

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 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

J. Luchenski, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
J. Sturgeon, Senior High Principals’ Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and students from McKenzie Lake School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Hack 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.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting.



2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that an agenda change request was received to add Opening Remarks as Item 3, and the remaining items to be renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023 subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **OPENING REMARKS**

Chair Hack made the following opening remarks:

“I would like to acknowledge that today is the international day for the elimination of racial discrimination.

There is no room for racism or discrimination in any of our schools or workplaces. The CBE has taken significant steps in the past few years to address systemic racism and promote equitable and inclusive learning and working environments.

We recognize more needs to be done and we are listening and learning so we can continue to do better.

As a school board, we are committed to acknowledging and supporting the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 94 Calls to Action specific to education. Namely, we continue to support improved achievement, equity, and well-being for students who self-identify as Indigenous, and work to create opportunities for all students, staff, and school communities to engage in practices that facilitate reconciliation.

Last year, we published the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework, which provides a foundation upon which everyone in our district can meaningfully deepen our individual and collective knowledge, decisions and actions to meet the holistic needs of all students.

Decisions on names of school teams or mascots continue to be made at the school level in consultation with the school’s community.

The Board of Trustees also continues its journey to consider the renaming of schools. We recognize that this work takes time and we are committed to conducting this work in a thoughtful manner as we consider the diverse perspectives of students, staff, families and community members.”



4 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

7 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

9.1 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack noted the report was presented at the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting where trustees asked questions and received clarification on various issues. She stated that the Board must now formally act on the monitoring report to determine whether the CBE and the Chief Superintendent have made reasonable progress towards the ultimate achievement of Results 3: Citizenship.

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 3: Citizenship and concludes that reasonable progress is being made towards the ultimate achievement of this results policy.

Trustees asked for clarification about the certification from the Chief Superintendent on the status of the report.

Chief Usih confirmed that the CBE is compliant with the expectation of reasonable progress toward achieving the desired results.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: importance of looking beyond academic data to review and highlight how students interact as citizens of a community; COVID-19 impacts; results specific to cohorts; CBE work to empower the whole child; areas for improvement; the impact of the Student Well-being Framework; students sense of belonging; and volunteer opportunities.



Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 Three-Year School Capital Plan

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that Alberta Education requires school jurisdictions to assess their needs for modernization of existing schools and construction of new schools, and to submit a combined prioritized list annually. The CBE prioritization of projects is undertaken using Board of Trustee approved capital planning prioritization criteria, including an objective process that looks at new and developing communities for consideration of new schools and at existing schools for modernization.

Superintendent Breton continued, highlighting: this proposal represents a shift of focus primarily toward modernization of existing schools; over 30 new schools opened over the past six-and-a-half years; this proposal adds the request for four additional new schools; continued student enrollment growth and the need for sustainability; system wide utilization rate of 87%; without new schools, projections suggest that utilization rates would reach 94% by 2027; the need for sufficient spaces that will better serve students and reduce transportation time; the Alberta Government approval for modernizations of John D. Diefenbaker, Queen Elizabeth High School, and Crescent Heights High School; necessity of modernization to ensure schools remain safe and welcoming; modernization projects are still the predominate focus as over 50% of CBE schools are 50-years-old, or older, and this figure will climb to over 69% over the next decade.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: clarity on the two new steps of pre-planning and planning added to the Alberta Education process; impacts of the new steps on the capital planning process; clarity on pre-planning and planning requirement impacts on current year-one priorities; internal process to include these two new steps; CBE capacity to manage additional projects; provincial government funding process; use of capital reserves; capital plan ranking criteria; modernization of Crescent Heights High School; planning for estimated enrollment increases; clarity on five-year enrollment projections; criteria for new school sites; construction timeline from start to completion for new high schools; high school construction priorities; new additions to the capital plan; ranking for new K-9 school in the Applewood community; K-4 school ranking for Legacy and Waldon communities; criteria for combining communities; impacts of Bill 28: School Amendment Act, as included in the report; projected population changes in Calgary centre communities; eligibility criteria in new communities; status of middle school in Livingston; impact of other district schools in a community; status of K-4 school in Sage Hill.

Recessed at 12:48 p.m.
Reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Chair Hack called for a motion.



MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Three-Year School Capital Plan 2024-2027 as provided in the report, and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: validation of CBE administration work that aligns with the new pre-planning and planning criteria; increasing enrollment; capital planning criteria, responsibilities to both new communities and students in existing buildings that require modernization; limitations in the capital planning process; concerns about utilization and enrollment growth alignment with capital planning criteria; robust information about the priorities; collaborative relationship with Alberta Education and the City of Calgary; transparency of the capital planning ranking criteria; appreciation for the new pre-planning and planning steps and the consistency it provides; concern for communities not listed in the top priorities; concern for students being unable to go to school in their own communities; and high utilization rates based on community populations.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Approved: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

9.3 February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Hack introduced the report stating these minutes are on the agenda to be approved as Trustee May was absent for the reconvened February 21, 2021 meeting. Pursuant to Section N(12) of the Board Meeting Procedures, any Trustee who is absent from a Board of Trustees' meeting is not entitled to vote on the adoption of the minutes arising from the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 21, 2023, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Abstained: Trustee May



9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 OE-7:Communication with and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-7.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 2022-23 Second Quarter Budget Variance Analysis

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss two legal, three labour, three land, and six strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Recessed: 1:33 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:06 p.m.

10 | IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

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 7, 2023 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 Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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 Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Hull Services as the Calgary Board of Education nominee for the 2023 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the correspondence regarding the Annual Summative Evaluation of the Chief Superintendent, Attachment I to this report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the correspondence, Attachment II to this report.

The motion was
CARRIED

In Favour: Trustee Close
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Bolger



Trustee Dennis
Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

Adjourned: 6:27 p.m.

Chair Hack reconvened the March 21, 2023 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:31 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 2023 on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Absent:

Trustee D. Downey

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

Attendees confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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 21, 2023, reconvened March 24, 2023, be considered at a private session; therefore, be it



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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Downey

The meeting terminated at 10:49 a.m.

