

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 11, 2018 at 12:00 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees

Present:

Trustee T. Hurdman, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw
Trustee L. Davis
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. J. Everett, Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. K. Fenney, Director, Legal Services and Corporate Secretary
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

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

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

Chair Hurdman called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and O Canada was led by Grade 4 students from Janet Johnstone School through a DVD recording. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Hrdlicka expressed appreciation for the students’ performance of our national anthem and acknowledged the attendance of Janet Johnstone School Principal M. Wills and Music Specialist T. Wiebe-Paul.

Chair Hurdman 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 representatives from the aforementioned organizations, members of the public and staff.

2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. P. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary, noted that opening remarks would be given by Chief Superintendent Stevenson under new Item 3, and the remainder of the agenda items renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018, be approved as submitted, subject to the above-noted addition.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Chief Superintendent Stevenson welcomed all to the 2018-2019 school year. He noted the CBE's opening day estimate for student enrolments is higher than projected, at just over 124,000 students. Last May the CBE budgeted for an additional 149 full time school-based positions and when official student numbers are confirmed at the end of September it can be expected that this number will increase even more. He noted that while this is good news, in order to balance the CBE's 2018-19 budget there was a reduction in the number of service unit positions by 69 full-time equivalents, which will impact services delivered to schools. In addition to the overall numbers going into 249 schools this year, approximately 1200 Grade 10 and 11 students started school on September 4 at the new Joane Cardinal Schubert High School, which will see Grade 12 added next year. Chief Superintendent expressed sincere appreciation to all those who worked right up until the last moment to ensure this new school opened on time.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson shared that Glenmeadows School was reopened this year in the community of Glendale; it closed in 2001 and was leased to a third party. It will serve Kindergarten through Grade 6 students and is the designated school for former Rosscarrock and Westgate Spanish bilingual students.

With respect to transportation for the 2018-2019 school year, Chief Superintendent Stevenson noted that 22,500 students will be transported by yellow school buses on over 700 routes. Travel times may vary depending on the distance from a child's home to the school. This year the average distance that regular program students travel from home to their bus stop is approximately 500 metres. The students travelling across the city to a program at a single site use congregated stops and may have much longer rides. Compared to the previous year call volumes into the transportation department are significantly lower and this has given staff the opportunity to work with families to address concerns. Over the past few years the CBE has worked with parents, staff, Calgary communities and partners to create a transportation system that does not impact the global budget and that provides more clarity and certainty for schools and parents.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson stated that another change this year is the CBE's support to high school upgrading and continuing education through Chinook Learning. As of September 4, 2018 James Fowler and Lord Beaverbrook High Schools started offering day time and evening high school upgrading. Professional learning courses will continue to be available to staff and public through these sites. Forest Lawn High School,

along with its regular program is now home for adult English language instruction for new Canadians.

In mid-August the CBE launched the new Student Information System that will impact every employee, every student and every parent of our school district. This was a significant and necessary undertaking for our system, involving the training of 570 champion teachers and over 700 other support staff. Chief Superintendent Stevenson expressed his appreciation for everyone's patience as staff, students and parents learn to work with this new tool.

In conclusion, Chief Superintendent Stevenson highlighted the upcoming provincial curriculum implementation. The province is developing an updated Kindergarten through Grade 12 curriculum for all subjects; our staff are working with the province to understand what changes might be coming and when, and continue to engage in discussions about implementation for our staff and students. Trustees, staff and community will continue to be informed as more is learned about these different activities.

4 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

5 | RESULTS FOCUS

There were no items.

6 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

There were no items.

7 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

8.1 Chinook Learning Services Writing Centres

Chair Hurdman explained that this item was placed under matters reserved for Board action; however, as per the delegation of authority a motion is not required, and this report is before the Board as information only. Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent Everett highlighted the details of the report. There were no questions posed by Trustees.

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair noted that items on the Consent Agenda are approved with the Agenda as follows:

9.1 Roster for Second Vice-Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the roster for Second Vice-Chair for the period of September 2018 through August 2019 as follows:

September/October 2018

Trustee Hehr

November/December 2018
January/February 2019
March/April 2019
May/June 2019

Trustee Adams
Trustee Davis
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Bradshaw

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Correspondence

Chair Hurdman stated that the Board would meet in-camera to discuss two labour matters and one legal matter. She noted the next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

Recessed: 12:14 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:28 p.m.

10 | IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion To Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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, September 11, 2018, 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 Adams:

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 Adams:

THAT the Board of Trustees retain David Stratton, Q.C. of DLA Piper (Canada) LLP to provide legal advice as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to communicate with the successful candidate as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hurdman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.