

## **CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair  
Trustee A. Adams  
Trustee M. Bradshaw  
Trustee R. Hehr (departed at 4:45 p.m.)  
Trustee J. Hrdlicka  
Trustee T. Hurdman

#### Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel  
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services  
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement  
Dr. D. Yee, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement  
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary  
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38  
Ms. M. Howell, Senior High School Principals’ Association  
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
Ms. L. Nachtigal, Elementary School Principals’ Association  
Mr. S. Robinson, Elementary School Principals’ Association  
Ms. R. Royal, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association  
Mr. G. Tink, Senior High School Principals’ Association

### **1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. on the link and O Canada was led by the Grade 9 Wildcat Jazz Band from Nickle School. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Bradshaw expressed appreciation to the Band students. A short recess occurred for the meeting attendees to assemble in the Multipurpose Room.

Chair Dennis acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. She also acknowledged



the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

Chair Dennis welcomed staff, public members and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed Grade 7 students from Queen Elizabeth School and their teacher Ms. Gallant to the meeting.

## 2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, shared a request for Item 8, Matters Reserved for Board Decision, to follow agenda Item 3 and the remaining items be renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020 as submitted, subject to the change noted above.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

## 4 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

### 4.1 **2020 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Nominee**

Mr. D. Swift, Chair of the CBE selection committee, shared the nomination process, the history of the Award and purpose, which is to recognize an outstanding first year Alberta teacher. The selection committee recommends that Ms. Suzanne Piechotta, currently teaching at Robert Thirsk High School, be the CBE nominee for the 2020 ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Dr. M. Christison, Principal, shared accolades about the exceptional teaching and learning environment that Ms. Piechotta has created for her learners. Ms. Piechotta came forward and expressed her appreciation for the nomination.

The Board of Trustees presented Ms. Piechotta with a token of appreciation for her exceptional work with students and wished her well in her teaching career.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT Suzanne Piechotta is the Calgary Board of Education nominee for the 2020 Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award.**

In debate of the motion, trustees expressed their gratitude to Ms. Piechotta for her enthusiasm and commitment to creating a positive learning environment for students.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.



The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

### 5.1 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the item and Superintendent Pitman provided context to the report.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the indicators chosen for the student survey on Results 3 as a minor focus; how trends were determined; the connection of indicators for teacher evaluations of students exercising democratic rights; intentional transition planning for students achieving Network of Support on particular Results stems; the collection of more student voice, and the collection of student voice on the impediments to participating in decision making or to volunteer; the breakdown of results in Social Studies for each division; and teacher perspectives on student results that differ from student perspectives.

Chair Dennis asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for the Results policy, to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon Thursday, March 5, 2020. The Chair noted that this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for March 10, 2020 for the Board's consideration.

## 6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

### 6.1 **OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih provided highlights of the annual monitoring report. He noted that the evidence presented indicates compliance with all ten indicators.

Chair Dennis asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, March 5, 2020. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the March 10, 2020 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-7.

## 7 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## 8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

### 8.1 **Three-Year School Capital Plan**



Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the item and Superintendent Breton provided context to the report.

Administration addressed questions posed by trustees on matters including: financial impacts to the CBE for major school modernizations; how modernizations are managed for schools that are at full capacity; review of educational components for modernizations; factors surrounding projected school year opening listed as “TBD” (to be determined) for schools previously approved and under development, and the Auburn Bay elementary school as a P3 delivery model; staged design funding and construction funding for new schools, excluding P3 delivery models; new school construction based on grade configurations of K-4, 5-9 and 10-12; the increase in high school enrolment projections; an explanation for the shift to maintain a higher utilization rate for CBE facilities and the potential impacts for schools with higher utilization rates; the list for new school constructions and major modernizations in this Plan being much shorter than in the past; operational cost savings through infrastructure maintenance; the industry standard as a guide to annual investment needs; major modernization projects not to exceed 75 per cent of the replacement value of the school building and the condition assessment of schools through provincial audit (VFA); rationale for building a middle school in a community before a second elementary school; reasons for the central sector projections showing higher K-12 utilization by enrolment; site planning influences; and the potential for future collaborative initiatives with the City of Calgary.

Chair Dennis noted the Three-Year School Capital Plan 2021-2024 will be placed on the March 10, 2020 public agenda for the Board’s consideration.

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 9.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

#### 9.1.1 Minutes of Regular Meetings held

- December 3, 2019
- December 10, 2019
- January 7, 2020
- January 14, 2020

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held December 3 and 10, 2019, and January 7 and 14, 2020, as submitted.**

### 9.2 **Items Provided for Board Information**

#### 9.1.1 Correspondence

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss two legal and two strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Recessed: 2:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:27 p.m.



10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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, March 3, 2020 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.

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hehr

10 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT on adjournment, the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hehr

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chair Dennis reconvened the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2:38 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in Room T224 of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

In Attendance:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair  
Trustee A. Adams  
Trustee R. Hehr  
Trustee J. Hrdlicka (departed at 3:23 p.m.)



Trustee T. Hurdman

Absent:

Trustee M. Bradshaw

Administration:

Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel

Ms. P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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, March 3, 2020 and reconvened on March 4, 2020, 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.

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes General Counsel to communicate with Grant Thornton LLP, as discussed in camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

**THAT on adjournment, the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

