

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 10, 2017 at 12:00 noon

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. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. K. Fenney, Director, Legal Services & Corporate Secretary
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary
Ms. K. Maxwell, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. K. Kempt, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. D. Swift, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners

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

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:05 noon and the singing of 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

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2017, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no items.

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 Classroom Learning Coaches for Mathematics

Chief Stevenson introduced Superintendent Everett who presented the report. Superintendent Everett explained the report requests trustees approve the use of \$2 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve to support the deployment of Classroom Learning Coaches for Mathematics in support of student success within the Mathematics Strategy. The funding has become available due to a more favourable financial circumstance with respect to the CBE's overall use of resources. She explained that Mathematics Learning Coaches have been used in several jurisdictions in North America over the past decade and that research has shown the positive impact of sustained coaching on both teacher practice and student learning.

Administration responded to trustee questions including: how schools will be identified to receive this support; whether schools have the option to accept or decline the support; which grade levels will receive the support and the data sources used to make this decision; how the coaches would be disseminated to schools; the connection between the School Improvement Plans and Classroom Learning Coaches for Mathematics; how the number of 25 coaches was determined; whether the coaches would be new-hires or existing Mathematics Specialists; what a typical "day in the life" of a Mathematics Coach would look like; how the coaches would support the goals of the Mathematics Strategy; whether the use of coaches aligns with the Spring 2017 Mathematics Engagement Sessions feedback; if there is data that proves the efficacy of Mathematics Coaches; the impact a time-limited initiative can make; criteria that will be used to measure the effect of

the coaches; coordination and dialogue with the ATA regarding mathematics teaching practices; when the full Mathematics Strategy will be shared publically; and what current resources in this year's budget are being devoted to the Mathematics Strategy.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees postpones consideration of Classroom Learning Coaches for Mathematics to a future public Board Meeting occurring prior to December 31, 2017.

In debate of the motion trustee comments included: the postponement enables the new Board to make the decision; concern regarding delaying the decision when the Board has identified math as an area of concern for the past two years; delaying the decision would not benefit students; postponing till after the November 7, 2017 Mathematics Strategy follow-up report is presented would give trustees more information when making the decision; noting a desire for a red zone similar to the City of Calgary Council where decisions are not made so close to an election.

Trustee Hehr requested a point information; she asked about the depth and clarity of the November 7, 2017 Mathematics Strategy follow-up report. Chief Superintendent Stevenson responded the report will be clear, understandable and well-researched.

Trustee King requested a point of information; she asked what the long term impact would be of postponing this decision. Chief Superintendent Stevenson responded that the longer the coaches are in the schools, the more likely there will be a positive outcome.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
DEFEATED.

In Favour: Trustee Hehr
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman

Opposed: Trustee Bowen-Eyre
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee King
Trustee Stewart

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the use of \$2 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve in support of student success within the Mathematics Strategy.

In debate of the motion trustee comments included: the motion that appears in the report includes the phrase "to support the deployment of Classroom Learning Coaches for Mathematics", by removing this phrase the new motion is broadened to allow flexibility for

Administration to shift where the \$2 million dollars is spent, but still giving the approval to deploy these resources into the classroom as quickly as possible; the trustees' focus is results and to hold Administration accountable for whatever strategy they chose to implement, and as a result the decision before the trustees is one of financial allocation, not the efficacy of Mathematics Coaches.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that items on the consent agenda are approved with the agenda as follows:

8.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held September 12, 2017
- Regular Meeting held September 19, 2017

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held September 12 and September 19, 2017 as submitted.

8.2 Operational Expectations: Reasonable Interpretations and Indicators

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Reasonable Interpretations and Indicators for the following Operational Expectations:

- OE-1: Global Operational Expectations**
- OE-2: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students**
- OE-3: Instructional Program**
- OE-4: Treatment of Employees**
- OE-5: Financial Planning**
- OE-6: Asset Protection**
- OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board**
- OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public**
- OE-9: Facilities**

8.3 Items Provided for Board Information

8.3.1 Correspondence

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Regular Meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss four labour and one legal issue.

As this was the last public Board meeting before the election, the Chair shared some words of gratitude. She thanked all those who support CBE schools and students each and every day. In particular she acknowledged the big and small corporations that partner with the CBE, all the principals and teachers, the Area Directors, the Superintendents, the Deputy and Chief Superintendent, the Union representatives, the Corporate Secretary's Office and her fellow

trustees. She noted that as a Board they believe public education is the cornerstone of democracy and that all students, regardless of their ability, race, gender identity or expression, are given the same and equal opportunity to succeed.

Recessed: 1:25 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:35 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

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 of Trustees, October 10, 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 Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes recommendation number 2 as detailed in the private report dated October 10, 2017.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to send a letter outlining concerns as expressed in discussion at the In Camera session with respect to the private report dated October 10, 2017.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the proposed bargaining mandate for collective bargaining with the Alberta Teachers Association.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the proposed bargaining mandate with the Calgary Board of Education Staff Association.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the proposed bargaining mandate for collective bargaining with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local Number 40.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the following items on the Consent Agenda approved as presented:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Steve Aubin as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective October 10, 2017 to October 10, 2020; and

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Amanda Field as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective October 10, 2017 to October 10, 2020.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.