

## **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 10, 2019 at 12:00 noon

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

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

#### Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
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, Associate Corporate Secretary  
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38  
Ms. J. Copithorne, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association  
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40

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

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and O Canada was led by the students from New Brighton School by way of a DVD recording.

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 acknowledged and welcomed staff, public members and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed Grade 6 students from Ian Bazalgette School and their teacher Mr. Hilton, noting their week has them studying in the historical Beltline district and downtown. They will be investigating the question “How do humans influence their environment?” Through examining Calgary’s emerging public art policy, evaluating architecture and design, and learning stories of the land, students will explore what it means to influence the city that they live in and how their environment in turn, shapes them.

Chair Dennis welcomed everyone to the 2019-2020 school year. She pointed out that Trustees and Superintendents were using laptops throughout the meeting. In an effort to be more environmental friendly and reduce the use of paper, Board meeting agendas and reports are now distributed electronically and the laptops are for viewing and referring to the Board Reports during the meeting. She also noted that the *Education Act* and related Regulations came into effect September 1, 2019. This is a foundational change in legislation for school divisions replacing the 40-year old *School Act* with the *Education Act*. The CBE is working through the implementation of this new legislation.

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

Ms. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary, noted there were no changes to the agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019 as presented.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT’S OPENING COMMENTS**

Chief Superintendent Usih welcomed everyone to the 2019-2020 school year. He noted that the CBE continues to grow as a division and this year expects to have more than 125,000 students. He introduced and welcomed new members of the CBE leadership team: Ms. Joanne Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement; Dr. Dianne Yee, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement; and Mr. Rob Anderson, Superintendent, Human Resources. Chief Usih expressed appreciation to Superintendent Brad Grundy for his previous undertaking of acting Superintendent for Human Resources, and he welcomed Ms. Kelly Ann Fenney in her new role as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and returning Superintendent Dany Breton, Facilities and Environmental Services, and Chief Communications Officer Marla Martin-Esposito.

## 4 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were none.



5| **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports.

6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 **Audit Committee – Amendment to Terms of Reference**

Trustee Bradshaw introduced the item and highlighted the contents of the report. He noted it is a change to comply with the new *Education Act*. The specific change to the Board of Trustees' Audit Committee Terms of Reference is for the membership to include a member of the business community, and a member of the adult learning community.

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amendments to GC-5E: Board Committees – Audit Committee Terms of Reference, as shown in Attachment 1 to the report.**

In trustee debate of the motion it was noted that this amendment is a legislated requirement and is expected to be straight forward as it is a minor change to the Board's existing Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chair called for a recess of the public meeting to allow trustees to meet in camera to discuss private matters in relation to the next agenda item.

Recessed: 12:12 p.m.  
Reconvened: 12:27 p.m.

7.2 **Corporate Name Change**

Chair Dennis introduced the item, noting that on September 1, 2019 in accordance with Ministerial Order 034/2019, our corporate name changed from *The Calgary Board of Education* to *The Board of Trustees of Calgary School Division*. The Board will consider changing its corporate name back to *The Calgary Board of Education*.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters related to: definitions and differentiations in the *Education Act* with respect to boards, divisions and districts, and public, separate, charter and private operators; how the CBE is recognized or perceived



as a “public” school system; the Ministerial Order that formally approved the corporate name change effective January 1, 1979; records showing that we used the name *The Calgary Board of Education* consistently since 1973; and potential implications and costs associated with changes to the corporate legal name.

MOVED by Trustee Davis:

1. **THAT, in accordance with Section 79 of the *Education Act*, the Board of Trustees approves the corporate name change of “The Board of Trustees of Calgary School Division” to “The Calgary Board of Education” effective September 1, 2019, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees sends a letter to the Minister of Education requesting approval of the corporate name change.**

In debate of the motion trustee comments included: this request is to simplify the changes we would need to make in response to the new *Education Act*, and to work collaboratively with the Minister of Education; we are a public school system, open to accepting all students, which should be made abundantly clear to our public; keeping the corporate name *The Calgary Board of Education* would reduce some red tape for the organization; we are proudly known as Calgary Board of Education, the public school system in our city; there is concern and questioning about what is taking place at the provincial level and it is trustee work to hold discussions and clarify to the public what is occurring; this would ensure continuity in moving forward and savings of resources that are better put towards support for students; the Minister has made it clear that we are free to use the word public in our name, however, the issue of debate is consideration of the organization’s legal name to save time, finances and resources.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Adams  
Trustee Bradshaw  
Trustee Davis  
Trustee Dennis  
Trustee Hrdlicka  
Trustee Hurdman

Opposed: Trustee Hehr

## 8 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that items on the consent agenda are approved with the agenda as follows:



9.1 Items Provided for Board Approval

9.1.1 Minutes

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meetings held June 11, June 18 and June 25, 2019, and the Organizational Meeting held June 18, 2019, as submitted.**

9.1.2 Roster for Second Vice-Chair

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Roster for Second Vice-Chair for the period of September 2019 through August 2020, as follows:**

<b>September/October 2019</b>	<b>Trustee Hehr</b>
<b>November/December 2019</b>	<b>Trustee Davis</b>
<b>January/February 2020</b>	<b>Trustee Hrdlicka</b>
<b>March/April 2020</b>	<b>Trustee Hurdman</b>
<b>May/June 2020</b>	<b>Trustee Bradshaw</b>

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Correspondence

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss four legal and three strategic matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Recessed: 12:57 p.m.  
Reconvened: 1:18 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

As noted earlier in these minutes the Board recessed the public meeting to convene an in-camera session at 12:15 p.m.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

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 10, 2019, 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.

Recessed: 12:22 p.m.  
Reconvened: 1:18 p.m.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Davis:

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 10, 2019, 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.

Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendation

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the second elementary school to be built in the community of Evergreen be named Dr. Freda Miller School; and**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees' decision be communicated to the public as quickly as possible.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dennis declared the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.



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Chair

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Associate Corporate Secretary  
Adopted: October 8, 2019

