

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, February 10, 2015 at 12 noon.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee T. Hurdman
Trustee P. King
Trustee A. Stewart

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. S. Church, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Mr. B. Brunton, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. J. Manfield, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. R. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Mr. K. Bauer, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. M. Krickhan, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on the Link and O Canada was led by Highwood School Grade 1 students. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the students for their performance.

The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose room. Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Barkway noted the proposed changes to the Agenda included the addition of a new Agenda Item 7, In-camera Issues, to deal with one land issue and two items related to personal information.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015 be approved as submitted subject to the above noted change.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

3.1 **School Presentation – Highwood School – Results 4**

Mr. B. Parker, Area II Director, stated that the presentation would introduce some of the work that the students at Highwood School have been doing around Personal Development. The school's motto is: *Empowering Through Language, Excelling Through Character, and Embracing the World*. He spoke of how the students demonstrated these qualities at their concert performed on January 21, 2015 at the Jubilee Auditorium to celebrate Chinese New Year. The performance not only showcased the students' language abilities, but also highlighted the importance that language, culture and history play in the acquisition of language. The performance was a culminating event for their Artist in Residency program with Trickster Theatre. The work brought a focus to how students could learn ways to express themselves that relied upon their creativity and their insight into their abilities to engage others.

Principal Ms. C. Cheung stated the school has been performing a Chinese New Year celebration for the past 17 years. The celebration has become so large that they are no longer able to hold the performance in the school gym and now rent the Jubilee Auditorium to accommodate the 1,200 friends and families who attend. She gave details of how the students have developed confidence in public speaking and in presentation skills through this event. She noted students have also garnered media attention and would be performing on Global TV noon hour News; they have also done various features for TV, newspapers and magazines which have been proud moments for the school. She stated that this year the school has collaborated with Trickster Theatre to provide a different kind of concert that would challenge the students to be creative in ways they have not before; to develop within each student individual gifts, talents, and interests, all while integrating the acquisition of Mandarin language, culture, history and traditions. A video was shown of excerpts of the January 21st concert with reflections from teachers, students and parents.

Trustee Hurdman thanked Principal Cheung for the presentation and video noting that she attended the concert and the final production was amazing.

3.2 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that this report was introduced at the February 3, 2015 meeting where trustees posed questions and received clarification on the report. The Board must now consider whether the Chief Superintendent has made reasonable progress towards achieving the desired results of R-3: Citizenship.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report on Results 3: Citizenship, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

Trustees debated the motion, and their comments are summarized as follows:

- The report provides evidence that there are both external benchmarks as well as CBE student data as indicated on pages 4-4 and 4-7 which show high, sustained and improving growth and confirm that students are demonstrating the attributes of citizenship that will sustain our democratic society. Teaching citizenship attributes ensures that students understand both the responsibilities and structures that support democratic practices.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Bowen-Eyre invited trustees to put forward any motions arising regarding commendations or areas of concern.

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for high overall achievement in R-3: Citizenship and for the expanded data sets included over the past 2 years.

Trustees debated the motion, and their comments are summarized as follows:

- The results show a clear indication of high overall achievement. Of the 12 approved indicators presented, 9 have achieved results of 90% or greater and an additional 2 indicators have achieved 84% or greater. The recent expanded data sets have resulted in an additional 3 approved indicators reported back with expanded sets; this expansion of data sets now provides trustees with an additional 6 out of 12 indicators that include multi-age data. This expansion of data provides trustees with information that is more rounded and presents a more accurate picture of overall student results within R-3 Citizenship.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no items.

5 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

5.1 **Proposed Revisions to Board Governance Policies**

Chair Bowen-Eyre provided a brief introduction stating the Board's Governance Policy on Governing Commitments allows the Board by majority vote to amend its policies at any time. She stated that trustees have recently reviewed the Governance Culture and

Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship governance policies in an attempt to be more specific, identify the Board's values and add clarity to the meaning of the policies.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees gives first reading to the revision of the following Governance Culture Policies and Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship Policy, as provided in the attachments to the report:

- **GC-4: Officers' Roles**
- **GC-5: Board Committees**
- **GC-7: Board Members' Code of Conduct**
- **B/CSR-4: Authority of the Chief Superintendent**

Trustees debated the motion, and their comments are summarized as follows:

- There are 5 slight changes in the wording to these 4 policies; these changes provide clarity and consistency and are not expected to have major organizational impact. It is important for the Board to perform an annual review of governance policies. These policies are values to which Board members hold themselves accountable and are the expression of the ways in which trustees believe Board members should be treating each other and operating on a professional level.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Board's Governance Culture policy states that it is a customary practice that a proposed policy revision be discussed at one session of the Board prior to being acted upon at a subsequent Board meeting. These changes have no significant impact on the way that the Board does its own work; therefore, no impact statement is required.

Chair Bowen-Eyre received the consent of the Board to proceed with second reading of the policy changes.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees gives second reading and thereby final approval to the revision of the following Governance Culture Policies and Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship Policy, as provided in the attachments to the report:

- **GC-4: Officers' Roles**
- **GC-5: Board Committees**
- **GC-7: Board Members' Code of Conduct**
- **B/CSR-4: Authority of the Chief Superintendent**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6 | CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items are considered approved as circulated:

6.1 OE-12: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-12: Facilities.

6.2 Items Provided for Board Information

6.2.1 Correspondence

6.2.2 Chief Superintendent's Update

6.2.3 Construction Projects Status Report

6.2.4 Trustee Liaison Report re: Alberta School Boards Association Zone 5

Chair Bowen-Eyre informed that the Regular meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss one land issue and two items that relate to personal information.

Recessed: 12:39 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:15 p.m.

7 | IN-CAMERA ISSUES

7.1 Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

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, February 10, 2015, 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.

7.2 Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the tender submitted by APM Construction Services Inc. for the construction of Evanston Elementary School, be approved; and

THAT the tender submitted by Tribuild Contracting (Calgary) Ltd. for the construction of Copperfield and New Brighton Elementary Schools be approved; and

THAT the two tenders submitted by Lear Construction Management Ltd. for the construction of Saddle Ridge and Royal Oak/Rocky Ridge Middle Schools be approved.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of the following representatives to the Calgary Board of Education Audit Committee for a 3-year term commencing April 1, 2015 to April 1, 2018:

- **Ami Iaria,**
- **Rajesh Ghosh,**
- **John Pantazopolous, and**
- **Rachael Golumbuski**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board approves the correspondence regarding the Chief Superintendent Summative Evaluation, as discussed in-camera; and

THAT the Board meets with the Chief Superintendent to discuss the correspondence; and

THAT a public report regarding the Chief Superintendent Annual Summative Evaluation, including a summary of the information, be prepared.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.