

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 15, 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 S. Vukadinovic

Absent:

Trustee C. May

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:

A. Bobenic, Elementary School Principals’ Association
C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees, local 40
J. Macdonald, Sr. High 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 Fish Creek 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 that a request was received to remove Item 9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update from the Consent Agenda and add it as Item 7.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024, subject to the change noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **Green House Gas Emissions Intensity Awards**

Chair Bolger introduced the awards, noting the City of Calgary Benchmark YYC program is working with the Emerald Foundation to host the Annual Energy Benchmarking Awards, celebrating the achievement of businesses in five categories: offices, K-12 schools, multi-family homes, other buildings, and most improved. This year two CBE schools have been selected: Balmoral School was awarded for the second year in a row as the top performing K-12 school in the Benchmark YYC program for the 2022 calendar year, and Catherine Nichols Gunn School was awarded as the school with the best Green House Gas Emissions Intensity reduction between 2021-2022 with 32% reduction. CBE works to manage and reduce consumption through energy efficient facility upgrades, utility management at the school and system level, and engaging staff and students in energy education and awareness campaigns.

Chair Bolger invited school principals, R. Vijairaghavan and L. Doyle, Education Director T. Healing, Director of Facility Projects, T. Fenton, and Sustainability Coordinator, O. Olafson to receive the awards.

Recessed: 11:06 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:10 a.m.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-1: Global Operational Expectations – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that data applies to the 2023-24 school year; it demonstrates that CBE has taken reasonable measures to ensure practices, activities and decisions are lawful, ethical, prudent and consistent with Board policy;



promotes public and parent confidence in the CBE; and compliance in five of six indicators, with one indicator indicating non-compliance due to ongoing work.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report including: the process for creation and review of the new Personal Mobile Device Administrative Regulation and other policy updates; the permanent role of Policy Coordinator; the process to balance risks and benefits of off-site activities; and the impact of deferred maintenance on insurance coverage.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-1: Global Operational Expectations to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon Thursday, October 24, 2024. She stated that if no motions come forward, the matter will be placed on the October 29, 2024 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-1: Global Operational Expectations.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 **Chief Superintendent's Update**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting alignment with Board policy for reporting and alignment with the Education Plan; communication with the Board and the public regarding the progress of work in the current school year; work being done in line with CBE's commitment to truth and reconciliation, equity and inclusion; continued engagement of student voice; plans for the current school year; and stewardship of facilities.

A trustee commented on the honour of a traditional Blackfoot name, Aksis'stoow'aakii (Courageous Woman), being gifted to the Chief Superintendent, and asked a question on curriculum regarding the residential school system.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **CBE Boundary Adjustment**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting the proposal to adjust CBE boundaries to include two areas that fall within the City of Calgary but currently remain outside of CBE's educational boundaries.

Superintendent Breton provided highlights of the process for City of Calgary annexation of sparsely populated rural areas for development and alignment with CBE education boundaries; the difference in transportation grant funding models for rural and urban communities; specifications about the areas being incorporated; communication with



Rocky View Schools District about students currently residing in these areas, confirming there are none; information from developers about anticipated residences in the areas; and the planned inclusion of students moving into these areas in CBE schools in August 2025.

Trustees asked questions on matters from the report, including transportation costs and funding; projected student enrolment from the new areas; and transportation service capacity.

Chair Bolger called for a motion.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education, as provided in Attachment I.

In debate of the motion trustees made comments on: the history of City of Calgary and CBE growth; alignment with City of Calgary boundaries; consideration of benefit to the community; transportation costs; transportation distances; school utilization rates and capacity; and advocacy for the construction of new schools.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Hack

Absent: Trustee May

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

There were no reports or presentations.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

There were no reports or presentations.

Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss one land, one labour and six strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Recessed: 11:57 a.m.

Reconvened: 12:23 p.m.



10 | PRIVATE SESSION

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, October 15, 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 May

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Vice-Chair to send the letter discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the electronic approval of the October 3, 2024 letter to Premier Smith.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure, as discussed in camera.

The motion was



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

11 | TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2:23 p.m.

