

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, January 30, 2024 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 (departed at 4:00 p.m.)
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

G. Strother, Acting 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
M. Nelson, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
C. Haney, Senior High 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 Douglas Harkness School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Students from Douglas Harkness School’s Kindergarten class acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. The students 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, through a video recording.

Trustee Dennis thanked Douglas Harkness school students for their presentations.



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 9.2.1 Construction Projects Status Update from the Consent Agenda and add it as item 7.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 30, 2024, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 Douglas Harkness School Presentation

L. Cooper, Education Director for Area 5, introduced the Douglas Harkness School presentation, highlighting the school's community and student demographics. She noted the presentation will highlight literacy learning and achievement.

J. George, Principal at Douglas Harkness School, presented on: focused literacy instruction; processes and structures to support literacy achievement; the new English Language Arts and Literature curriculum; implementation of the CBE Literacy framework; literacy environment building including diverse student identities, learning spaces, instructional materials, and routines; professional learning specific to teaching literacy skills; and academic success results including a reduction in students noted as at-risk in provincial assessments and increased PAT results.

Trustee Dennis thanked the school staff and students for their presentation and work.

4.2 Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring

Chair Hack noted that the Results 2 Annual Monitoring report was presented at the January 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and trustees asked questions on Indicators One and Two. the presentation and questions at this meeting were focused on Indicators Three, Four, and Five.

Acting Chief Superintendent Strother introduced the report, highlighting three- and four-year high school completion rates; English Language Arts and Mathematics achievements



on diploma exams and Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT); and variables that influence results.

Administration responded to trustee questions on the report including: statistics regarding the students who wrote the Knowledge and Employability (K&E) Mathematics exams; school level goals and resource needs to improve K&E exam achievement; contributing factors impacting junior high PAT results; grade 9 Science results for students who self-identify as Indigenous; PAT results ratios; Science 30 diploma exam results; and support structures for students and teachers.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for Results 2: Academic Success to the Corporate Secretary and all trustees by noon, February 8, 2024. The Chair noted that this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023 for the Board's consideration.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentation.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 Construction Projects Status Update

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters addressed in the report, including planning of the Cornerstone project, pre-planning related to the Saddle Ridge project, and the Evanston middle school project.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 Meeting Minutes

Chair Hack noted these minutes are on the agenda for decision instead of being on the consent agenda, as is the normal process. Pursuant to Section N912(b) of the Board Meeting Procedures, any Trustee who is absent from a Board of Trustees' meeting is not entitled to vote on the adoption of the minutes arising from the meeting. Trustee Vukadinovic will abstain from voting on the approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 7, 2023, as submitted.



The motion was
CARRIED.

Abstained: Trustee Vukadinovic

9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 Meeting Minutes

- Special Meeting held November 6, 2023
- Regular Meeting held November 23, 2023
- Regular Meeting held November 28, 2023
- Special Meeting held December 6, 2023
- Regular Meeting held December 12, 2023
- Special Meeting held December 18, 2023

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meetings held November 6, 2023 and December 6 and 18, 2023, and the Regular Meetings held November 23 and 28, 2023 and December 12, 2023, as submitted.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

Chair Hack noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss two legal, two land, five labour and four strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Recessed: 11:58 a.m.
Reconvened: 12:36 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, January 30, 2024 be considered at a private 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 Bolger:

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 Downey:

THAT, subject to Ministerial approval, the Board of Trustees approves transfer of property to Alberta Infrastructure; and

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education pertaining to this transfer, provided in Attachment I to the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement dated December 11, 2023, with respect to collective bargaining between the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) regarding local bargaining matters.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 8, 2024, with respect to collective bargaining between the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Bargaining Council of the Calgary Board of Education Construction and Maintenance Skilled Trades Union (Bargaining Council).

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

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 Downey

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes Trustee Marilyn Dennis to engage with EducationMatters as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

11 | ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT on adjournment, the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

