

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, September 8, 2009 at 5:00 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, Corporate Services – Secretary Treasurer

Mr. C. Davies, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools

Mr. J. Johnston, Executive Director, Human Resources

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

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. R. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 40

Ms. J. Minifie, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

Mr. J. Pedron, Elementary School Principals' Association

Mr. F. Reaume, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 40

Ms. J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local No. 38

Mr. B. Unterschultz, Elementary School Principals' Association

Action By

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed Ms. N. Johnson, newly appointed as Chief Superintendent of Schools. Chief Superintendent Johnson introduced and welcomed Mr. D. Stevenson, newly appointed as Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools; Mr. J. Johnston, Executive Director, Human Resources; Ms. Darlene Selby, Director, Area III; Mr. Jim Langley, Director, Area IV; and Ms. Jane Rogerson, Director, Area V.

The singing of the national anthem took place, led by Chantelle who is a grade 12 student in the Performing & Visual Arts program at Central Memorial High School.

Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations and schools.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary, noted that a stakeholder report would be given under Item 5.4, and that a circulation had been made of an amended report for Item 6.1.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held September 8, 2009, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane introduced and welcomed Vidhya as the Board Page for 2009/10.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

4.1 2009 Emerald Awards

Superintendent Coppinger introduced the item, noting that recently the Calgary Board of Education's EcoStewardship Initiative was recognized with the 2009 Emerald Award for government institutions in Alberta. We were nominated for this award by The City of Calgary.

Mr. R. Jaques, System Principal, Facilities & Environmental Services; Mr. S. Adkar, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Energy & Environmental Services; Mr. N. Gourlay, Environmental Management System Coordinator; and Mr. R. Strum, Curriculum Consultant, gave brief highlights about how the EcoTeam is moving forward to advance CBE's environmental stewardship. The EcoTeam is currently engaged in leading and/or facilitating 79 projects in 4 leadership areas: facilities, community, curriculum and environmental systems.

A video was shown with Ms. O. Juzkiw, Community Projects Coordinator, sharing background information about the EcoTeam, noting they provide the framework for the many initiatives, but also they look to schools to provide leadership. She stated that being nominated for the Emerald Award is very exciting for the EcoTeam.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Cochrane congratulated the EcoTeam on their outstanding work and noted they are an exemplary example to other organizations across the city.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Report from the Chair and Trustees

Trustee Kryczka reported that she recently visited the following schools: Rideau Park, Elbow Park, Cedarbrae, Somerset, William Reid, and Janet Johnstone (the latter four schools hosted various countries attending the 2009 WorldSkills). She noted that she attended the opening ceremonies for WorldSkills. She also did a tour of the main floor of the new Samuel W. Shaw School.

Trustee Ferguson noted that she visited Falconridge School for their WorldSkills assembly. The school has been recognized for the Garfield Weston Awards for Excellence in Education in the category of Determination and Academic Achievement for an Elementary School.

Chair Cochrane shared that Canada placed 18th out of 104 competing countries at the Math Olympics, and was awarded with one gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Students from Sir Winston Churchill and Western Canada High Schools competed in the event.

Chair Cochrane thanked Ms. M. Levy, System Principal, Corporate Partnerships, and CBE staff for their support and participation in the 2009 WorldSkills. She noted that 37 CBE schools hosted teams competing in the event.

Chair Cochrane stated that she and Chief Superintendent Johnson attended a meeting last week with the Minister of Education. The meeting included the other metro boards and it was a consultation on issues surrounding the budget and how we might do things differently, yet remain focused on our students.

5.2 Report from the Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Johnson shared that we had a successful week of exciting learning opportunities with the 2009 WorldSkills. She extended appreciation for the work that Ms. Levy and her team put forward in preparation of and during the event. She referenced our Three-Year Education Plan, which notes that we are steadfastly committed to implementing a learning model that personalizes learning. She shared two particular actions that we are pursuing to achieve the outcome of personalization: 1) the establishment of a Career & Technology Skills (CTS) Centre at Lord Shaughnessy High School, and 2) the launch of e-Portfolios, which will be administered through Desire2Learn. Chief Superintendent Johnson stated that the educational research is clear that good CTS programming can increase high school completion and significantly enhance the transition from high school to the world of work and to a variety of post secondary opportunities. Students who struggle to learn specific academic skills in a traditional classroom are often better served through the project-based learning and problem-solving strategies that are the hallmark of quality CTS programs.

Chief Superintendent Johnson noted that on August 31st a presentation of our strategy for the development of Skills Centres was made by our Director of Curriculum of Learning Technologies to Alberta Education and the organization of Economic and Cooperative Development. The CBE strategy was predicated on the

belief that all students will participate successfully in a knowledge economy within various steps on a career ladder. The presentation was well received and further linkages with provincial and global communities continue. She noted that preparations are being made for Lord Shaughnessy High School to receive equipment from the 2009 WorldSkills event, towards advancement of the Career and Technology Skills Centre.

The e-Portfolios will also contribute to a strong personalized learning model. On August 31st teachers across the CBE received access to an e-Portfolio tool within the Desire2Learn environment that will change the way students collect, develop and share evidence of understanding and growth in their learning. Over the next two months educators can sign up for online professional development courses, work within their professional learning communities and explore and discuss through Webinars, the value and technical environment in order to position e-Portfolios for each student's success. Support in this area will continue throughout the school year and over the next summer for our staff, teachers and students.

5.3 Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

5.4 Stakeholder Reports

5.4.1 Ms. H. Mowat, Member of the Public

Ms. Mowat shared her disagreement with the emphasis that is placed on global environmental issues, and the emphasis on the use of technology in teaching and learning.

5.5 Trustee Inquiries

There were no Trustee inquiries.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Establishment of School Naming Committees

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the establishment of School Naming Committees to provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the naming of the new schools which are currently being built in the following communities:

- **Saddle Ridge (Kindergarten – Grade 4);**
- **Bridlewood (Kindergarten – Grade 6);**
- **Cranston (Kindergarten – Grade 4);**
- **Royal Oak (Kindergarten – Grade 4);**
- **West Springs (Kindergarten – Grade 4); and**
- **Evergreen (Kindergarten – Grade 4).**

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

7.1 Monitoring of Executive Limitations 2: Executive Succession and Backup

Chair Cochrane reviewed the criteria against which the Trustees are to judge this report, including that of reasonable interpretation of the policy, compliance with the provisions of the policy or disclosure of how compliance would be met, and whether sufficient information has been provided. She noted also that the particular vote with regard to compliance should in no way be considered as a vote of non-confidence.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 Monitoring of Executive Limitations 14: 1(a) Student Accommodation

Chief Superintendent Johnson gave a brief summary of the purpose of this report, noting that in the Board's consideration of the monitoring report on Executive Limitations 14: Student Accommodation, compliance was approved with the exception of sub-part 1(a).

Additional information was requested by the Board of Trustees in June, 2009. This report is in response to that request.

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

- A question was asked about the possible impact on student learning when a school exists within the community of a student's residence, but the boundary for that particular community designates the student to a school that is further away. Chief Superintendent Johnson noted we look to ensure continuity of student learning within the divisions as much as possible. Principals are advised that they can accept out of boundary students if they have the resources to do that. She was of the belief that we will always have issues surrounding school boundary designations; however, we do look to ensure that students' learning comes first.
- A Trustee commented on the statement in the report that Administration will be more explicit and more intentional in drawing linkages to the Board's governance policies, ends statements, values, mission and vision in the long range student accommodation work. It was expressed that a linkage to the Ends was not particularly evident in this report, but that it could be assumed to be embedded in

the information provided. Chief Superintendent Johnson said that considerable conversation about this particular report was held by the Superintendents' Team and it is intended to bring that focus to future long range student accommodation work.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the report be received for information.

Trustee Bazinet shared the belief that the report reflects more of how we are working within the CBE to ensure that the mission, vision, values and Ends are part of our accommodation plan. She noted that it is sometimes difficult to put into words how accommodation plans impact the education of students and she looks forward to seeing further awareness of that impact in the future.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

There were no items.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Board Consent Agenda

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

- 9.1.1 Approval of Minutes
- Regular Meeting held June 16, 2009
 - Regular Meeting held June 23, 2009

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held June 16 and June 23, 2009, as submitted.

- 9.1.2 Correspondence

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

- **Correspondence dated July 22, 2009 to School Board Chairs from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education providing 10 copies of a booklet entitled "Education Funding in Alberta, for the 2009/2010 school year".**

- **Correspondence dated July 2, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane from the Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta regarding Bill 44.**

- **Correspondence dated June 19, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of**

Education regarding the development of a Career and Technology Studies Centre at Lord Shaughnessy High School.

- **Correspondence dated June 18, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta, regarding Bill 44.**

9.1.3 Appointment of Second Vice-Chair

THAT Trustee Lane be appointed as Second Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for September and October, 2009.

10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Trustee notices of motion.

Recessed: 5:49 p.m.

Reconvened: 6:03 p.m.

11.0 IN-CAMERA ISSUES

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the communication strategy and process to deal with the West Calgary Accommodation Strategy as discussed in camera.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

1. **THAT the private report regarding budget issues be received for information and for the record.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following correspondence for information:**
 - **Correspondence dated August 26, 2009 from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Public, Separate and Francophone School Board Chairs, regarding budget information, with an attachment letter dated August 24, 2009 to Ms. Heather Welwood, President, Alberta School Boards Association, from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, regarding the government position on Average Weekly Earnings Index; and**
 - **Correspondence dated August 27, 2009 from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, to Public, Separate, Francophone and School Board Chairs regarding update on budget 2009.**
3. **THAT the communications plan with respect to budget issues, as discussed in camera, be implemented.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane declared the following private consent item to be adopted as submitted:

- THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following correspondence for information and for the record, in the form as submitted:**
- **Correspondence dated August 7, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, advising that the request for funding to support the long-term lease of a portion of a downtown building to accommodate Chinook Learning Services programs can not be considered at this time and recommending the exploration of other opportunities.**
 - **Correspondence dated August 3, 2009 to Superintendents of Schools and copied to Board Chairs from Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director, ASBA and Mr. John Rymer, Executive Director, Learner Assessment, Alberta Education, regarding joint protocol for the release of provincial achievement test and diploma examination results.**
 - **Correspondence dated July 23, 2009 to Board Chairs from the Minister of Education regarding the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings issue.**

- **Correspondence dated July 21, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, advising that a letter from Minister Hayden should be forthcoming to the Calgary Board of Education approving of the sale of the King Edward School building and lands to Heritage Property Corporation.**
- **Correspondence dated July 21, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from Mr. Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, authorizing the Calgary Board of Education to demolish and dispose of the Albert Park School building.**
- **Correspondence dated July 14, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, granting approval and authorization to consolidate reserve lands in Arbour Lake to allow for greater design flexibility of the New North West High School.**
- **Correspondence dated July 8, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane; Mr. Vijay Domingo, Board Chair, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate Regional Division; Mrs. Margaret Belcourt, Board Chair, Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District; and Mr. Doug Gardner, Board Chair, Foothills School Division from Mr. Glen Gamble, Business Operations Manager, Alberta Education, enclosing a copy of the Ministerial Order 027/2009 Boundary Adjustment Order. (Copy of Order attached.)**
- **Correspondence dated June 30, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, regarding adjustments to the school jurisdiction boundaries.**
- **Correspondence dated June 29, 2009 to the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, and the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, from Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, requesting approval for leasing space to relocate Chinook Learning Services.**
- **Correspondence dated June 26, 2009 to the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, and the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, from Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, regarding the demolition and disposition of Albert Park School.**
- **Correspondence dated June 26, 2009 to the Chief Superintendent of Schools, Beverley Hubert, from Mr. Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Education, approving the securing of a capital loan in the amount of \$30 million in order to finance the modernization of an addition to the Dr. Carl Safran Centre to complete the new Education Centre.**
- **Correspondence dated June 25, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from Deputy Minister, Keray Henke, providing approval of four**

modular classrooms and of the relocation of six modular/portable classrooms.

- **Correspondence dated June 23, 2009 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane, from the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, approving the sale of King Edward School building and lands to Heritage Property Corporation in the sum of \$8,500,000.**
- **Correspondence dated June 4, 2009 to the Chief Superintendent of Schools, Beverley Hubert, from Mr. Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Education, approving a request to secure a capital loan in the amount of \$15.3 million in order to finance an energy performance contract for 35 schools, with attached approval from the Minister.**
- **Correspondence dated May 1, 2009 to Mr. Keray Henke, Deputy Minister of Education, from Ms. Beverley Hubert, Chief Superintendent of Schools, requesting approval to borrow up to \$30.0 million to finance the modernization and addition to the Dr. Carl Safran Centre to facilitate the completion of a new Education Centre.**
- **Correspondence dated March 18, 2009 to the Board of Trustees from Mr. Michael Rempel informing of his decision to resign from the Board of Governors of Education Matters, effective February 4, 2009.**
- **Correspondence dated April 29, 2009 to the Board of Trustees from Ms. Beverley Hubert, Chief Superintendent of Schools, advising of the suspension of a teacher (circulated to Trustees only).**

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.