

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 27, 2017 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka (departed at 4:53 p.m.)
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
Ms. C. Fradgley on behalf of Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities & Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel (arrived at 12:22 p.m.)
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. K. Fenney, Assistant General Counsel/Corporate Secretary
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

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. and O Canada was led by students from Somerset School by way of a video recording.

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

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. K. Fenney, Corporate Secretary, noted a revision to Agenda Item 8.1 to reflect the title of the report as *Proposed Fee Administrative Regulations (School, Transportation and Noon Services)*.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2017 be approved as submitted, subject to the above-noted revision.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | RESULTS FOCUS

There were no items.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

There were no items.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

7.1 Postponed Motion of June 20, 2017 re: Alternative Programs

On June 20, 2017, the following motion was made and subsequently postponed to June 27, 2017 through a subsidiary motion put forward by Trustee Hurdman, which carried unanimously:

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to report on system-wide strategies that support alternative programs and report back to the Board by September 12, 2017.

Trustee Stewart stated her desire to withdraw the motion, to which Chair Bowen-Eyre received no objection from the Board of Trustees and the motion was withdrawn.

8 | BOARD INFORMATION

8.1 Proposed Fee Administrative Regulations (School, Transportation and Noon Services)

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that this report is presented to the Board of Trustees as information only, and that the Board has delegated the responsibility for setting fees to the Chief Superintendent of Schools. The Board's policies in relation to transportation and fees are set out in Operational Expectations policy OE-11: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students.

Superintendent Grundy provided highlights of the contents of the report. He noted that three draft administrative regulations form a part of the report: AR-6095 Student Transportation, AR 3048 Noon Services, and AR 7005 School Fees. Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees was introduced in the spring 2017 and the supporting Regulations (*School Fees and Costs Regulation and School Transportation Regulation*) were approved on June 5, 2017. These regulations set out specific requirements for school jurisdiction policies. Superintendent Grundy noted that the administrative regulations will be submitted to Alberta Education for review and approval by the deadline of June 30, 2017.

Superintendent Grundy thanked all staff across the CBE who were involved in this process and noted that remarkable progress was made since receiving the provincial regulations two and a half weeks ago.

Trustees posed questions, which were addressed by Administration on issues including: no fees charged in 2017/18 for Instructional Supplies and Materials (ISM), and the potential for continuing the practice of buying student classroom supplies in bulk; the rationale for not having a specific administrative regulation that addresses a waiver policy; the definition of “Fair Entry” referenced in AR7005 School Fees, under 29b; processes that are underway in the development and enhancement of the draft administrative regulations and schedule of fees and costs; a review of the potential for offering partial waivers; clarification of refunds that will be provided at no cost to the CBE; examples of what may be categorized under the Non-Curricular Travel Fees, Extracurricular Fees and Activity Fees; challenges around having to present a school fee schedule by June 30th while not knowing the changes that could occur throughout the year that would incur a cost to the CBE; concern surrounding the timelines of Ministerial response and subsequent CBE communications to schools and to parents; the potential for supplying a second address for student bus route requirements when making application for CBE transportation services; the practice of school principals making decisions on issues surrounding the noon supervision program; explanation of circumstances where a waiver may be granted based on compassionate grounds; clarification about the incidental activity fee associated with the noon supervision program; and the importance of understanding that this is a transitional year of change with respect to fees and practices.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson expressed gratitude for the high volume of work that was performed in a very short time by Superintendent Grundy, finance department staff, school principals, assistant principals and many other CBE staff. Commendation was also echoed by the Board.

9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 Items Provided for Board Information

9.1.1 Trustee Liaison Report re: Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5

9.1.2 Trustee Liaison Report re: Alberta School Boards Association – Board of Directors

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Board would meet in camera to discuss three land issues, two labour issues and two strategic planning issues. She noted this was the last Regular Meeting for 2016/17 and that the next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Recessed 12:47 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:14 p.m.

10 | IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

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 Tuesday, June 27, 2017 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 Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

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 King:

- 1. THAT the Board of Trustees approves the disposition of a portion of joint title school lands as outlined in the private report of June 27, 2017; and**
- 2. THAT the Board of Trustee authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education, as per the letter attached to the private report.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Hrdlicka left the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the use of up to \$100,000 of capital reserve funds to undertake a jointly-funded project with Bullfrog Power to install 10 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on four Calgary Board of Education schools.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT, subject to receiving appropriate Ministerial approval, the Board of Trustees approves the tender selection for the construction of the Nelson Mandela High School Gym Addition to Tribuild Contracting (Calgary) Ltd.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the new high school to be built in Seton be named “Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School” and that the decision be communicated as quickly as possible.

The motion was

CARRIED.

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

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the adoption of an Executive Employee Compensation model as described in the recommendation section of the private report of June 27, 2017 be approved by the Board of Trustees.

The motion was

CARRIED.

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

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees directs that superintendents be placed on the approved Executive Employee Compensation model grid and that all future grid movement be frozen until further action of the Board of Trustees.

The motion was

CARRIED.

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

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the decision regarding grid movement for executive employees come back before the Board of Trustees no later than April 30, 2018.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Hrdlicka

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees gives final approval to the Supplemental Executive Retirement Pension (SERP) Plan Text, as amended.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Hrdlicka

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee King:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Hrdlicka

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.