

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 9, 2018 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee T. Hurdman, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw
Trustee L. Davis
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka

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:

Ms. L. Cooper, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. K. Kempf, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. B. Ko, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
Ms. L. Pritchard, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Hurdman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on the link and O Canada was led by the Dr. Martha Cohen Senior Band students. The meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Hurdman 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.

The Chair also welcomed Grade 4 students from Westgate School and their teacher Madame Marcelle Poulain who have moved their classroom to the historical Dr. Carl

Safran Building for the week to investigate the question *how does Calgary use creativity and innovation to solve waste?* They are investigating Western and Indigenous worldviews about waste, exploring creative uses of reducing waste through LEED architecture, the CBE and City of Calgary's composting programs, as well as businesses, such as ENMAX and Good Earth in Calgary, that are changing ideas around how waste can be used. The students have met with Deputy Chief Superintendent Church and will meet with Trustee Davis later in the week.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. P. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary, noted the proposed changes to the agenda: that Public Comment be moved to item 4, and Results Focus and Operational Expectations be re-numbered accordingly; and that item 5.3 OE-5: Financial Planning – Annual Monitoring be removed from the agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018, be approved as submitted, subject to the above-noted revisions.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced the Meritorious Budget Award, noting it was given to the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) from the Association of School Business Officials International, a professional organization that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth and the effective use of educational resources. This is the second year in a row the CBE has received this award and it recognizes excellence in the preparation and issuance of the CBE's 2017-18 *Working Together for Student Success* Budget.

Chief Stevenson commended the CBE Finance staff and Superintendent Grundy for their work in preparing the budget with an eye towards re-qualifying for this award. The Meritorious Budget Award and the 2017-18 *Working Together for Student Success* Budget show the CBE's commitment to openness, transparency and accountability in communication with the public.

4 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Dee-Ann Evans, representing herself as a parent of two CBE-enrolled students, and addressed the Board regarding the Math results noted in the R-2 Report Card Information Report, Part 2.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

5.1 **R-2 Report Card Information Report Part 2: Arts, Career and Technology Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education and Sciences**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided opening comments noting this is the second of two report card information reports and contains data on the disciplines of the Arts, Career & Technology Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education and Sciences. He explained the report card data results included in the report are as requested by trustees and organized into overall results K-12 courses and overall results by stem for K-9 courses. Superintendent J. Everett provided an overview of the report including: the data in the report is part of monitoring of one of 10 indicator for Results 2; provides data on the percentage of students meeting the learning outcomes in each discipline as measured by Report Card data; the data is teacher generated and reflects multiple assessments; and the report provides overall results in K-12; overall results by stem in K-9.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: the availability of Dance programming in grades 7-9; method and decision-making on new course offerings within schools; whether student interest impacts availability of courses; how often Arts courses are taught by teachers with post-secondary training in the Fine Arts; how the results from ELL (English Language Learners) and IPP (Individualized Program Plan) students is incorporated into the data; the recruitment of specialized teachers for computer coding and robotics; declining percentage of students meeting learning expectations in Career and Technology Foundation (CTF) in Grade 8 and Grade 9; Math stems and standardized assessment tools; 2015-16 achievement levels for the Math 10, 20, and 30 course levels versus the 2014-15 and 2016-17 results; enrolment numbers in the various Grade 10 Math courses; whether the percentage of students meeting expectations in Grade 9 correlates with the percentage of students enrolled in Math 10-C the following year; the consequences of a particular Math course path and parent communication regarding this; by stem, the percentage of Grade 9 Math students achieving a 1, 2, 3 or 4; differences between Math report card results, Grade 9 PAT scores and Grade 12 Diploma exam scores; and whether a correlation exists between Math PAT question difficulty and report card stem results; teacher tools and supports to ensure a common understanding of the report card 1 – 4 indicator scale; clarification that the 1 - 4 indicator scale is not proportional and cannot be translated into percentages; teacher/student/parent communication regarding how achievement is represented on the 1 - 4 indicator scale; supports for students applying to American universities; number of Physical Education Specialists at the Elementary level; sports medicine results; and Science 20-4 results.

Chair Hurdman clarified for trustees that this report notes the percentage of students achieving at a certain level, not achievement levels. She further added that this report is simply an amalgamation of report card data and that there is no statistical manipulation or analysis of the data.

Trustee Hrdlicka made a general comment noting all stakeholders share a passion for education and the desire to find the best success strategies for students, but emphasized the importance of being respectful when speaking at Board meetings.

Recessed: 1:35 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:50 p.m.

6 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

6.1 OE-6: Financial Administration – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson summarized the contents of the annual monitoring report for OE-6: Financial Administration. He noted the report demonstrates compliance with 13 of the 15 indicators. For the two indicators that were non-compliant, Indicator 6.1.2 and Indicator 6.4, he provided context and noted on-going capacity building to prevent future non-compliance.

Administration responded to trustee questions on issues including: categories of debt being written off and waived fees.

Chair Hurdman asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-6: Financial Administration. She requested that trustees send their proposed motions to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, January 10, 2018, and noted that if no motions come forward the item will be placed on the January 23, 2018 consent agenda.

6.2 OE-7: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson summarized the contents of the annual monitoring report for OE-7: Asset Protection. He noted the report demonstrates compliance with 17 of 18 indicators. For the one indicator that is non-compliant, Indicator 7.3.1.a, he provided context and noted on-going capacity building to prevent future non-compliance.

There were no trustee questions.

Chair Hurdman asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-7: Asset Protection. She requested that trustees send their proposed motions to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, January 10, 2018, and noted that if no motions come forward the item will be placed on the January 23, 2018 consent agenda.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

There were no items.

8 | CONSENT AGENDA

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

8.1 Approval of Minutes

- Special Meeting held October 30, 2017
- Regular Meeting held October 31, 2017
- Regular Meeting held November 7, 2017
- Regular Meeting held November 14, 2017
- Regular Meeting held November 23, 2017

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held October 30, 2017 and the Regular Meetings held October 31, November 7, November 14, and November 23, 2017 as submitted.

8.2 OE-11: Learning Environment / Treatment of Students – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-11: Learning Environment / Treatment of Students.

8.3 Items Provided for Board Information

- 8.3.1 Correspondence
- 8.3.2 Chief Superintendent's Update
- 8.3.3 Revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings
- 8.3.4 Use of Capital Reserves – Air Conditioning for Joane Cardinal-Schubert School

Chair Hurdman noted the Board would meet in-camera to discuss one labour and one land issue in the in-camera session of the meeting.

Recessed: 2:03 p.m.
Reconvened: 2:25 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion To Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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 9, 2018, 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.

Trustee Adams departed the meeting.

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.

Absent: Trustee Adams

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Adams

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Chair Hurdman reconvened the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, In-Camera Session, at 1:18 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 in Room T224 of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

Trustee T. Hurdman, Chair
Trustee L. Davis
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka

Absent:

Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw

Administration:

Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Ms. K. Fenney, Director, Legal Services & Corporate Secretary
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary

Motion To Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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 9, 2018, and reconvened on January 12, 2018, 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.

Absent: Trustee Adams
Trustee Bradshaw

Motion To Revert To Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Adams
Trustee Bradshaw

MOTIONS TO ACTION IN-CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Optimum Talent as the successful executive search firm to assist the Board of Trustees in its recruitment of a new Chief Superintendent, and authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the Agreement for Services.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Dennis
Trustee Hehr
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman
Opposed: Trustee Davis
Absent: Trustee Adams
Trustee Bradshaw

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Adams
Trustee Bradshaw

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.