

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, May 24, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee C. May (arrived at 12:08 p.m.)
Trustee S. Vukadinovic (departed at 1:00 p.m.)

Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources (attended virtually)
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services (attended virtually)
Ms. A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary
Ms. M. Broda, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Mr. B. Thompson, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

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

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and O Canada was led by McKenzie Lake School Grade 2 students by way of pre-recorded video.

Chair Hack 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.

The Chair welcomed staff, public members, and union representatives participating in the Board of Trustees’ public Board meeting in person, as well as Superintendent Grundy and



Superintendent Armstrong who were attending virtually. She also welcomed staff and the public joining through the livestreamed meeting.

2 | CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted there were no requests for agenda changes.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2022 as submitted.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee May

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no reports or presentations.

4 | RESULTS FOCUS

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 Three-Year System Student Accommodation Plan (SSAP) 2022-2025

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating it summarizes the projects and engagements completed during the current school year to prioritize student accommodation within CBE schools, lays out the decisions that will be required in the short term to address student accommodation pressures for the 2022-23 school year, and identifies the student accommodation challenges that are anticipated for the upcoming two school years.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting attachment II to the report, which captures decisions made this past school year in regards to grade configurations and boundary designations for the four new schools anticipated to open for the 2022-23 school year. He also spoke to the 21 student accommodation projects that the CBE is monitoring closely and that may require intervention to support student learning opportunities.

Recessed: 12:08 p.m.



Reconvened: 12:11 p.m.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: instances where schools would need to be added to the list due to an emergent need; current boundaries that present a challenge, other challenges there could be and what is being done to address them; formula for weighted enrolment; the severe complex needs classification and how students get classified; other guiding documents or policies that inform the plan; situations for expanding alternative programs; dashboard tool features and who can access it; the potential of CBe-learn being a factor for why some schools have lower enrolment; why there such an extensive list of projects for the 2022-23 school year; the regulation or policy containing the CBE planning principles; the enrolment status list; and the process for accepting students mid-year or throughout the year.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

8.1 Results 5: Character – Annual Monitoring

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 17, 2022 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is in compliance.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 5: Character, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the report card and survey results indicating that agreement is high; the results being indicative of the high level of understanding; the values aligning with public education; student voice being reflected; having professional learning opportunities available for staff; the more people feel they belong, the more likely they are to ask questions and be involved; the greatest teaching and learning outcomes being seen during the pandemic; character being evident in the student behaviour and reinforced by the teachers; students being successful in developing their character; and the school development plans ensuring continued support.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 CBE Education Plan 2021-2024

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 17, 2022 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Education Plan 2021 - 2024 and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.



In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the plan reflecting a very interconnected school system; appreciating the comprehensive document showing how the system fits together; continuing to support the specific needs of students; clearly outlined outcomes; leveraging resources wisely; equipping educators; and the detail and depth of the plan clearly reflecting every student.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.3 Budget Report for the 2022-23 School Year

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 17, 2022 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-23 budget as reflected in Attachment I and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the budget being responsive to the Board of Trustees policies; clearly supporting actions outlined in the Education Plan; showing the commitment to meeting every student where they are at and in support of ongoing success; happy to see continued investment in unique pathways and dual credit offerings; appreciating the bridge and mitigation funding but recognizing that they represent significant dollars that are not part of weighted moving average calculation; being concerned about the Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) funding changes; the budget being thoughtful, strategic, and innovative to the needs of families and students; demonstrating the CBE's commitment to the safety of students and families; spending less on system administration than other jurisdictions; being careful and diligent in supporting the needs of students; delivering strong outcomes; the document being transparent and easy to understand and follow; aligning the services with the funding received; being aware of the risk to the funding.

Recessed: 12:57 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:00 p.m.

In continued debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the reallocation of provincial funding; worrying about the health and well-being of students and staff and wanting to reduce barriers to student success; offering choice in education costing money; providing a balanced budget while ensuring that every available dollar goes to classes; maximizing resources; the importance of keeping fees at a minimum; appreciating the criteria based response fund to address needs as they arise throughout the year; linking the Education Plan and the budget together making them both stronger; being proud of the great team that builds off each other's success; and ensuring the success of students.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.



The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

9.1.1 OE-6: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-6: Asset Protection.

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one legal, one land, two labour, and three strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Recessed: 1:06 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:27 p.m.

10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Superintendent Grundy and Superintendent Armstrong confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

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, May 24, 2022 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 Vukadinovic

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic



Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee May:

- **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Rosa Cameron to the Trustee Remuneration Committee for a 3-year term commencing May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2025.**
- **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Rajesh Ghosh to the Trustee Remuneration Committee for a 3-year term commencing May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2025.**
- **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Bob McCullagh to the Trustee Remuneration Committee for a 3-year term commencing May 24, 2022 to May 24, 2025.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees adjourns to the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

