

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, December 3, 2019 at 12:00 noon

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
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, Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Appelt, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. H. Goodman, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
Ms. M. Hood, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. R. Royal, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. A. Taylor, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Mr. K. Weipert, Senior High School Principals’ Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. on the link and O Canada was led by the PVA Chamber Choir from Central Memorial High School. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Hrdlicka thanked the students and their Choral Arts Director, Ms. N. Hounjet, for their pre-meeting performance and for leading the singing of our national



anthem. The Chair called for a short recess for people to reassemble in the Multipurpose Room.

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.

The Chair acknowledged and welcomed staff, public members and representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed and introduced Grade 6 students from Sir Wilfred Laurier School and their teacher, Ms. Love, noting they have moved their classroom downtown. Their week has them investigating the question, "How are we connected?" Through examining urban infrastructure to see how it reflects the needs of citizens, to exploring the impact public education has on our society, students will gain an understanding of how decision making affects their lives.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that a request was made to remove Item 8.2.2 2019-2020 School Enrolment Report and Item 8.2.3, Correspondence from the consent agenda for discussion immediately following the consent agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Davis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019 as submitted, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report and noted that compliance was met on all 14 indicators. Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Communications Officer, provided highlights of the contents of the report.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: how communications are made with schools that do not have a school council; the need for more work to be



done to encourage parent participation in engagement meetings, discussions and providing feedback; parent input and feedback on the school based budget; the positive feedback received from principals and staff about the availability of toolkits and templates; staff involvement in school decisions; practices surrounding student accommodation engagements; complexities of concerns or complaints that may not be resolved within the stated time frames as outlined in AR 5007; and clarification of how Action Manager is used.

Chair Dennis asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public, to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, December 5, 2019. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item would be placed on the December 10, 2019 consent agenda with the motion the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-8.

5.2 Budget Assumptions Report – Update Re: One-Time Repurpose of the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Grant Funding

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, noting that on November 27, 2019 the CBE Administration became aware of the opportunity to repurpose the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Grant Funding to maintain stability in the classroom. The CBE received Ministerial approval on December 2, 2019 to repurpose \$15 million of IMR funding to support schools and classrooms. Administration anticipates providing the Board of Trustees with a more detailed budget update on December 10, 2019.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the ongoing strategic planning by Administration with respect to allocating the \$15 million with minimal impact on student learning; disruptions and challenges experienced at schools in relation to funding uncertainties; proactive planning for and annual reporting of Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal projects, and the need to re-evaluate the plan that was approved in June 2019.

In response to a trustee's request, the Chair called for a 5-minute recess.

Recessed: 12:46 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:50 p.m.

The question and answer session continued on matters including: clarification of the \$162 million deferred maintenance backlog and the \$759 million value of major building components operating beyond their expected lifespan; future school commissioning and other costs associated with the \$10.4 million in capital reserves; and details surrounding student safety and monitoring of facility conditions.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.



7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

There were no reports.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Dennis noted the removal of Items 8.2.2 and 8.2.3 from the consent agenda for discussion, and the following item approved as submitted with the consent agenda:

8.1 Item Provided for Board Approval

8.1.1 Revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings

THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings to add a public meeting to be held on December 10, 2019, commencing at 12:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.

8.2 Items Provided for Board Information

8.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

8.2.2 2019-2020 School Enrolment Report

Administration responded to questions posed by trustees on matters including: the total enrolment showing higher than projected by 509 students; the growth in complex learning needs; what triggers the call for action in the case of high school enrolment; communications regarding high school accommodations; 2019-2020 school capacity and utilization monitoring and multi-year planning; how communications are shared on the five-year school enrolment projections; how the classes are organized for students with complex learning needs; enrolment at Rosscarrock School; alternative program enrolments and call back lists for the Science School and Traditional Learning Centre programs for 2019-20; and strategic planning and public engagement in relation to alternative programs.

8.2.3 Correspondence

Administration responded to questions about the CBE's letter to the Minister regarding funding for specialized transportation and the Minister's response letter.

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one labour and four strategic governance matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Recessed: 1:52 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:14 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, December 3, 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 Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Marla Martin-Esposito as Governor of Education Matters for a three-year term effective November 21, 2019, ending November 21, 2022.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

