

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, October 27, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee G. Dirks
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee P. King
Trustee K. Kryczka
Trustee G. Lane

Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Finance and Business Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. J. Johnston, Superintendent, Human Resources
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Support
Mr. C. Davies, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. R. Peden, Director and General Counsel, Legal Affairs
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. S. Wasylyshyn, 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. She received the consent of the Board to have Agenda Item 3.1, Review of Ward Boundary Changes/Election 2010 Update, moved forward and presented in the public session of the meeting.

Review of Ward Boundary Changes/Election 2010 Update

Ms. B. Clifford, City Clerk's Office, City of Calgary, shared information about The City of Calgary Ward Boundaries Bylaw 45M2009, to be effective October 18, 2010. Copies of a map showing the 2010 Ward Boundaries and Existing Community Districts were distributed. Ms. Clifford pointed out that the noted documents are to be used only by the Elections Office at this time; the boundaries will take effect on the municipal election day, October 18, 2010, and not before.

Action By:

In response to a question, Ms. Clifford stated that in 2007 she was informed that City employees at the municipal election polling stations would not be allowed into CBE schools unless they had police checks approved. She pointed out that due to the large number of people hired to work the polling stations, and the co-ordination of those people to particular polling stations being determined just one week prior to the election date, it would not be viable to do police checks.

Ms. Clifford responded to a question about the possibility of election processes being amended before the 2010 municipal election. She commented on two issues that may affect possible amendments: 1) ongoing court cases to determine residency and whether people could vote in multiple locations; and 2) Private Member's Bill 203, which has received royal assent, but has not yet been proclaimed. Ms. Clifford stated she would consult with the Board in advance if any changes are required to The City of Calgary Bylaw regarding election contributions.

Chief Superintendent Johnson stated she would look further into the matter of the requirement for police checks in relation to the use of CBE schools for the municipal election.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Cochrane thanked Ms. Clifford for the informative presentation.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

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, October 27, 2009 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.

During the in-camera session, Chair Cochrane relinquished the chair at 3:57 p.m. to Vice-Chair Ferguson so that she could attend to a conference call. She returned to the meeting and resumed chairing the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The meeting recessed from 4:47 p.m. to 5:02 p.m. At 5:56 p.m. Chair Cochrane received the consent of the Board to continue the meeting past the scheduled adjournment time, to the completion of the agenda.

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.

MOTIONS TO ACTION IN-CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

1. **THAT subject to approval by the Minister, the Board of Trustees approves the West Calgary High School Parkade Agreement, dated 6th October, 2009, between The City of Calgary and the Calgary Board of Education, as attached to the private report dated October 27, 2009, and**
2. **THAT approval is requested from the Province for all relevant items required to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Kryczka:

THAT with respect to the review of the current School Act, and the Minister's invitation for Boards to provide input to that review, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education outlining the Board's response, as discussed and amended in camera on October 27, 2009.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

1. **THAT with respect to the current fiscal challenges, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education outlining the Board's Key Criteria and Budget Reduction Proposals, as discussed and amended in camera on October 27, 2009.**
2. **THAT the Draft Communications Plan regarding the Provincial Budget be received for information, in the form as submitted with the private report dated October 27, 2009.**

A Trustee requested that the Chair divide the two parts of the motion when calling for the vote.

Part 1 of the motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour:	Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Ferguson Trustee King Trustee Kryczka Trustee Lane
Opposed:	Trustee Bazinet

Part 2 of the motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the additional expenditure necessitated to extend the Wolfe Systems Group contract for an additional three months, which results in a total expenditure greater than \$500,000.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following two items were removed from the Consent Agenda and considered during the in-camera session of the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the confidential report to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the *Confidential Wolfe Systems Group Status Report and Ancillary Materials* binder presented to the Board of Trustees for the Regular Meeting, Private Agenda, October 27, 2009, be received for information and for the record.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Construction Projects Status Report

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

- 1. THAT the Construction Projects Status report be received for information and for the record, and**
- 2. THAT the information in Attachments I, II and IV, as discussed and amended in camera, be authorized for public release.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the following items on the Consent Agenda approved as presented:

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

- Letter dated October 21, 2009 to The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, and The Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, from Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, regarding West Calgary High School – Land Parcel Transfer.**
- Letter dated October 15, 2009 to Dave Bronconnier, Mayor, The City of Calgary, from Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, regarding Ernest Manning High School Site – Request For Proposal (RFP) Process.**
- Letter dated October 5, 2009 to The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, and The Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, from Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, regarding West Calgary High School.**

- Letter dated September 30, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from Dave Bronconnier, Mayor, The City of Calgary, regarding Ernest Manning High School Site – Acknowledgement of Request For Proposal (RFP) Process.
- Letter dated September 28, 2009, copied to Chief Superintendent N. Johnson, from the office of M. Prefontaine, Director, Teacher Development & Certification, regarding a Board of Reference case for a former Calgary Board of Education employee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following reports for information:

- Alberta Teachers Association (ATA), Local #38 Liaison Committee minutes, dated September 16, 2009;
- CBE response letter to Mr. L. Liffiton, Executive Assistant, Calgary Public Teachers Local 38, regarding grievance dated January 12, 2009;
- CBE response letter to Mr. L. Liffiton, Executive Assistant, Calgary Public Teachers Local 38, regarding grievance dated February 12, 2009; and
- CBE response letter to Mr. L. Liffiton, Executive Assistant, Calgary Public Teachers Local 38, regarding grievance dated June 10, 2009.

THAT the Board of Trustees appoints Dr. Yan Guo as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term, from October 27, 2009 to October 27, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Representative Report with respect to the ASBA – Zone 5 minutes as revised and approved by Zone 5 Directors, dated September 4, 2009; June 19, 2009; May 15, 2009; April 3, 2009 and March 6, 2009, be received for information.

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the Employment Agreement between The Calgary Board of Education and Naomi E. Johnson as Chief Superintendent of Schools, as attached to the report distributed to Trustees and the Chief Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.