

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board of Trustees:

Trustee G. Dirks, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee N. Close
Trustee P. Cochrane
Trustee K. Fawcett
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee G. Lane

Administration:

Dr. B. Croskery, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Mr. C. Hosfield on behalf of Ms. L. Angelo, Acting Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Business Operations & Environmental Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. J. Drysdale, Superintendent, School Support Services
Ms. B. Hubert, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. J. Jones, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. G. Scott, Director & General Counsel, Legal & Risk Management Services
Ms. S. Wasylshyn, Executive Assistant to the Trustees
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. G. Burger-Martindale, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils
Ms. D. Crawford, Principals' Association for Adolescent Learners
Mr. L. Liffiton, Alberta Teachers' Association
Mr. T. Stensland, Elementary School Principals' Association

Action By

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Dirks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the singing of the national anthem took place on the foyer, led by students from Collingwood Elementary School, who sang a selection of songs in both English and Spanish prior to the meeting start. The meeting reconvened in the Board Room and Chair Dirks welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations and members of the public.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Barkway noted that a late circulation was made of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 29, 2005, for consideration as an addition to the Agenda, as Item 9.1.1.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held December 20, 2005, be approved as submitted, subject to the addition of Item 9.1.1 – Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 29, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

4.1 Lighthouse Award

Ms. Kuester shared introductory comments about this month's Lighthouse Award recipient, The Breeze 103.1 FM radio station, and welcomed Mr. M. Godfrey, Marketing Director, who was in attendance to accept the Award on behalf of The Breeze. The Breeze FM has been a tremendous partner of the CBE for more than three years, having been involved in a variety of programs including *Book Bags for Kids* and *Read it Over*.

Mr. Godfrey provided remarks, noting that one of the first community partnerships that The Breeze established with the CBE is the program "Jazz in Schools". He acknowledged the dedicated work of Mr. K. Willms, Teacher-Curriculum Leader, Ernest Manning High School, in that particular program. He noted also that the ingenious work of Mr. D. Fretts, Coordinator, Corporate Partnerships, is much appreciated.

Chair Dirks expressed appreciation to The Breeze for partnering with the Calgary Board of Education and for their support of programs that assist with student learning.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5.2 Report from Chair and Trustees

Trustee Lane noted that on December 9th, on behalf of Trustees, he attended the Galileo Innovation Showcase at the University of Calgary. He shared comments about the projects that were displayed by students from Glendale Elementary School, Connaught Community School and Prince of Wales Elementary School.

Trustee Cochrane reported that earlier in the day she was at Western Canada High School to take in their Political Forum, which was attended by four federal candidates who were invited to participate. She noted there was some very insightful questioning by students at the Forum.

Trustee Close informed that she recently attended a drama presentation of *The Hobbit*, which was put on by students of Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School. She noted her belief that the CBE Communications department has been listing our high school productions on the external website. She commented that the Fine Arts are alive and well in the CBE.

Trustee Fawcett shared that he had attended an excellent musical production of *Chicago*, which was given by students of Lester B. Pearson High School.

Trustee Fawcett noted that earlier in the day, Trustees Close, Bazinet, Ferguson and himself had spent the morning with a number of corporate sponsors and partners with the CBE, delivering Book Bags for Kids. On behalf of the Board, he expressed appreciation to the sponsors who put in their time and resources to this program.

5.3 Report from Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Croskery reported on the following issues and events:

- He recently attended two separate school performances: Students of Belfast Elementary School put on a stunning performance of *Aladdin*; and William Aberhart High School students performed in a presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* at SAIT.
- He visited O.S. Geiger Elementary School to express condolences on the tragic loss of a student in a house fire. He shared the compassionate and skillful ways in which the school staff handled this crisis with their students.
- He met with Mr. R. McLennan, Principal, R.T. Alderman Junior High School, to extend appreciation of his 32 years of service to the CBE, and to congratulate him on his retirement.
- He was at CBE's Highfield Offices last week and met on one occasion with Facility Operations Supervisors; on another occasion he spent time with Media Services and worked on a set of Leadership Development videos.
- The Forest Lawn High School Band performed at the PetroCan Centre last week, and he was able to meet and speak with staff and students.
- He met with Ms. B. Hawes, who for many years worked as the secretary to the Chief Superintendent; she had also worked closely with Deputy Chief Superintendent Hubert, and more recently has worked at Willowglen Business Park. He commended Ms. Hawes for her sterling service to the CBE over the past 29 years.
- He shared an email from Ms. V. Barlow, Principal, Marion Carson Elementary School, noting that the school raised \$3,600 for the project "Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids", which will provide over 10,000 lunches in the New Year for street youth and children in schools.

5.4 Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

5.5 Stakeholder Reports

5.5.1 Ms. K. Fitzmaurice, School Council, Juno Beach Academy

Ms. Fitzmaurice spoke on behalf of the school council of Juno Beach Academy (JBA), noting that their program has shared a facility with the Integrated Occupational Program students at the Sir William Van Horne site for the past 2-1/2 years. She pointed out that mixing such extremely opposite cultures has created a very undesirable environment; and, that their program continues to struggle to acquire the basics, including desks, gym equipment, a staff room, material to equip the Science lab, etc. She noted that a meeting was called last June with the parents of JBA to review options for the relocation of the program, and the parents were satisfied with the outcome of that meeting because they felt that the Balmoral School building was a perfect fit for JBA. Ms. Fitzmaurice said that it was devastating to receive the Board's decision that the JBA program would remain at its present location. The parents of JBA receive the current proposal for the relocation of JBA with some hesitation, and they have some recommendations, which they ask that the Board gives consideration to:

- That busing be provided;
- That the Principal, Mr. Lee Villiger, have authority over all students in the new building;
- That adequate assets be allocated to support JBA students;
- That JBA students be given equal opportunity to participate in both curricular and extra curricular programs at the Centre West Campus;
- That JBA teaching staff and support staff remain with their program.

5.5.2 Mr. G. Cousins, on behalf of the Friends of Juno Beach Academy Society

Mr. G. Cousins stated that the Juno Beach Academy (JBA) Society is in favour of the present recommendation to relocate JBA from its current site to Lord Shaughnessy High School and encourages the Board of Trustees to approve the recommendation as set forth. He noted the belief that the following issues would be advantageous to this decision: good and peaceful governance; security and safety of JBA students; potential for development and growth of the JBA program; freedom to develop displays of the JBA culture in a brighter, cleaner and more efficient space, and to imprint the program's unique identity, particularly in reference to Canadian studies and history; to assist the Principal of JBA in expanding enrolments.

Mr. Cousins noted the following recommendations and concerns: in the process of closure and reopening, that a smooth transition occur for all affected persons; no loss of current staff positions, and of the principal's position; principal should have jurisdiction over the programs at the new location; that there may be a less than welcoming attitude at the new location; that the CBE works closely with JBA to introduce and promote the program in the new location and in the surrounding community; transportation issues must be dealt with to the satisfaction of the affected families; that JBA is consulted should other programs be considered for this location in the future; and, that Juno Beach Academy retain its name.

Mr. Cousins concluded his presentation by noting that the Friends of the Juno Beach Academy Society would be available to assist the CBE in the transition of the program to its new location.

5.6 Trustee Inquiries

There were no trustee inquiries.

6.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

6.1 Ends

There were no items.

6.2 Executive Limitations

There were no items.

6.3 Board Performance – Governance Process

There were no items.

7.0 BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The following item was presented at the appointed 6:00 p.m. start time, but is recorded here to provide continuity to these minutes.

7.1 Transportation

Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement and Transportation, commenced the presentation with an introduction of the presenters, as follows:

- Mr. W. Braun, Director, Financial Services
- Ms. C. Llewellyn, Manager, Transportation Services
- Ms. T. Annis, System Assistant Principal, Community Engagement and Transportation
- Mr. T. Jezersek, Southland Transportation Ltd.

Mr. S. Weber, Cardinal Coach Lines Limited
Mr. F. Wong, Calgary Transit

A PowerPoint presentation was shown, of which hard copies were also made available and distributed at the meeting. The content of the presentation was as follows:

- Allocation of Provincial Funding: Assumptions and Amounts; Funding of Metro, Rural & Urban Boards; Escalating Fuel Costs
- Allocation of Funds by CBE: Budget Development
- Students, Buses and Routes: By Charter, Calgary Transit Services, and by Division
- Parameters for Establishing CBE's Model of Transportation Delivery: Expected Delivery Outcomes; Logistical Parameters and Assumptions; Roles and Responsibilities of Service Providers
- Comparison to Other Large Metro Centres: Calgary Catholic School District; Edmonton Public School Board; Edmonton Catholic School Board
- Internal Monitoring Mechanisms: Executive Limitations; Administrative Regulations; Transportation Agreements

Comments were provided by the CBE's three transportation carriers, which are summarized as follows:

- Mr. Jezersek, Southland Transportation Ltd., noted the following as critical issues: diminishing space and rising cost for park-out yards; increased traffic congestion; increased operating costs; increased recruitment and retention-related costs; reduced labour pool. He shared the ways in which their company is attempting to address this last issue. He stated that safety is their primary concern and they dare not reduce their initial and ongoing expectations or requirements of their employees.
- Mr. Weber, Cardinal Coach Lines Limited, stated that the funding framework does not work, and shared reasons why. He pointed out that the CBE provides a basis for quality and accountability; it mandates drivers' wages as part of the transportation contracts, which allows for consistency, fairness and efficiency. With respect to the employment situation, and with anticipated wage levels, their company attempts to anticipate three years in advance what the needs will be; however, in both areas these estimates have fallen short.
- Mr. Wong, Calgary Transit, noted that with respect to student transportation, the largest issue for them is the start times of the high schools, and it would be more ideal if they had a later start. He pointed out that changes to schools' start and finish times, in terms of early dismissals, i.e. the Friday before the Christmas break, or an unscheduled day around a long weekend, have an impact on Calgary Transit when insufficient notice is given.

Trustees posed questions, which were answered by Administration, and are summarized as follows:

- On a point of clarification with respect to the reduction of students who would require busing if our top five capital plan projects were approved - Ms. Llewellyn noted that including also those students for whom a new school is currently under construction, there would be a 66% reduction in the number of students who would have to be bused out of those communities.
- Mr. Braun informed that a sub-committee of the recently announced Funding Framework Committee has been struck, on which he sits as a Metro Board representative, to review the transportation funding formula. Mr. Braun shared some of the significant components that require consideration with respect to the funding formula, as well as the need for Alberta Education to fund a computerized routing system for metro boards.
- Ms. Llewellyn provided information pertinent to the computer system capabilities we currently have, and some of the advances made in that area, with respect to collection of fees and rider eligibility, as well as for transportation route charting.

In consideration of next steps to be taken, the Chair was asked what the time frame is for the reporting of the Funding Framework Review Committee, on which he sits? Chair Dirks noted that all four of the major sub-committees have significant work to do, and a report on this work by February is highly unlikely; therefore, it would likely not impact provincial budgeting to any degree for the upcoming cycle.

Trustee Cochrane noted that the Metro Boards' Study is an advocacy focus for the Board of Trustees, and expressed that it could be beneficial to take the information that has been provided in this presentation and add it to the advocacy plan for the Metro Study. She suggested that this work be referred to the Board's Linkages Committee. Trustees indicated consent with this recommendation.

Board

7:05 p.m. – Recessed.

7:24 p.m. – Reconvened.

8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Item 8.1 and part of Item 8.2 were considered prior to Item 7.1; however, they are recorded in order of the agenda item numbers to provide continuity to these minutes.

8.1 Amendment of GP-5E: Closure of Schools

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 6, 2005, the following motion was proposed and subsequently was postponed to this meeting:

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees uses one modified process for the closure of schools, and that the Board approves the amendment of GP 5E, by the addition of the phrase “using the Board’s customary process and principles as applicable to closures occurring pursuant to section 4 to 7 of this procedure”.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT consent of the Board of Trustees be given for withdrawal of the motion.

Trustee Fawcett explained that he has decided to withdraw the motion because there is no necessity to make these particular changes at this time, and the Board will be reviewing this policy as it comes forward in the regular review process.

Chair Dirks called for the vote on the motion to withdraw.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this point in the meeting, Chief Superintendent Croskery noted an oversight in his verbal report and recognized the attendance of Ms. A. Rawji, who was awarded an Alberta Centennial Medal for her meritorious service to children in needy and immigrant families.

8.2 Executive Limitation Policy on Student Fees – Recommendation from Administrative Working Group

Chief Superintendent Croskery shared opening remarks and noted the attendance of Ms. J. Trylinski, Manager, Board Governance Policy Liaison and Administrative Regulations, to respond to questions. He noted that with respect to school fees, there is a collision of many values at work – there are those, on the one hand, who believe that public education should

be free; and there are those who believe that those with children in schools might pay something towards the education of their children. We also have values around accessibility, transparency and affordability. Chief Superintendent Croskery pointed out that we are in a situation where we must face some realities in education funding; this report attempts to address those realities, and it is driven very strongly by the values as put forward in a motion that was previously passed by the Board of Trustees.

A summary of the discussion, questions and answers, is as follows:

- Point 2 in the chart on page 5 of the report – Ms. Trylinski noted that this section is aimed to cover instructional supplies and materials – it was not envisaged to cover general school fees; and 2(b) may cover some sports-related items.
- Where would a list or definition of instructional supplies and materials actually reside – would it be a new administrative regulation? Ms. Trylinski noted that a challenge of the Administrative Working Group was when they found themselves at times to be stepping in the shoes of Trustees and enunciating an executive limitation; and at other times, wondering how to operationalize that executive limitation.
- It was clarified that general school fees are not addressed in this executive limitation; and that particular fee may be charged at the school level, but it is an optional fee.
- Currently, the Board of Trustees approves the school fees on an annual basis, and an assumption made by the Administrative Working Group as they examined the Trustees' values, is that this authority would be delegated to the Chief Superintendent.
- Point 3 of the chart – what would be deemed “essential” with respect to educational trips? Chief Superintendent Croskery reiterated the point about the collision of values. He subsequently agreed that it is possible to mandate that the CBE's Off-Site Activities staff review such trips through the perspective of the executive limitation. He cautioned that should the administrative regulations put forward some definitions or guidelines of essential educational trips, it could give rise to some contentious opinions and rulings.
- The Administrative Working Group did not give consideration to certain fees, including the musical instrument rental fee, and international student fees. There was some debate over consideration of locker rentals, which did not garner any satisfactory conclusion; and to some extent, more input is needed from Trustees on this particular topic. The differentiated fees for families with numerous children was considered and, regardless of whether or not it becomes an administrative regulation, the meaning of “affordable” would have to be looked at by Administration to ensure that it actually becomes operationalized. In the Group's discussion about family maximums, it was agreed that it would not be easy to build this kind of concept into an executive limitation.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report titled *Executive Limitation on Student Fees* for information.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Governance Process 3, gives first reading to the executive limitation on student charges, as put forward in the report's attachment, in the form as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held December 20, 2005.

Trustee Close questioned whether the impact statements to come forward on this matter from the Chief Superintendent could be draft administrative regulations as a result of this executive limitation; and, how much time would be needed to do this work. Ms. Trylinski commented that it would likely take about two months to put that work together and a report of the impact statements could be available by mid-March.

(The discussion of this item recessed at 6:00 p.m. to allow for the presentation on Board Development – Transportation, which is recorded in these minutes in accordance with the agenda item numbers.)

Trustee Fawcett provided opening remarks pertinent to the motion, noting his belief that the policy as put forward is a step in the right direction, although it probably is not complete and it is probably not the policy that will eventually be passed. It is important to have a policy that is clearly articulated for our administrators and for our public.

Trustees debated the motion, and the following is a summary of points that were raised:

- Reasons given in support of the motion:
 - it was felt that it establishes where the Board is going with respect to principles;
 - it is better to have something, rather than nothing;
 - it accurately reflects what was expressed in the Board's stated values; however, the question is whether all the values out there are being articulated;
- Reasons expressed in opposition to the motion:
 - there is not enough clarity provided at this time for our Administration to create impact statements;
 - time would be better spent with Trustees and Administration meeting to discuss issues that require further consideration.

Chair Dirks called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Dirks Trustee Fawcett Trustee Lane
Opposed:	Trustee Cochrane Trustee Ferguson

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

There were no objections to the Consent Agenda and Chair Dirks declared the items adopted as follows:

9.1 Board Consent Agenda

9.1.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held November 29, 2005

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 29, 2005 be approved as submitted.

9.1.2 Committee Report - Board Evaluation Committee

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the revised terms of reference for the Board of Trustees Committee on Board Evaluation,

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Process for Monitoring Governance Process Policies, and
THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Board Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2005 and December 8, 2005 for information.**

9.2 Chief Superintendent Consent Agenda

9.2.1 Locally Developed Courses

THAT the following new Calgary Board of Education Senior High School locally developed courses be approved for use in Calgary Board of Education schools for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year, and for the 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 school years:

- **Astronomy 15**
- **Mentorship 15, 25, 35**

At this point in the meeting, Trustees agreed to consider Items 10.2 and 10.3; however, they are recorded in order of the agenda item numbers to provide continuity to these minutes.

10.0 ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Board Meeting Procedures

Chair Dirks turned the chair over to Vice Chair Close, and left the room.

Trustee Bazinet provided introductory comments, noting there are some significant revisions proposed to the Board Meeting Procedures to line up with the revised agenda of the Board of Trustees.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

That the Board approves the Board of Trustees' Board Meeting Procedures, in the form as submitted with the agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005, and that these procedures be effective immediately.

Chair Dirks returned to the meeting and took the chair.

Trustees posed numerous questions on various issues that are recommended for revision, to which responses were provided by Trustee Bazinet and Trustee Lane; and, where clarification of procedure was sought on some issues, Ms. Barkway responded.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board Meeting Procedures be amended on page 15, point 4(a), by the deletion of the words in the last sentence "but Trustees will not ask questions of the presenters."

The motion to amend was
CARRIED.

- | | |
|------------|---|
| In favour: | Trustee Close
Trustee Cochrane
Trustee Dirks
Trustee Fawcett
Trustee Ferguson |
| Opposed: | Trustee Bazinet
Trustee Lane |

Chair Dirks turned the chair over to Vice Chair Close.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Board Meeting Procedures be amended by the revision of 9(j), 9(k) and 9(l), starting on page 29, and any other consequentially impacted clauses, to revert back to the original wording, such that Trustees would speak only once during debate.

The motion to amend was
DEFEATED.

In favour:	Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks
Opposed:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Fawcett Trustee Ferguson Trustee Lane

Chair Dirks took the chair.

The Board of Trustees consented to a minor modification to the Board Meeting Procedures, to point (iv) on page 17, to add the word “department(s)” following “individual(s)”.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board Meeting Procedures be amended by the addition of a new point (iii) under point 9(j) on page 30, that reads “When a Trustee has moved the main motion, and has not spoken a second time, he may close the debate after all other Trustees have been given an opportunity to speak.

The amendment was
DEFEATED.

In favour:	Trustee Dirks Trustee Fawcett Trustee Lane
Opposed:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Cochrane Trustee Ferguson

Chair Dirks called the question on the main motion as amended.

The motion, as amended, was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amendment of GP-4E, by the addition of Board Procedures Review in the month of September.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2 Relocation of Juno Beach Academy Alternative Program

Chief Superintendent Croskery provided brief comments, noting that the CBE faces enormous complexity with facility challenges, funding, renovations, upgrades, competing values, etc., and this particular issue is not exempt from those challenges.

Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement and Transportation, gave recognition and thanks to senior staff who assisted with this work, to the Principals of Sir William Van Horne High School and Juno Beach Academy, and to the parents of Juno Beach for their receptiveness; and the Friends of Juno Beach for their continued support and counsel.

Trustees posed questions, which were responded to and are summarized as follows:

- The Integrated Occupational Program (IOP) as it is known today, will be replaced by Knowledge and Employability courses, which will be implemented for September 2006. A task force will be struck to examine the implications of the revised program of studies for all students. Chief Superintendent Croskery advised that the intent of the Administration is to seek to frame questions that are helpful and generative about the IOP so that a determination can be made as to whether change is necessary. We have three high schools currently operating the IOP and, in the event this report is actioned and a decision is made by the Board to relocate Juno Beach Academy to Lord Shaughnessy, then there would be a reduction from three to two IOP high schools. He stated that he has made it clear to CBE staff that should this decision proceed, it would be a facilities driven decision alone. There are other considerations with the IOP, some of which have been mentioned in this report, which must be given attention, in consideration of the program as a whole.
- In response to a question of whether consideration was given to recommending that Sir William Van Horne be the school that would no longer offer the IOP, Chief Superintendent Croskery noted that many hours were spent to explore a full range of issues and every conceivable aspect of the facilities challenges, including that just questioned. Mr. Carlton explained that the issue is strictly facility related, and one of the views taken during discussion of the issues was a look at those students who are currently enrolled in the IOP at Sir William Van Horne and the possibility of facilitating them in their neighborhood school. He noted further that better opportunities in this regard could be a possibility in the future, when we get approval of our capital plan for the new north and north-west high schools; however, at this point in time, it is not a feasible option.
- Mr. Carlton addressed a question of financial impact, noting there will be some impact in ensuring that Juno Beach Academy is attended to in the manner in which it needs to be; they have received funds in the past for the start-up of the program, and we will be working with Administration to see what would be necessary to do that. It would be a modest investment.
- Mr. Carlton noted that the intent of Administration is that the staff of Juno Beach Academy would move with the program, should the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with the consideration of closure of the Juno Beach Academy alternative program at Sir William Van Horne High School, to allow for the transfer of that education program in accordance with the *Closure of Schools Regulation* and the Board of Trustees' governance policy and procedure regarding closure of schools.

Trustee Lane responded to a question, noting that the motion speaks only to the closure of Juno Beach Academy alternative program at Sir William Van Horne High School, and he

expects that Administration would come back to the Board of Trustees with a decision on the placement of the alternative program. Subsequent to Trustees' debate of the motion, Chair Dirks called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8:00 p.m. – Chair Dirks received the consent of Trustees to continue the meeting to the completion of the agenda.

10.3 Accommodation Plan for the Consolidation and Expansion of the Traditional Learning Centre Alternative Program (North)

Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement and Transportation, provided brief highlights of the contents of the report, and noted appreciation to senior staff for their input to this work.

The following is a summary of the discussion that took place:

- It was questioned if it is the expectation that the Balmoral regular program will no longer exist after this school year, should the proposal be approved to move the Traditional Learning Centre (TLC) alternative program into Balmoral School. Chief Superintendent Croskery noted he did not believe that to be the expectation of Administration; he is of the belief that the recommendation is neutral to the regular program at Balmoral. He pointed out that enrolment in the regular program is very low, and there have been concerns and questions raised by Balmoral School parents in a number of meetings asking if their children will be able to enroll in the TLC, to which he stated was a reasonable request.
- Mr. Carlton informed that currently there are three classes of grade 9 students, one class of grade 8 students and no grade 7 students; next year it is anticipated that there will be one class of grade 9 students. There are not sufficient numbers within the Balmoral catchment area to sustain or to envision any growth in the regular program. Further consultation will take place with the Balmoral community as to what their wishes are in terms of long-term accommodation planning.
- Trustees asked several questions regarding the bullets on page 4 of the report, under the heading "2007-2008". Questions related to the reasoning behind the recommendation that TLC at Balmoral would become the community-based program for some students, with community students being given first consideration for enrolment. Chief Superintendent Croskery agreed that implementation of this plan would require flexibility and understanding of all concerned, but that it is a feasible option, given that the TLC program, even though it offers an alternative method of program delivery, still adheres to the Alberta Program of Studies. Trustees expressed concerns around what attendance area would be included as "community students" and the impact that giving "first consideration for enrolment" would have on waiting lists for the TLC program and maintaining the integrity of the alternative program.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with the consideration of closure of the grades 5 to 8 Traditional Learning Centre alternative program at King George School to allow for transfer of that education program, in accordance with the Closure of Schools Regulation and the Board of Trustees' governance policy and procedure regarding closure of schools.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Cochrane gave notice of motion re: consideration of closure of the regular junior high program at Balmoral School.

12.0 IN-CAMERA ISSUES

12.1 Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.2 Motion to Revert to Public Session

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.3 Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the Memoranda of Agreement between the Calgary Board of Education and the Trades, in the form as submitted with the agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the tender submitted by Lear Construction Management Ltd., in the amount of \$6,549,030 for the construction of Signal Hill/Battalion Park School be approved subject to final approval by the Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.