

## **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 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair  
Trustee P. Bolger  
Trustee N. Close  
Trustee M. Dennis  
Trustee C. May  
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

#### Absent:

Trustee D. Downey

#### Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources  
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
K. Fenney, General Counsel  
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services  
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
M. Nelson, Superintendent, School Improvement  
D. Unruh, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement  
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary  
M. Graham, Board Administrator

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
D. Sparrow, Sr. High Principals' Association

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

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. and students from David Thompson School led the national anthem through a video recording.

A student from Earnest Manning High School 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.



Trustee Bolger thanked the student.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting.

## 2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that no agenda change requests were received.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2024, as submitted.**

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

## 4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

### 4.1 **Chief Superintendent Student Advisory Council Presentation**

T. Healing, Education Director, introduced the presentation, stating that the Chief Superintendent Student Advisory Council (CSSAC) consists of grade 11 and 12 students who meet monthly with the Chief Superintendent to share their experiences as high school students and to develop their leadership skills. This year's council theme was "developing tomorrow's student leaders today".

R. Hurley, Specialist, Diversity and Inclusion, and lead organizer and facilitator of CSSAC, presented on student action for wellbeing, student development of character, and introduced the students.

Student members of CSSAC presented on their experiences on the council and in high school, highlighting observations on character development, leadership development, understanding of student well-being, student voice and advocacy.

Chair Hack thanked the students and staff for the presentation, commenting on: embodiment of leadership, meaningful and engaging CSSAC meetings; student growth and character development, development of student voice, balancing passion and empathy with others.

Recessed: 11:30 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:36 a.m.



5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

No reports or presentations.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **Results 5: Character – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack introduced the report stating that at the May 21, 2024 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of Administration. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger

**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: importance of student voice and well-being; evidence of reasonable progress as presented in the report; moving away from a pandemic culture of compliance towards ownership of doing what is right in the context of a learning environment; interconnection of the results policies; and evidence of character development in the student presentations.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

8.2 **CBE Education Plan**

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of administration. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Education Plan 2024-2027 and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.**



In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: value driven strategy; the importance of strategic processes; the importance of advocacy; foundational education frameworks; targeted professional learning; classroom complexity and supports for students; extensive public engagement; the three focus areas presented in the Plan; implementation of the Plan at the school level; operational responsiveness by administration and leadership to every day realities in schools; the value of teachers and staff; community and corporate partnerships supporting student learning and access to post-secondary education; key actions as outlined in the Plan; promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; funding shortfalls; student and staff well-being; connectivity with the Three-Year Capital Plan and accommodation planning; provision of measurable key performance indicators of student success; and future focus and responsiveness to current needs.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED

In favour: Trustee Bolger  
Trustee Close  
Trustee Dennis  
Trustee Hack  
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

Absent: Trustee Downey

### 8.3 Budget Report for the 2024-2025 School Year

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of administration. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2024-2025 Budget as reflected in Attachment I and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: demonstration of thoughtful and prudent decision-making; balanced budget that supports CBE values and mission; funding shortfall; reflection of equitable and inclusive public education; increasing class sizes and class complexity; increasing staffing costs; high utilization rates and significant overflow rates; recent Ministerial Order on Student Learning and concern about increased privatization of education; need for public engagement and advocacy; central fee structure; excellence of work done by administration, teachers, and staff to work with the resources available for the best possible student outcomes; necessity of central administrative staff and service units; agility of the system in continuing to meet the needs

of students; doing more with less with a continued focus on excellence; and future sustainability.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 9.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

#### 9.1.1 Locally Developed Courses

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the recommendations for Locally Developed Courses for school use in CBE for the authorized periods set by Alberta Education's policy.**

#### 9.1.2 Revision to the Schedule of Regular Board Meetings

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings to change the commencement time of the June 18, 2024 public meeting to 1:00 p.m.**

#### 9.1.3 Meeting Minutes

- Special Meeting held April 4, 2024
- Regular Meeting held April 9, 2024
- Regular Meeting held April 23, 2024

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held April 4, 2024 and the Regular Meetings held April 9 and 23, 2024 as submitted.**

### 9.2 **Items Provided for Board Information**

There were no reports.

Chair Hack noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss two legal, one land, two labour and seven strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Recessed: 12:30 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:01 p.m.

## 10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

### **Motion to Move In Camera**



MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

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 28, 2024 be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

Resolved, **THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Close:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to provide the report as discussed in-camera by no later than February 28, 2025.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

MOVED by Trustee May:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves Option 1 as discussed in-camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

**11 | TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 4:33 p.m.

