

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, March 27, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee N. Close (departed at 6:51 p.m.)
Trustee G. Dirks (departed at 6:04 p.m.)
Trustee K. Fawcett
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee G. Lane

Absent:

Trustee C. Bazinet

Administration:

Dr. B. Croskery, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Corporate Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. J. Drysdale, Superintendent, Educational Support Services
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. R. Peden, Director and General Counsel, Legal Affairs
Ms. S. Wasylshyn, Executive Assistant to the Trustees
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Close:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Dirks
Trustee Fawcett

3:02 p.m. – Trustee Dirks and Trustee Fawcett arrived at the meeting.

MOTION TO REVERT TO PUBLIC MEETING

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close
Trustee Dirks

Action By

MOTIONS TO ACTION IN-CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

1. **THAT the report titled *Changes to the Local Authorities Election Act and Impact on the Calgary Board of Education* be received for information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private agenda for the Regular Meeting held March 27, 2007;**
2. **THAT Bylaw Number 1 of 2001, being a Bylaw of the Calgary Board of Education to Require the Public Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Campaign Expenses (Attachment 2 to the private report dated March 27, 2007) be repealed;**
3. **THAT Bylaw Number 100 of 1983, being a Bylaw of the Calgary Board of Education, of the Calgary School District No. 19 of the Province of Alberta for the Purpose of Establishing a Cash Deposit at the Time of Nomination of Candidates for the Election to the Calgary Board of Education (Attachment 3 to the private report dated March 27, 2007) be repealed;**
4. **THAT Administration be directed to prepare a draft bylaw, for the Board's consideration, that would require not less than 25 electors' signatures for the nomination of trustee candidates for the Calgary Board of Education;**
5. **THAT the Board of Trustees communicates in writing its strong concerns to the City of Calgary regarding the proposed additional costs to the Calgary Board of Education related to voter identification requirements.**

D. Dart

Board

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

Trustee Dirks

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the report titled *Recommended Changes to the Trustees' Remuneration* be received for information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private agenda for the Regular Meeting held March 27, 2007.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

Trustee Dirks

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees amends the motion previously adopted on March 20, 2007, with respect to Consideration of Closure of the regular program at Branton Junior High School, by replacing "1.1(2)" with "4-7".

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

Trustee Dirks

For clarification, the motion, as amended, reads as follows:

THAT the Board of Trustees is satisfied that there is cause to proceed with a consideration of closure of the Regular Program at Branton Junior High School in accordance with the Closure of Schools Regulation and the Board of Trustees' Governance Process Policy 5E: Board of Trustees' Procedure – Consideration of School Closure, section 4-7.

THAT Administration proceeds with a lease of Fred Seymour Elementary School to interested third parties.

THAT Jerry Potts Elementary School be declared temporarily surplus to Calgary Board of Education (CBE) needs.

THAT Administration proceeds with a lease of Jerry Potts Elementary to the Greater Southern Public Francophone Education Region No. 4 for a period of five (5) years.

THAT a portion of the Georges P. Vanier School site required for the construction of 31 Avenue N.E., as outlined in the private report dated March 27, 2007, be considered permanently surplus and transferred to the City of Calgary, subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.

THAT changes to the playfields on Georges P. Vanier School site, including the easement across the site, are supported; subject to the upgrades being provided by the City of Calgary as outlined in the private report dated March 27, 2007.

THAT the planned future capacity for the Taradale Elementary School be increased from 600 to 650 students by adding 6 rather than 4 future modular classrooms to meet an increase in enrollment projections.

THAT the grade configuration for the Taradale Elementary School be revised from K-4, as indicated in the approval letters from Alberta Education, dated October 12 and October 27, 2006, to K-6, consistent with Calgary Board of Education's original request, and as approved in a letter from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, dated January 4, 2007.

THAT the liaison report and its attachments, with respect to the CBE Staff Association Mutual Interest Board, be received for information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private agenda for the Regular Meeting held March 27, 2007.

THAT the roofing and rooftop air handling units at Emily Follensbee School be replaced for \$1,351,700, plus GST; as proposed in the Roofing and Rooftop Unit Replacement Tender dated March 15, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.