

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, September 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

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

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:

S. Clements, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
C. Haney, Sr. High School Principals’ Association

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

Chair Bolger called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and students from New Brighton School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Bolger 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, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting, including those attending virtually.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**



P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted a request was received to remove Item 10.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update from the Consent Agenda and add it as Item 8.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2024, subject to the change noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Bolger welcomed all in attendance to the first public Board meeting of the 2024-25 school year. She noted the upcoming National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and affirmed the CBE's commitment to truth and reconciliation, diversity and inclusion and the CBE's commitment to collaboration with families, community partners, and government to ensuring a strong public education system.

Chief Superintendent Pitman commented on the new school year under way, noting 143,000 students were welcomed on the first day of classes, approximately 5000 more than at the start of last year; continued enrolment of new students; the future represented by students; recognition of over 16,000 employees working to create conditions for learning, guided by the Education Plan and based on learning excellence, well-being, and truth and reconciliation, diversity and inclusion; truth and reconciliation week leading up to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; daily actions demonstrating CBE's commitment to this work; and thanks to the families who have entrusted their children's education to CBE and who work hard to prepare them for learning.

4 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

7 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.



8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

8.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Trustees made comments on enrolment and utilization and the addition of six new before-and-after school care programs operating in CBE schools, noting the benefit of these programs to schools, students, and communities.

9 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

9.1 Recommendation to Commence Public Input for Closure of All Boys Program

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the program is not attaining the alternative program outcomes of the single gendered approach it is premised upon; and severely declining enrolment, currently at only 30 students between grades 1-6, resulting in multi-grade classrooms, no Kindergarten class, and the loss of the before-and-after school care program.

Superintendent Breton provided further highlights from the report, noting that the closure of the school, if approved, would take place at the end of the current school year in June 2025; the goal to ensure successful transition for students into community schools closer to home; reduced transportation times for students; the school's shift to a focus on special education which does not meet the original mandate of the single-gendered program; deteriorating enrolment; inequity in funding, due to low enrolment; feedback gathered from students, family, and staff; future potential use of the school building for elementary school programming; and transition planning.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report including: transition planning; deviation from the original intent of the alternative program for single-gender programming; interest in the program; supports for complex learners who would transition into regular-program environments; transition for students whose designated schools are in overflow; the school funding model and cost efficiency comparisons; the program evaluation processes; the number of complex learners in comparison to other alternative programs; access to alternative programming; and the alternative program mandate.

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to commence the public input process to consider the closure of All Boys Program at Sir James Lougheed School in accordance with GC-3E: Closure of Schools Procedure.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the purpose and importance of the public input process; transition planning for students; and evidence supporting the commencement of a public input process.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.



The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

10.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

10.1.1 Locally Developed Courses

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

10.1.2 ASBA Community Engagement Award – Nomination

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the nomination of the 2024-2027 Education Plan engagement for the 2024 Alberta School Boards Association Community Engagement Award.

10.1.3 ASBA Innovation Excellence Award – Nomination

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the nomination of Level Up Calgary for the 2024 Alberta School Boards Association Community Innovation Excellence Award.

10.1.4 Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting held May 21, 2024
- Regular Meeting held May 28, 2024
- Organizational Meeting held June 18, 2024
- Regular Meeting held June 18, 2024
- Regular Meeting held June 25, 2024
- Special Meeting held August 16, 2024

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held May 21 and 28, June 18 and 25, 2024, the Organizational Meeting held June 18, 2024, and the Special Meeting held August 16, 2024.

10.2 Items Provided for Board Information

10.2.1 Construction Project Status Update

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, three labour and six strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



Recessed: 11:42 a.m.
Reconvened: 11:59 a.m.

11 | 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, September 24, 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.

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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 the Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the electronic approval of the July 18, 2024 letter to EducationMatters.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by the Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the collective bargaining mandate provided in Attachment I to the private report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12 | TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:55 p.m.

