

## **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, October 13, 2015 at 12 noon

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair  
Trustee L. Ferguson  
Trustee J. Hehr  
Trustee J. Hrdlicka  
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. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning Services  
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel/Superintendent, Human Resources (departed at 1:33 p.m.)  
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services  
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Acting Chief Communications Officer  
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary  
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. G. Baldwin, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL) (arrived at 1:50 p.m.)  
Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local No. 38  
Ms. P. Lowen, Elementary School Principals’ Association  
Mr. R. Petrowitsch, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)  
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association  
Mr. D. Shartau, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

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

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and O Canada was led by the Grade 9 Performing Arts students from Tom Baines School, by way of a video recording.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

## 2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015 be approved as submitted.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

### 3.1 **School Presentation: Tom Baines School – Results 3**

Mr. B. Parker, Director, Area I, provided introductory remarks and called forward Mr. R. Petrowitsch, Principal of Tom Baines School. Mr. Petrowitsch provided highlights about the diverse culture at Tom Baines School and introduced the following presenters:

Mr. J. Lang, Learning Leader and Construction & Design Teacher  
Jasmine and Tiana, Grade 9 Students

Mr. Lang shared a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Enhancing Community – Tom Baines Ingenuity Challenge: Our Approach to Strengthening Student Citizenship”. He spoke about participation in the community building experience, which involved students, staff, parents and the school community. Jasmine and Tiana shared their perspectives on the ingenuity challenge and spoke about their learning experience in the development of skills in leadership, listening and working collaboratively. They expressed their opinion that the relationship-building aspect was one of the most important gains from this challenge. Mr. Lang spoke about the positive impacts the challenge had on the students, as recognized by teachers, parents and community volunteers at the end of the day, including effectively and respectfully working together towards success; creation of capacity to advocate for wants and needs; positive thinking towards success; and, making strong connections to future volunteer opportunities.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Ferguson expressed appreciation to the presenters for sharing their learning experience and the benefits that came out of their ingenuity challenge.

### 3.2 **Summary of the 2014-15 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam Results**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided opening remarks, noting that our students showed outstanding results in the 2014-15 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Examinations. Superintendent Everett provided an overview of the contents of the report, aided by a PowerPoint presentation. She informed that more detailed analysis of the results is ongoing and will be provided in the Results 2: Academic Success subject area information reports to the Board of Trustees throughout the year. She cautioned the use of this data for trends due to the flooding in June 2013 and consequent cancellation of many of the exams.

Trustees posed questions on numerous aspects of student achievement and challenges, which were addressed by Administration. A request was made for information surrounding the CBE’s results in the high school completion rate (3-year) being lower

than the provincial results, which Administration agreed to respond to at a later date. With respect to achievement results for our aboriginal learners, that information forms a part of the Annual Education Results Report. Administration noted that the areas of focus for resources will include Science 30, Mathematics, the personalization of learning, supporting classroom teachers and engaging our students.

Recessed: 1:33 p.m.  
Reconvened: 1:50 p.m.

#### 4 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

##### 4.1 **OE-3: Treatment of Owners – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that this report was introduced at the October 6, 2015 meeting where trustees posed questions and received clarification on various issues. The Board must now formally act on the monitoring report by a vote of compliance, non-compliance or compliance with noted exception(s). She pointed out that any decision or comment of the Board around non-compliance of the operational expectations, or any part of it, is in no way intended to be a vote of non-confidence for the Chief Superintendent. Regardless of the action, the result of the Board's vote will inform the Board discussion during the Chief Superintendent's summative evaluation.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-3: Treatment of Owners.**

Trustees debated the motion and their comments of support included that the majority of the indicators demonstrate the achievement of compliance. Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for implementation of a new Calgary Board of Education website which is making information more accessible to our public.**

Trustee comments in debate of the motion comprised expressions of support. Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to review the indicators for policy sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 as well as the reasonable interpretation for section 3.3, for report back to the Board by June 30, 2016.**

Trustees debated the motion and their comments of support included that this is a very important policy to our system and it is a matter of good practice to review policy indicators to ensure they are up-to-date, and the measures are applicable.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2 Extraordinary Monitoring Report Request

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that this report was introduced at the October 6, 2015 meeting, at which time trustees posed questions and received clarification on various issues.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to provide regular quarterly updates on progress towards creating and implementing a public engagement framework.**

Trustees debated the motion and their comments of support included appreciation for Administration's acknowledgement of the importance of this work and keeping the Board and our public informed as the work moves forward.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to provide further information regarding administrative plans for public engagement regarding transportation service levels and transportation fees by January 30, 2016.**

Trustee Hurdman clarified her intention that the material be provided for the Board's information and not for Board consideration of approval.

Trustees debated the motion and comments in support are summarized as follows:

- When the extraordinary monitoring report was originally presented to the Board it related to the subject of transportation and the need to do a better job of communicating with our public.
- Having a plan in place to engage our public will be helpful for everyone to move forward. There is a need also to look at what can be done to alleviate the incredible amount of work that is placed on CBE transportation staff.
- This gives assurance to our public that we are listening and that they will be involved in these decisions.

Trustee comments in opposition to the motion are summarized as follows:

- The previous motion should address the issue, as regular updates will be provided by Administration on the creation of a public engagement framework.
- As a school board we are reliant upon annual provincial budgets, and decisions regarding fees and service levels in transportation are also a result of a provincial funding formula that is now more than 25 years old. It is uncertain what kind of information around transportation service levels and fees will be possible to share with the public until we know what decisions might be made at the provincial level.

MOVED by Trustee King:

**THAT the motion be amended by changing the date for receipt of information to March 31, 2016.**

In debate of the amendment, trustee comments in opposition included that a general idea of certain timelines should be available by the end of January; the provincial budget announcement is expected at the end of this month, which should provide a clearer picture for planning; March is a very busy time of year with the budget planning work; and, having some general information available for our public sooner rather than later will be beneficial.

A trustee shared that she is opposed to the amendment for the reason that she is opposed to the main motion, and pointed out that the Board has control of accommodation decisions but it does not have control of the transportation formula or the funding.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the amendment.

The amendment was  
DEFEATED.

In favour: Trustee Bowen-Eyre  
Trustee King

Opposed: Trustee Ferguson  
Trustee Hehr  
Trustee Hrdlicka  
Trustee Hurdman  
Trustee Stewart

Further debate of the main motion was shared, with a trustee commenting that the work on the public engagement framework will likely not be completed within the next six months and it is known that we need to do this transportation engagement work in parallel to the framework. She expressed that this work does not need to be comprehensive in context, but be of a high level detail so that parents understand when it is that they can expect to be engaged.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the main motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bowen-Eyre  
Trustee Hehr  
Trustee Hrdlicka  
Trustee Hurdman  
Trustee King  
Trustee Stewart

Opposed: Trustee Ferguson

#### 4.3 2015-2016 Student Enrolment Summary

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided brief comments about the 2015-2016 student enrolment count, noting that in the spring of 2015 the projection was that there would be 116,955 students attending CBE schools and programs in the fall of 2015. This was a projected increase of 2,455 students compared to the same time last year. The actual number of students enrolled in CBE programs and schools as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was 116,987, which is an increase of 2.2% above the 114,500 students reported last year.

#### 5 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

#### 6 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

##### 6.1 2016-2017 Modular Classroom Plan

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that this report was introduced at the October 6, 2015 meeting where trustees posed questions and received clarification on various issues.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2016/17 Modular Classroom Plan and the submission of the recommended modular classroom requests to Alberta Education.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 7 | CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the following items to be adopted as submitted on the Consent Agenda:

7.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held September 15, 2015
- Regular Meeting held September 29, 2015

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held September 15 and 29, 2015, as submitted.**

7.2 Results 3: Citizenship – Reasonable Interpretation

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Superintendent’s reasonable interpretation of Results 3: Citizenship, including, but not limited to, the indicators as presented in the report.**

7.3 Items Provided for Board Information

- 7.3.1 Chief Superintendent’s Update
- 7.3.2 EducationMatters Financial Statements as at August 31, 2015
- 7.3.3 Construction Projects Status Report

**8 | ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.