

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 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee P. King
Trustee G. Lane
Trustee S. Taylor

Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Support
Mr. W. Braun on behalf of Ms. D. Meyers, Superintendent, Finance & Supply Chain Services
Mr. R. Peden, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Mr. R. Peter, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. D. Doll, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Newton, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils
Mr. B. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the assembly sang the national anthem, which was led by students from Terry Fox School by way of a DVD recording.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed stakeholder representatives from the organizations as noted above.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chair Cochrane introduced and welcomed Darren as Board Page for 2011-2012. Darren is a grade 12 student at Western Canada High School.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Report from the Chair and Trustees

Trustee Bowen-Eyre shared that on August 30, 2011 she attended the Start Smart, Stay Safe, Children and Family Initiative that was held at the Glenmore Inn. This initiative was hosted by the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Catholic School District, Calgary Board of Education and Mount Royal University.

5.2 Report from the Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Johnson reported that the start up for Calgary Board of Education schools went smoothly and she expressed appreciation to Superintendent Coppinger and his staff for their work over the summer to ensure that schools were ready for fall start up.

5.3 Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

5.4 Stakeholder Reports

5.4.1 Mr. L. Leach, Representing the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools (ARTICS)

Mr. Leach stated that ARTICS started its work last April and will continue to ensure that the work of the Board is transparent and that it is accountable to parents and engages the citizens of Calgary to help build the best public education system possible. Mr. Leach commented on data compiled by ARTICS that tracked the amount of time the Board had spent in public and private meetings. A handout of the data was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Leach stated that the data did not include Board time spent at informal meetings, which ARTICS estimated to be an average of two to three hours per week. He expressed the opinion that much of the Board work has been done in private, which he believed to be contrary to the spirit of the *School Act*. Mr. Leach noted a concern that many topics discussed by the Board in private are of great public interest. He stated that ARTICS challenges the Board to be more transparent in 2011, to stop holding informal sessions and committee meetings of the whole, to open up all working committee meetings to the public, to develop a policy on what topics are appropriate to be discussed in-camera and to limit those topics to land, lease, legal and personnel.

5.4.2 Ms. H. Mowat, Member of the Public

Ms. Mowat shared comments about how structures can be damaging, noting her belief that structures make people compartmentalize and separate, and that structures create illusions that one's life is being cut into time and space; that structures seek dominance, hierarchies, titles, division of the mind, aggrandizement, insatiability for control, power and greed. She shared her opinion that structures of command and obeying and following the rules without understanding universal laws is ignorance and has negative effects on our children's health, well-being and their life passions.

5.5 Trustee Inquiries

There were no trustee inquiries.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Alberta School Boards Association 2011 Public Engagement Award Submission

Superintendent F. Coppinger, Facilities and Environmental Services, introduced the report and noted that Director C. Davies, Community Engagement and Operational Planning, and Director S. Smyth, Area IV, were present to assist with questions.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the submission for the Alberta School Boards Association 2011 Public Engagement Award, as attached to the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

7.1 Annual Monitoring Report for Executive Limitations 2: Executive Succession and Backup

Chief Superintendent N. Johnson welcomed questions from trustees.

Chair Cochrane reviewed the criteria against which the trustees are to judge the report, including that of reasonable interpretation of the policy, compliance with the policy and whether sufficient information had been provided. She noted also that any decision or comment of the Board around non-compliance is in no way intended to be a vote of non-confidence for the Chief Superintendent.

Administration addressed some questions of clarification for trustees.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Chief Superintendent has reasonably interpreted the provisions of Executive Limitations 2: Executive Succession and Backup, and the Board of Trustees finds the Chief Superintendent to be in compliance.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

There were no items.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cochrane declared the following items to be adopted as submitted:

9.1 Board Consent Agenda

9.1.1 Correspondence

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following correspondence for information and for the record, in the form as submitted:

- Letter dated June 3, 2011 from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Board Chair Pat Cochrane, commending the Board on its 2010 Accountability Pillar results.

- Letter dated June 6, 2011 from Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Alberta Education, to Board Chair Pat Cochrane, sharing the Minister's decisions for funding of various projects in the CBE.
- Letter dated June 23, 2011 from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Board Chair Pat Cochrane, giving approval to CBE to list property with a real estate agent.
- Letter dated July 27, 2011 from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Board Chair Pat Cochrane, regarding the CBE's request for boundary changes.
- Email, with attachments, dated June 29, 2011, from Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Alberta Education, to Board Chairs and Superintendents, regarding Excellence in Teaching Awards semi-finalists and recipients, and their access to funds for professional development.
- Email dated June 30, 2011 from Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Alberta Education, to Superintendents and Special Education Directors, regarding a delay in decision with respect to Action on Inclusion, 2011/12 Funding to Support Building an Inclusive Education System.
- Email dated August 4, 2011 from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Board Chairs of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Boards, regarding the reinstatement of fuel price contingency program.

9.2 Chief Superintendent Consent Agenda

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent Update

THAT the Chief Superintendent Update be received for information.

10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Taylor gave notice of motion regarding student nutrition.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.