the redevelopment of Jack James High School to accommodate relocation of the Louise Dean Centre to Jack James High School.

THAT, subject to Ministerial approval, the Board of Trustees approves a budget expenditure from Capital Reserves to undertake the redevelopment of Jack James High School, as reflected in the report.

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education pertaining to the use of reserves.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communication with EducationMatters as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Option A contained in the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 3:57 p.m.

