

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 23, 2018 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

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

Absent:

Trustee L. Davis

Administration:

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

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. K. Chee, Senior High School Principals' Association
Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38
Ms. R. Hajee, Principals' Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. L. Nachtigal, Elementary School Principals' Association
Mr. K. Reinhardt, Senior High School Principals' Association
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. D. Sparrow, Principals' Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)



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

Chair Hurdman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and O Canada was led by the Mount Royal School Senior Band, ACCESS class, Sign Language club and Leadership class, through a video recording.

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.

Chair Hurdman also acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations, staff, parents and students.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary, noted that a change has been requested to remove from the agenda, Item 8.1 Approval of Minutes.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018 be approved as submitted, subject to the revision noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Summary of the 2017-18 Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examination Results**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced the report, noting that CBE student results on the 2017-18 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) and Diploma Exams are part of Alberta Education's accountability requirements. He noted this report supports the CBE's governance policies Operational Expectations 7: Communication With and Support for the Board and Results 2: Academic Success. Beyond these provincial assessments, student achievement includes formative and summative assessments of student learning over time. The CBE considers the overall success of students, which includes the ways they demonstrate citizenship, personal development and character, as fundamental to a student's overall achievement.

Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent Everett shared three changes that occurred to the provincial assessment program this year: the province moved away from a set schedule for provincial achievement tests and instead provided a window of time for assessments



to be written; students were able to access up to double the time to complete the assessments, where previously only a number of selected students were provided this accommodation; and the structure of the Mathematics Grade 9 PAT was revised to include a non-calculator portion. She noted that these changes may have had an impact on student results. Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent Everett provided highlights of the contents of the report.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the ability to track individual students with respect to their learning needs and outcomes as they transition through grade levels and schools; Alberta Education's fixed weighting of 50% for the Acceptable Standard and 80% for the Standard of Excellence for the Diploma Exam; the process used by Alberta Education to develop cut scores; cut scores for Grade 9 Math Part A and Part B, written in both English and French; the difference in the percentage of students achieving at the Acceptable Standard for the cohort group (all students enrolled) versus actual writers; the program coding error for students in Grade 6 French Language Arts, thereby having been exempted from writing; an explanation of Knowledge and Employability (K&E) courses that are offered to students with parental consent, and the work that is undertaken at the school level to ensure academic success for those students; accommodations for writing PATs that may be provided to students with identified learning needs; the flexibility offered to assist students in displaying their learning; the content change of the Mathematics Grade 9 PAT Part A and Part B from the previous year; how the analysis of system results are shared with schools; and the caution required in reviewing trends and making comparisons from year to year.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson welcomed Ms. S. Smith to her role as Acting Superintendent, Learning.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 **2019/20 Modular Classroom Program**

Superintendent Breton provided highlights of the contents of the report. Eligibility filters for modular classrooms and modular classroom ranking criteria were informed by public feedback and approved by the Board in October 2014. Elboya School is the only school that meets all of the modular classroom criteria for program submission this year.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the modular classroom program process that also assesses replacement priorities; system work that is required to determine how to best use existing space within CBE high schools; review



of the data over the month of September to meet the province's November 1 submission timeline; the anticipated costs for the three modular classrooms; and preliminary work done with the City of Calgary relating to the installation of the modulars, which is unofficial until approval is received from the province.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2019/20 Modular Classroom Program submission.

Trustee comments in debate of the motion included the information clearly depicts that Elboya School requires more space to accommodate students, and staff have been diligent in their review of the numbers for accuracy.

Chair Hurdman called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that with the exception of the meeting Minutes that were removed, the following items on the Consent Agenda are approved with the Agenda:

8.2 Governance Culture and Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship Governance Policies – Board of Trustees' Annual Self-Evaluation

THAT the Board approves the Board of Trustees' self-evaluation report as developed during the evaluation workshop of June 7, 2018.

8.3 Items Provided for Board Information

- 8.3.1 Chief Superintendent's Update
- 8.3.2 Construction Projects Status Update
- 8.3.3 September 30 Enrolment Summary

Chair Hurdman informed that the meeting would move in camera to discuss one strategic planning and communications matter, one labour matter and one legal matter. The next public meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Recessed: 1:08 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:25 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion To Move In Camera



MOVED by Trustee Adams:

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 23, 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.

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.

Motions To Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

- 1. THAT the Board of Trustees approves the letter agreement with the successful candidate as discussed in camera;**
- 2. THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Board Chair to execute the employment agreement for the Chief Superintendent of Schools, and the letter agreement, subject to ministerial approval of the successful candidate's appointment as Chief Superintendent of Schools; and**
- 3. THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to communicate with successful candidate as discussed in camera.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Infrastructure as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the October 30, 2018 Special Meeting process as discussed in camera.



The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bradshaw
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Hehr
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman

Opposed: Trustee Adams

10 | ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hurdman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

