

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, June 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

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

Absent:

Trustee D. Downey

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
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
J. Turner, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

J. Batycky, Elementary School Principals’ Association
S. Glassford, Senior High School Principals’ Association

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

Chair Bolger called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from Cedarbrae, Catherine Nichols Gunn, and Falconridge schools led the national anthem through a video recording.

A. Ambrozy, Indigenous Education Specialist, and a student from Forest Lawn High School acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. They 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 Vukadinovic 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 item 9.2.1, Construction Project Status Update, be removed from the consent agenda and added as item 7.2 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2024, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Cedarbrae, Catherine Nichols Gunn, Falconridge, Forest Lawn, and John G. Diefenbaker School Presentation**

L. Pritchard, Education Director, introduced the presentation, highlighting work of the Indigenous Education team in supporting and enhancing the learning experiences of students who self-identify as Indigenous; student personal development; and the resilience and perseverance of students who self-identify as Indigenous.

J. Weasel Bear and B. Kinley, Indigenous Education Specialists, presented on: the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework; the history of Indigenous education; the current education experience of students who self-identify as Indigenous; the Search Institute's four "s" interview questions of sparks, strengths, struggles, and supports that students were asked to reflect on; the Truth and Reconciliation 94 calls to action; and strategic action to meet the needs of students who self-identify as Indigenous.

Elder C. Eagle Speaker shared through a video recording on socio-cultural impacts on Indigenous Education and Blackfoot ways of being and learning.

Students from John G. Diefenbaker High School and Forest Lawn High School shared through video recordings on their education experiences as students who self-identify as Indigenous, responding to the four "s" focus questions.

A student from Joane Cardinal-Shubert High School shared a traditional song.



Chair Bolger thanked the staff and students for their presentation.

Recessed: 11:40 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:48 p.m.

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 Student Accommodation Plan 2024-2027**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting continued record enrolment growth; projects and engagements completed during the current school year to optimize student accommodation; required short-term decisions to address student accommodation needs; the ongoing work to strategically address anticipated student accommodation challenges in the next two school years; and the context of the collective work that occurs on an ongoing basis to attend to accommodation challenges.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting: the high numbers of newcomers to Calgary; the complexity of city-wide population distribution; the significant increase in the number of schools in overflow, up 67% since the end of the 2022-23 school year; the increase in the number of facility projects, up 60% since the 2022-23 school year; and actions that will continue to allow the CBE to adapt to changing demographics.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including: open concept school designs; option boundary challenges; availability of and equity of access to programs of choice; in-year adjustments to overflow designations; capacity for public engagement; impact of enrolment growth on established communities; transportation implications; and development on the western edge of the City of Calgary on Tsuut'ina lands.

7.2 **Construction Project Status Updates**

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including deficiencies and warranty issues impacting North Trail High School and progress on the John G. Diefenbaker school modernization.

Recessed: 12:27 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:35 p.m.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**



8.1 Ten-Year Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, stating: the report plans for student accommodation within the CBE real property portfolio in the long term; updates made every three years to account for changing trends; highlights for the province and the City of Calgary the collective action that must be taken to meet the needs of students; significant changes to enrolment trends since the last update in 2022; and the context of this report within the larger CBE strategy.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting: 56% of schools are currently 50 years old; over the period of this ten-year strategy, over 70% of schools will be over 50 years old; distribution of population growth in the City of Calgary; anticipated enrolment trends and strategic adjustment to grade configurations in schools to manage utilization; and accommodation challenges for high schools.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including: requirements to submit the report to Alberta Education; modular classroom mini-school and core construction starter school concepts; industry standards for major maintenance and how CBE prioritizes projects; funding and contingency planning for major maintenance needs; ability to increase capacity in new school construction projects; capacity of high school sites; hybrid learning or learning shift concepts; solution projects; CBE and City of Calgary boundaries; and data informing continued enrolment growth trends.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Ten-Year Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy 2024-2034.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: updates to the Ten-Year Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy since 2022; the significant and urgent need for additional learning spaces; advocacy for capital planning approvals from the Government of Alberta; commitment to finding agile solutions to manage significant growth; the age of school buildings and the need for maintenance and infrastructure funding; the demonstration of good stewardship of the resources available; and the demonstration of commitment to equity of access.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

8.2 2024-25 Monitoring Adjustments to Results 3, 4, and 5

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting: the June 2022 and June 2023 suspensions of indicators tied to the monitoring of report card results for Results 3: Citizenship, Results 4: Personal Development and Results 5: Character due to the introduction of new curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 6; continued implementation of new curriculum into the 2024-2025 school year; and the recommendation to suspend



seven of the nine indicators for Results 3, 4, and 5 report card results for Kindergarten to Grade 6 as new curriculum continues to be implemented.

Trustees had no questions on the report.

MOVED by Trustee Hack

THAT the Board of Trustees suspends the inclusion of any indicators for Results 3: Citizenship, Results 4: Personal Development and Results 5: Character related to Kindergarten to Grade 6 school report cards for the 2024-25 school year, with the exception of Results 3: Citizenship, section 3.2; Results 4: Personal Development, section 4.5.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on matters from the report, including impact on the workload of teachers; no reduction in expectations or impact on future target setting; demonstrations of citizenship, personal development, and character in student behaviour; and support for teachers.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

8.3 Modular Classroom Relocation

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting the need to relocate five modular classrooms to Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School, which was identified in the Modular Classroom Program requests made to Alberta Education last fall but not approved; and actions to address high enrolment pressures.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting the need for student spaces at Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School, which is in overflow; restrictions on school boards that do not allow for the independent purchase of new modular classrooms; optimization of the utilization rates at the schools the modulares are currently at; age of the modular classrooms and the estimated costs for repair; and responsiveness to the high utilization pressures at the high school level.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including rental space at the YWCA; communication with students and families; age of the units and budget for repairs; estimated increase in a modular's life-time with repairs; timeline for having the modular units available for classes; similar consideration for other schools; municipal code update requirements; and the capacity of capital reserves.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves a budget expenditure of up to \$2,816,688 from capital reserves for project expenses related to the relocation of five existing modular classrooms.



In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on strategic and creative responses to the critical need for increased learning spaces due to record high enrolment; the need for new schools to be approved by Alberta Education; and concern for the age of the units and costs for repairs.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

8.4 Proposed Amendments to Governance Culture Policies

Chair Bolger introduced the report, highlighting the procedure for reviewing and updating Board policies.

Trustees had no questions on the report.

MOVED by Trustee Close

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amendments to GC-5E: Board Governance Committee Terms of Reference, as provided in Attachment I to the report.

In debate on the motion, trustees made comments on the policy review and amendment procedure.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 OE-5: Financial Planning – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-5: Financial Planning.

9.1.2 OE-9: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-9: Facilities.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information



Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss one legal, two land, two labour and five strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Recessed: 2:03 p.m.
Reconvened: 2:28 p.m.

10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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, June 25, 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 Vukadinovic:

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 authorizes the chair to communicate with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the termination of the Name Review Committee for Sir John A Macdonald school.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis



Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Absent: Trustee Downey

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the engagement of the services provider and the engagement particulars discussed in camera, subject to any subsequent non-material changes.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the June 25, 2024 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

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Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Absent:

Trustee D. Downey
Trustee L. Hack

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
K. Fenney, General Counsel



M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

All virtual attendees confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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, June 25, 2024, reconvened July 11, 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
Trustee Hack

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the document as discussed in camera, subject to any subsequent non-material changes.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee May

Absent: Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 12:15 p.m.

