

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 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
Mr. J. Johnston, Superintendent, Human Resources
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Support
Ms. D. Meyers, Superintendent, Finance & Supply Chain Services
Mr. R. Peter, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. J. Bancroft, on behalf of Ms. L. Safran, Acting General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Ms. J. Barkway, Office of the Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. L. Newton, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils
Mr. B. Unterschultz, Elementary School Principals' Association

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and O Canada was led by students from Brentwood School, by way of a DVD recording.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Barkway noted that Item 9.2.1, Chief Superintendent Update, was removed from the Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2012, be approved as submitted, subject to the amendment noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

3.1 West View School – Results 3: Citizenship

Ms. J. Everett, Director, Area I, introduced the presentation, sharing the profile of students at West View School. She noted that the school is located in the northwest quadrant of the city, in the Calgary Young Offender Centre. She introduced and called forward Mr. D. Gordon, Principal, Ms. M. Bishop, Assistant Principal, and Ms. T. Chaudhary, teacher, to give the school presentation. The work at West View School represents how personalization of learning perpetuates citizenship.

A video was shown of the students in their learning environment at West View School. It was noted that the students are living citizenship and respect and they are in a trusting environment that is very well supported. It is a haven for multidisciplinary education intervention.

Ms. Chaudhary shared the work of her students and how citizenship education encourages them to become contributing members of society. They have undertaken a school project called "Project Africa", which has led to their partnership with the building of a school in Sierra Leone. A video was shown of Ms. Chaudhary and a student being interviewed by CBC Radio's *The Eye Opener* to talk about how the students are impacted by their work on this project and how they are connecting with the community. Through fundraising efforts, the students at West View School have raised \$7,000 towards their goal of \$20,000 to help build the school in Sierra Leone. Students will be displaying their works of art at Mount Royal University in February 2012, as part of their fundraising campaign.

Trustee Bowen-Eyre thanked the staff for the work that goes on every day at West View School and for sharing some of that work in this presentation. She noted that her visits to the school have revealed that it truly is a creation of citizenship in a very unique setting. It is about the personalization of learning and the students have created a sense of belonging with one another. Chair Cochrane asked that Mr. Gordon and his staff stand to be recognized for their commendable work.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no honours or recognitions.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Report from the Chair and Trustees

- Trustee King reported that on January 25, 2012 she took part in the celebration for the launch of The Alex Health Bus. This is a CBE partnership that supports high school students in the area of health.

5.2 Report from Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Johnson relayed the regret of Ms. J. Regal, President, Alberta Teacher's Association Local 38, for her absence from this meeting.

Chief Superintendent Johnson provided highlights of Web 2.0, which is a popular term for a combination of advanced technology and user empowerment. Advanced technology enables web users to reach beyond the simple retrieval of information – users can now contribute to and interact with information. Web 2.0 is changing the face of our community and of democracy. CBE has created a detailed set of Web 2.0 guidelines for employees who are considering the use of web-based tools in a classroom or in a department. The CBE guidelines support informed decision-making about using web tools and new applications, for example, assessment of the educational value of the tool and assessment of the inherent risk are mandatory when an application requires the transfer of personnel or student data to a host site. The CBE guidelines build on our foundation of digital citizenship. Our challenge now and into the future is to thoughtfully learn and teach internet literacy, converse and collaborate using web tools, and help our students and ourselves make sense of the huge amounts of information and media that surround us.

5.3 Public Question Period

Chair Cochrane read from the Board's procedures in relation to public question period. She advised that in the Chief Superintendent's Update report is a response to a public question that was put to the Board on December 20, 2011, and it is a chart that would not be read into the Minutes, but can be viewed in the report.

5.4 Stakeholder Reports

There were no stakeholder reports.

5.5 Trustee Inquiries

There were no trustee inquiries.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no reports.

7.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

There were no reports.

8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

There were no reports.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Board Consent Agenda

9.1.1 Approval of Minutes

- Special Meeting held December 12 and 13, 2011
- Regular Meeting held December 20, 2011

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held December 12 and 13, 2011, and the Regular Meeting held December 20, 2011, as submitted.

9.1.2 Correspondence

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following correspondence for information and for the record:

- Letter dated January 19, 2012 from the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, to Board Chair Pat Cochrane, expressing his appreciation for the meeting on December 19, 2011, and hearing about the successes and challenges in the CBE.
- Letter dated January 23, 2012 from Ms. C. Smith, Chair, ASBA Policy Development Advisory Committee, to all Board Chairs, regarding the Call for Proposed Bylaw Amendments (ASBA 2012 Spring General Meeting).

9.2 Chief Superintendent Consent Agenda

9.2.2 Annual Report to the Public

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report for information.

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent Update

A Trustee questioned how the enrolment increases are reflected in the breakdown of the additional \$29.1 million received from the province. Superintendent Meyers replied that it is not detailed in this breakdown, and that the actual net budget increase resulting from enrolment changes was approximately \$167,000. She explained that not every enrolled student receives the same funding and some funding is not provided on a per student

basis, i.e., enrolment in Chinook Learning and in high school are based on the number of CEUs; and enrolment in outreach programs are based on the number of programs. Of the increased enrolment of 880 students, about 67 percent was related to funding that was not on a per student basis. Superintendent Meyers pointed out that adjustments of those numbers also occur in the estimation of the number of potential multiple school jurisdictions enrolment to verify that there is no duplication of funding; and, additionally, adjustments are made for any shifts in the estimations in terms of student enrolment in other programs. The increased enrolment was in fact offset by the decrease in projected numbers of students registered in English as a Second Language and special needs programs.

Superintendent Meyers addressed a question about the expense for the change in accounting treatment (from capital lease to operating lease). She stated that this change was made to ensure that we were in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. It was originally estimated that our situation would be a capital lease, which required that we would account for that lease by treating it as an asset with offsetting amortization. In fact, as an operating lease, it must be accounted for as lease expense.

Superintendent Lewis responded to a question about the \$2.5 million for supplies and services expenditures on the Action on Inclusion (“AI”) project. She informed that it refers to the recognition that the CBE was identified as a Change Agent on the provincial Action on Inclusion agenda.

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report for information.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.