

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. through Microsoft Teams

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Virtual)

Board of Trustees

In Attendance:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman

Absent:

Trustee M. Bradshaw

Administration:

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

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

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and O Canada was led by students from New Brighton School by way of pre-recorded video.

Chair Dennis 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.

Chair Dennis welcomed staff, public members, and union representatives participating in the virtual Board meeting.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted there were no changes to the agenda.



MOVED by Trustee Adams:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021 as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | RESULTS FOCUS

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1 Mr. S. Helfenbaum, Student at Langevin School

Mr. S. Helfenbaum expressed his desire to change the name of Langevin School. He provided some history about the namesake, Hector John Louis Langevin. As part of truth and reconciliation schools should be places where students feel safe, welcomed and part of the community and to achieve this he thinks the name of the school should be changed.

Mr. Z. Helfenbaum, Student at Langevin School

Mr. Z. Helfenbaum advocated for the renaming of Langevin School. He mentioned the need to have a procedure in place for renaming and would like to see a committee initiated to look at renaming schools, starting with Langevin. He spoke about different school board policies that CBE can use as models and also provided some ideas on how to save on costs if a new name is decided.

Ms. J. McCullagh, Student at Langevin School

Ms. J. McCullagh spoke about her work towards renaming Langevin School over the last four years stating that lessons have been learned from the past about what happened in residential schools. She provided the example of The City of Calgary renaming Langevin Bridge to Reconciliation Bridge.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 CBE 2020-2021 Incremental COVID-19 Costs

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report. Superintendent Grundy provided additional detail stating that since the last report, there have been many changes. With more COVID-19 infections, additional measures were put in place including the extension of winter break. Additional support was announced in January through the Federal



Government Safe Return to Class program, which provided the CBE with an additional \$1.2 million. Administration is carefully monitoring the evolving situation, with the biggest risk being the spread of COVID-19 variants.

Administration responded to trustees questions on matters including: the certificated positions supporting the management of COVID-19 cases; teacher re-assignment between HUB and schools; cost of substitute teachers to date; sick leave coverage for substitute teachers and non-certificated staff; areas of greatest risk for significant cost increases; cleaning staff overtime; where extra certificated and HUB staff were drawn from; party responsible for transportation cleaning; and any equipment and supply shortages or delays and how they were managed.

7.2 Shaping the Future of CBE High Schools

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that the CBE launched the High School Engagement in May 2019 which committed to communicating a sustainable system-wide plan for high schools that continues to offer students access, flexibility, and choice in programming given available space and resources by fall 2021. The next phase of active engagement has been launched, gathering feedback on two possible scenarios. The feedback will inform the proposed plan which will be shared between June and September and will give parents, students, and staff a final opportunity to provide feedback before a final decision is made.

Acting Superintendent Unruh provided additional detail speaking about the importance of providing quality learning environments for all students in a cost effective manner and balancing enrolment. She reiterated that significant differences in enrolment and utilizations rates can create challenges in providing access, flexibility, and choice to students. Chief Communications Officer Ms. Martin-Esposito provided additional remarks about the engagement launch and a video of the engagement process was shown.

Administration responded to trustees questions on matters including: how people know which virtual session to sign up for; meeting the remaining timelines; how the CBE is realizing the cost savings that will occur after reconfiguration; and steps taken to encourage more equal engagement.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting held January 12, 2021
- Regular Meeting held January 26, 2021

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held January 12 and January 26, 2021, as submitted.



9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Correspondence

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss five land, two labour, one legal, and three strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Recessed: 12:57 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:31 p.m.

11 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Trustees, Superintendents, and Ms. D. McQueen confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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, February 23, 2021 be considered at an in-camera session; therefore, be it

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves registration of a Public Access Easement Agreement on a future elementary school site in the community of Auburn bay.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education pertaining registration of the Public Access Easement Agreement on the land title to this property.**



The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves disposition of the Montgomery School property.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education pertaining to sale of the Montgomery School property.**

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Adams Trustee Dennis Trustee Hurdman
Opposed:	Trustee Hehr Trustee Hrdlicka

12 | **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

