

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, May 30, 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 (departed at 4:40 p.m.)

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
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 40
H. Sharpe, Elementary School Principals' Association (ESPA)

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from Western Canada High School led the national anthem.

A student from Dr. E.P. Scarlett School acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. They 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.

Trustee Close thanked the student for their participation.

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 for Item 9.1.2 Locally Developed Courses to be removed from the consent agenda and added as Item 8.4 under Matters Reserved for Board Decision, and the remaining items to be renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 30, 2023 subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

Dr. E.P. Scarlett School Presentation

M. Poirier, Education Director for Area 6, introduced the Dr. E.P. Scarlett School presentation, highlighting the benefits of learning an additional language and how it supports the goals of Results 3: Citizenship.

S. Goodfellow, Principal at E.P. Scarlett School, introduced the presentation on Results 3: Citizenship from the perspective of a French Immersion student. She then introduced the students and K. Malayko, Assistant Principal.

The students presented on: student development of personal identity and citizenship within the safe and inclusive environment of the school; the growth and sustainability of student learning within the French language; celebration of the French language and francophone culture in Alberta; Canada's history and traditions; experiences of multiculturalism; benefits of French-Immersion learning; the culturally diverse landscape of Canada; and student participation as citizens of the francophone community across Canada.

M. Poirier thanked the students, highlighting the effort and challenge of learning an additional language; the students' demonstration of inquisitive reasoning and action in exploring new ideas and growing as citizens; and the impact of secondary language development on students' future opportunities.

Trustee Close thanked the school staff and students for their presentation.

Recessed: 11:22 a.m.
Reconvened: 11:25 a.m.



5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

There were no reports or presentations.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **Results 5: Character – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Hack introduced the report stating that at the May 23, 2023 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is in compliance.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 5: Character, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: evidence of reasonable growth and students making responsible choices.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 **CBE 2021-2024 Education Plan – Year 3**

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 23, 2023 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Education Plan 2021-2024 and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the foundations and robust strategic planning as demonstrated in the Education Plan; intentionality of supports for schools and students; the Education Plan's reflection of CBE values and the Board's



priorities; strategic resourcing; inclusion of multi-level input and collaborative partnerships; and appreciation for administration's work on the plan.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.3 Budget Report for the 2023-2024 School Year

Chair Hack introduced the report, stating that at the May 23, 2023 meeting, trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board's consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2023-2024 budget as reflected in Attachment I and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on: the budget's demonstration of thoughtful and prudent decision making, responsiveness to student needs and a clear commitment to equity; significant enrollment increases and increases in classroom complexity; the priority of classrooms and front line services to students; transportation funding; accessibility for all families; necessity of non-school based staff and central supports in supporting student success; class sizes; strategic leveraging of resources to support student success; current inflationary pressures; funding needs; sustainability; and the budget's alignment with CBE values and the Education Plan.

Chair Hack called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.4 Locally Developed Courses

Chief Usih introduced the report, stating that Locally Developed Courses ensure that students have expanded opportunities and extended learning based on their interests and the expertise of school staff. Not all courses will be implemented immediately, but they are available for schools to utilize as approved by Alberta Education.

Administration responded to trustee questions on Operational Expectations 3: Instructional Program, with regard to religious instruction, and requirements for the Physical Education 10 credit.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the recommendations for Locally Developed Courses for school use in the Calgary Board of Education for the authorization periods set by Alberta Education's policy.



In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on support for student learning, and courses that are of interest to students and will help to further student success now and in the future.

Chair Hack called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.4 Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Hack noted these minutes are on the agenda for decision instead of being on the consent agenda, as is the normal process, as Trustee May was absent for the April 4, 2023 meeting, Trustee Dennis was absent for a portion of the April 18, 2023 meeting, and Trustee Close was absent for the May 15, 2023 meeting. Pursuant to Section N(12)(b) 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 Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 4, 2023, as submitted.

Chair Hack called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Abstained: Trustee May

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 18, 2023, as submitted.

Chair Hack called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Abstained: Trustee Dennis

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 15, 2023, as submitted.

Chair Hack called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Abstained: Trustee Close



9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 Meeting Minutes

- Special meeting held May 1, 2023
- Special meeting held May 3, 2023

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Special Meetings held May 1, 2023 and May 3, 2023, as submitted.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one legal, five labour, one land, and three strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Recessed: 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:32 p.m.

10 | PRIVATE SESSION

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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, April 18, 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 May:

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 the appointment of Mr. Brad Grundy as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective from June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2026.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the bargaining mandate, Attachment I to the report.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the request for proposal, Attachment I and Attachment II to the report, as amended in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED.

Absent: Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 5:10 p.m.

