

## **CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Revised 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 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)  
Trustee N. Close  
Trustee M. Dennis  
Trustee L. Hack  
Trustee C. May (attended virtually)  
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:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
S. Clements, Alberta Teacher’s Association, Local 38  
J. Batycky, Elementary Schools Principals’ Association  
J. Leavitt, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners

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

Chair Bolger called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and students from Western Canada High School led the national anthem through a video recording.

A student from Joane Cardinal-Schubert 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, 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 no agenda change requests were received.

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 29, 2024, as submitted.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

## 4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

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

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the presentation, highlighting: the importance of student voice; empowering student leadership and influence in their communities; the background of the Chief Superintendent Student Advisory Council (CSSAC) and the opportunity to learn directly from students; the structure of the council; and the impact of student led action. She also thanked the presenting students for attending.

T. Healing, Education Director, presented on the diversity of students selected for CSSAC participation; council meetings; inclusion of student voice in school development plans and the Education Plan 2024-27; contributions to school based initiatives; participation in numerous CBE initiatives; and student leadership development.

K. Khubyar, Specialist, Diversity and Inclusion and R. Paquette, Learning Leader, presented on the Student Well-Being Symposium; student wellness action teams; student leadership development and school improvement plans; and plans for the 2024-25 school year.

Student members of the CSSAC shared on their experiences and the impacts of participation with CSSAC.

Chair Bolger and Trustee Close thanked students and staff for the presentation.

Recessed: 11:24 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:28 a.m.



5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION**

7.1 **Continuum of Student Supports and Services**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the presentation, commenting on the complex and highly individual needs for support across the system and the requirements to meet those needs.

Superintendent Turner continued, highlighting alignment with the mission of the CBE and the Education Plan 2024-27; work being done to meet the needs of complex learners; and the necessity of a continuum of supports and services to meet the wide range of needs of each student.

C. Radu, Education Director, Inclusive Education, continued the presentation, highlighting the portfolio of Inclusive Education; the continuum of supports and services in place to address complex students' needs; key measures to ensure student and staff well-being; Alberta Education's Principles of Inclusive Education; seven elements of effective programming, including collaborative structures, assessment structures, approaches and supports, processes and protocols, pathways to service, transitions, and managing resources; the multi-tiered systems of supports and services, including universal, targeted, and individualized supports and services; processes for identifying needs and monitoring progress; pathways for accessing supports and services; and examples of student portfolios.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report including the process for determining student needs for supports and services; parental input and consent in the determination process; access to supports and services; distribution of students receiving specialized supports and services between regular program classrooms and unique setting classrooms; costs and funding for specialized supports and services; supports and services specifically for neurodiverse students with diagnoses on the ADHD/autism spectrum; the collaborative response model; and meeting the expectations of parents.

A trustee made comments on the shortfall of resources available to meet the needs for supports and specialized services and implored the Ministers of Education, Health, and Mental Health and Addictions to provide collaborative solutions to meet the needs of students, including increasing per-student base funding and funding the construction of more learning spaces.



8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

9.1 **Capital Planning Project Ranking Criteria**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting the request of the Board of Trustees to have administration review the ranking criteria; the context of record high utilization rates and the increasing City of Calgary focus on densification; and responsiveness to ensuring a wholistic understanding of the collective actions to support effective capital investment through multiple solutions.

Superintendent Breton highlighted contents of the report, including the consistency and reproducibility provided by the use of criteria that is to be further enhanced by the professional judgement of experts; adjustment of the site readiness criteria; updates to the modernization criteria, renamed as existing school criteria; updates to school revitalization considerations; updates to criteria for school additions; and amendments to the modular classroom criteria expanding the utilization range used for scoring.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including criteria for site readiness; starter school structure; prioritization of schools in new communities; elementary school capacity; criteria for K-9 single site schools; prioritization of good stewardship of existing capital resources; the school revitalization filter; deferred maintenance; and the longevity of the criteria should trends in enrolment significantly change.

Recessed: 1:36 p.m.  
Reconvened 1:43 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Capital Planning Project Ranking Criteria as provided in Attachment I to the report.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on responsible stewardship of resources; data driven and reproducible planning criteria; a wholistic and flexible approach to capital planning, room in the criteria for future refinement; the consideration of both data and expertise of staff; and appreciation for criteria that is clear, defensible and transparent to the public and Alberta Education.

Chair Bolger called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was,  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



### 9.1 2025/26 Modular Classroom Program

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting the continued record high enrolment growth; projected enrolment trends; the request for over sixty modular classrooms to support over 3,000 students currently overflowed from thirty-four designated schools; and the announced Government of Alberta funding increase for additional modular classrooms that will help to address the system-wide utilization rate of 95%.

Superintendent Breton highlighted contents of the report, highlighting that sixty-four modular classrooms have been requested to increase capacity at seventeen identified schools; the request for demolition of one aging modular classroom; revised Modular Classroom criteria recently approved by the Board that better differentiates between schools with the most pressing needs for additional space; the long-term challenge of meeting high school capacity needs; and distribution plans for the requested Modular Classroom units.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including area, capacity, and utilization (ACU) adjustment calculations; modular classrooms funding; modular classrooms for Connaught School; anticipated timeline for having modular classrooms ready for use; supply availability; concerns regarding school capacity and utilization rates at schools where no modular classrooms can be added; and inter-district modular classroom relocation.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-26 Modular Classroom Program Submission.**

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on meeting the needs of enrolment growth; high utilization rates across the system; and the significant need for learning spaces resulting in record setting requests over the last couple of years.

Chair Bolger called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was,  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 10 | CONSENT AGENDA

### 10.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

#### 10.1.1 OE-1: Global Operational Expectations – Annual Monitoring

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-1: Global Operational Expectations.**



## 10.2 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 two legal, four land, three labour and four strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Recessed: 2:16 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:49 p.m.

## 11 | PRIVATE SESSION

Trustee May acknowledged she was alone and in a location that no other person could hear her 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, October 29, 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 Vukadinovic:

**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 Hack:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves an increase in the school capacities and grade configurations of nine schools contained in the 2025-28 Three-Year School Capital Plan in the communities of Redstone, Cornerstone, Mahogany, Livingston, Saddle Ridge, Cityscape, and Sage Hill.**

The motion was

CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger  
Trustee Close  
Trustee Dennis  
Trustee Hack



Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education pertaining to this change request, as provided in Attachments I and II to this report.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with Calgary Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly as discussed in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the publication of the statement regarding the February 1, 2024 Alberta Government policy announcement as discussed in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger  
Trustee Dennis  
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Close  
Trustee Hack

Absent: Trustee May

## 12 | TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 6:24 p.m.

