

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, September 8, 2015 at 12 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr (arrived at 3:07 p.m.)
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman
Trustee P. King (arrived at 1:43 p.m.)
Trustee A. Stewart

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. S. Church, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning Services
Ms. K.A. Fenney, on behalf of Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Acting Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

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

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and O Canada was led by Alisha, a Grade 12 student from Western Canada High School.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged and welcomed staff, the public and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She shared comments about the Board’s mission for all students to complete high school as well-rounded individuals with a strong foundation that will help them thrive in their lives, their work and continued learning. On behalf of the Board she acknowledged the concerns shared by our public with respect to student transportation. The Board asked for the public’s patience and understanding as the CBE’s transportation department reviews and monitors all bus stops, routes and requests. The Board looks forward to working with its partners, including the Minister, towards a solution.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson introduced and welcomed Ms. K.A. Fenney, Assistant General Counsel, Ms. S. McGuire, Director, Human Resources, and Ms. C. Edwards, Director, Planning and Transportation. He provided a verbal update on issues pertaining to enrolment, facilities, transportation and budget, which is summarized as follows.

- The system enrolment projection was for 116,955 students for the 2015/16 school year, and the opening day count was 117,555 students. A report on student enrolment as at September 30, 2015 will be presented to the Board.
- In the last two months tenders have been awarded and construction has commenced on Elbow Park School, Bowness High School, Cranston middle School, West Springs middle School and Saddle Ridge School. Construction work is continuing on Evanston school, Peter Lougheed middle School, Copperfield school, New Brighton school, William D. Pratt middle School, Nelson Mandela High School, Aboriginal Learning Centre, Christine Meikle School, Jack James High School, Tuscany school, Panorama school, Auburn Bay school, Mackenzie Highlands middle School, and Dr. Martha Cohen middle School.
- Tenders received for Marshall Springs middle School in the community of Evergreen and for Aspen Woods school are currently being assessed before being presented to the Board and Alberta Infrastructure for approval.
- The design of the southeast high school, Martindale middle school, Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge and Silverado schools has also commenced.
- This year a total of 19 new modular classrooms were approved by the provincial government for 10 schools with high occupancy, for the following schools: Cranston, Marshall Springs, Louis Riel, MidSun, William Reid, Glamorgan and Le Roi Daniels. Three remaining schools – Radisson Park, Coventry Hills and Citadel Park, are expected to receive their occupancy permits and be available to students prior to the end of September.
- September is a busy time of year for the CBE's transportation department as they finalize ridership and routes. The CBE is working diligently to process all inquiries and late registrations. We appreciate that the move to congregated stops has resulted to changes in bus stops and routes for some families, and are currently looking at solutions to address the concerns that have been shared. At this time all requests are being considered and throughout the coming weeks a re-evaluation of routes and stops will be made to ensure accessibility to our yellow school bus service.
- In May 2015 the Alberta government ensured that funding will be provided for enrolment growth and restoration of previously announced grant rate reductions. While this restoration is greatly appreciated, the CBE will continue to be challenged to balance its budget within the resources available. The financial fall update based on September 30, 2015 enrolment continues to be due to Alberta Education by November 30, 2015.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. J. Barkway noted that two items were removed from the consent agenda - Item 8.1, Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015 was removed for a clarification, and Item 8.4.1, Correspondence was removed for questioning and clarification.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015 be approved, as submitted, subject to the above-noted changes.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hehr
Trustee King

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **Lighthouse Award**

Superintendent Everett introduced this month's Lighthouse Award recipient as BP Canada Energy Group, which has had a long standing partnership with the CBE through their *A+ for Energy* and their *Supply Chain* programs. Since 2007, *A+ for Energy* has awarded over 60 grants to CBE schools totaling more than \$500,000 and impacting almost 15,000 students, helping them to learn more about energy conservation. Additionally, award winning teachers attend a conference which includes workshops with energy experts and hands-on training with various energy education tools. In 2013 this partnership expanded with BP Canada Energy Group's development and promotion of the *Supply Chain Pathway*, which started with experiential placements for CBE high school students and included the development of 12 online CTS courses in Logistics and Supply Chain that support personalized learning for all students. Through BP Canada's efforts, the CBE has forged new partners that are resulting in engaging work experiences and internship opportunities for students.

Sophie, a Grade 12 student from Henry Wise Wood High School, shared some of her personal learning experiences as a student intern this past summer at a prominent energy infrastructure company. Her internship involved working in Supply Chain, specifically with respect to Canadian power assets. She shared how she left the internship with improved self-awareness and a better understanding of how to move forward in life and higher learning. Sophie thanked her mentors in this internship and thanked BP Canada for their contribution in providing this program for students.

Ms. Bosch, Director, Procurement and Supply Chain Regions, BP Canada, shared comments about the development of the Supply Chain programs and their vision for jump-starting student careers. She expressed appreciation for the partnership with the CBE and accepted the Lighthouse Award on behalf of BP Canada Energy Group.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no items.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided brief remarks about the annual monitoring report for OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession. He noted that the evidence demonstrates compliance with the provisions of the policy. He pointed out that

due to changes in the senior administrative structure and personnel, the reasonable interpretation for OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession has been updated. The proposed revisions for the Board's approval are put forward in a report that forms part of this meeting's Consent Agenda.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession. She noted that if no motions of exceptions or commendations come forward, the item will be placed on the consent agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2015, noting that the Board approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

There were no items.

8 | CONSENT AGENDA

Item 8.1, relevant to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015, and Item 8.4.1, Correspondence, were removed from the Consent Agenda for questions and discussion.

8.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015 and reconvened June 18 and June 22, 2015

The Corporate Secretary clarified that on page 8 of the June 16, 2015 minutes, in the fourth paragraph it should read "In regards to modernizations, in the next decade 66% of our schools (160 schools) will be older than 50 years."

The minutes will be revised by the Corporate Secretary's office to reflect this clarification.

8.4.1 Correspondence – Board's request (June 23/15) for provincial commitment to Phase 3 Calgary schools; Response (July 31/15) from Alberta Education Minister

Superintendent Coppinger responded to trustee questions on funding commitment for the Phase 3 schools. He noted that the funding of the six projects has been discussed verbally but at this time there has been no written confirmation that the funding is available. The CBE remains hopeful that before the end of the year, at the time that design of these schools is completed, that we will receive a favourable answer from the province with regard to funding the construction of the projects.

Verbal confirmation and verbal authorization has been received from the province for the full build-out of the four new starter schools that were included in the Phase 3 projects. Two of those projects have been started. We have yet to receive the grant

documentation in writing from the province. Superintendent Coppinger stated that moving ahead with the construction of the starter school projects subsequent to receiving verbal authorization alone is unprecedented. The other six projects have received written confirmation from the province for the design costs but, as yet, not for construction.

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that the items on the Consent Agenda are approved with the Agenda, as follows:

8.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held May 19, 2015
- Regular Meeting held May 26, 2015
- Regular Meeting held June 9, 2015
- Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015
- Organizational Meeting held June 22, 2015
- Regular Meeting held June 23, 2015

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held May 19, May 26, June 9, and June 23, 2015, and the Organizational Meeting held June 22, 2015, as submitted, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 16, 2015, subject to the correction noted.

8.2 Roster for Second Vice-Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the roster for Second Vice-Chair for the period of September 2015 through August 2016 as follows:

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| • September/October 2015 | Pamela King |
| • November/December 2015 | Julie Hrdlicka |
| • January/February 2016 | Lynn Ferguson |
| • March/April 2016 | Trina Hurdman |
| • May/June 2016 | Judy Hehr |
| • July/August 2016 | As Available |

8.3 OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession – Reasonable Interpretation

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the reasonable interpretation of OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession.

8.4 Items Provided for Board Information

- 8.4.1 Correspondence
- 8.4.2 Playground Zones
- 8.4.3 Chief Superintendent's Update

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Regular Meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss legal and land issues.

Recessed: 12:34 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:08 p.m.

Trustee King joined the meeting at 1:43 p.m. and Trustee Hehr arrived at 3:07 p.m.

9 | IN-CAMERA ISSUES

9.1 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, September 8, 2015, 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.

In favour:	Trustee Bowen-Eyre Trustee Ferguson Trustee Hrdlicka Trustee Stewart
Opposed:	Trustee Hurdman
Absent:	Trustee Hehr Trustee King

9.2 Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.3 Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee King:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the new elementary school to be built for Aspen Woods be named “Dr. Roberta Bondar School”, and that the decision be communicated as quickly as possible.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bowen-Eyre
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman
Trustee King
Trustee Stewart

Opposed: Trustee Hehr

Consent Agenda

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the following items to be adopted as submitted:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies their email approval of the construction tenders received for Elbow Park Elementary School, as recommended in the report.

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies their email approval of the construction tenders received for Bowness High School, as recommended in the report.

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies their email approval of the construction tenders received for Cranston Middle School and West Springs Middle School, as recommended in the report.

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies their email approval of the construction tenders received for Saddle Ridge Elementary School, as recommended in the report.

10 | ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.