

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, March 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

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

Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
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, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. M. Christison, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Mr. K. Connelly, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. J. Macdonald, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Ms. R. Royal, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. A. Taylor, Elementary School Principals’ Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on the link and O Canada was led by Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School’s choir. A short recess was taken for the meeting attendees to assemble 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.



Chair Dennis welcomed staff, public members and representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, shared a request for the addition of Item 3, Chief Superintendent's Remarks, and the remaining agenda items renumbered accordingly.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2020 as submitted, subject to the change noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

Chief Superintendent Usih shared that this week is Substitute Teachers' Appreciation Week at CBE. On behalf of the school division, he expressed gratitude and appreciation for all the substitute teachers, noting they are exceptional individuals who have dedicated time and expertise to teaching students in our system.

4 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

5 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

5.1 **School Presentation: A.E. Cross, Dr. E.P. Scarlett, Chinook Park and Sam Livingston**

Ms. D. Unruh, Area 6 Education Director, introduced the item and welcomed the four schools presenting on Results 3: Citizenship. The school presenters were as follows:

- A.E. Cross School: Dr. Williams, Assistant Principal, Ms. J. Petrowitsch, Grade 7 Learning Leader, and students Sabine, Maren and Alena
- Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School: Ms. S. Goodfellow, Principal, and student Sahil
- Chinook Park School: Ms. A. Avdicos, Principal, and students Bailey, Evelyn and Aleena
- Sam Livingston School: Ms. D. McKenty, Principal

Principals, staff and students shared citizenship endeavours undertaken at their individual schools, specific to policy subsections 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5. A PowerPoint slideshow accompanied the verbal presentation. Mr. M. Poirier, Area 6 Education Director provided closing remarks.

On behalf of the Board, Trustees Hrdlicka and Bradshaw thanked the presenters for sharing their intentional work on Results 3: Citizenship.



6 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports.

7 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

There were no reports.

9 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

9.1 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Dennis noted the report was presented at the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting where trustees asked questions and received clarification on various issues. She stated that the Board must now formally act on the monitoring report to determine whether reasonable progress is being made towards the ultimate achievement of Results 3: Citizenship.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 3: Citizenship, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

Trustee comments in debate of the motion included: students have demonstrated progress and achievement in good citizenship; looking forward to the collection of student voice on the impediments to participating in decision-making and volunteerism; teachers assessment of exemplary strengths on report cards is on the rise; it is clear that our schools are making this work a priority; and CBE news highlights numerous initiatives undertaken by students that represent good citizenship.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 **Three-Year School Capital Plan 2021-2024**

Chair Dennis noted the Three-Year School Capital Plan was presented to the Board on March 3, 2020 where trustees' questions were addressed by Administration. The Three-Year School Capital Plan is now before the Board for consideration.



MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Three-Year School Capital Plan 2021-2024 as provided in the report and authorizes its submission to Alberta Education.

Trustee comments in debate of the motion included: the Plan is thorough and transparent in its analysis of CBE school capital needs; the criteria determines the priorities; the target for this Capital Plan has changed significantly, in that utilization rates are set for the high 80s; this is a fiscally responsible Plan; with prioritization being on major modernizations, the CBE can save money on operational costs over the long term; this is the first time that schools having over 1,000 points are not listed as priorities in the School Capital Plan, and it is disappointing that we are unable to present a fiscally viable Plan that would include building all of those new schools; 50% of CBE schools are over 50 years old and in need of modernization; the CBE is the third largest public school division in the country and it is a growing system that requires adequate funding; the Province and our communities should be made aware of our needs for new schools and school modernizations through prioritization on the School Capital Plan; knowing the economic position of our province and that the education budget will remain flat, the need for a prudent approach is realistic; even when Alberta was a have-not province schools were being built – it was an important priority when schools were seen as the hub of the community, but that seems to be moving to the wayside; the CBE experienced a high number of schools built over the past decade and that has likely come to a tipping point; our system utilization rate is very high and our older schools need modernization work to facilitate students in a better learning environment.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Adams Trustee Bradshaw Trustee Dennis Trustee Hehr Trustee Hurdman
Opposed:	Trustee Hrdlicka

10 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

10.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

9.1.1 OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board.



9.1.2 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 28, 2020

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 28, 2020 as submitted.

9.1.3 Revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings

THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings to remove the public meeting scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020.

10.2 Items Provided for Board Information

10.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

10.2.2 Second Quarter Budget Variance Report for the 2019-20 Budget

10.2.3 Correspondence

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss three legal and three strategic governance matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Recessed: 1:48 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:16 p.m.

11 | **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, March 10, 2020 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 Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to submit a request for a complex education needs tribunal to Learner Services Branch of Alberta Education.



The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees directs General Counsel to proceed with the matter as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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 Hurdman:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chair Dennis reconvened the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020 in Room T224 of the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair
Trustee A. Adams



Trustee M. Bradshaw
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman (arrived at 8:40 a.m.)

Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
Dr. D. Yee, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

Chair Dennis gave the following statement:

“For the record Trustee Hurdman is unable to attend today’s the meeting in person. I believe it is in best interest of the Board to allow Trustee Hurdman to attend today’s reconvened meeting by telephone. Paragraph N(3)(a) of the Board Meeting Procedures states that a Trustee may not participate in a private meeting by electronic means; however paragraph IV(5) permits for temporary alteration or suspension of any meeting procedure.”

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the temporary suspension to the Board Meeting Procedures of the last sentence of paragraph N(3)(a) which reads “Trustees may not participate in a private meeting or private portion of any Board of Trustees’ meeting by electronic means” and the last sentence of paragraph N(3)(b) which reads “Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees, the electronic means of communication will be limited to land-line telephones, cellular telephone, or communication facilities that provide simultaneous audio and video communication” for the duration of the reconvened March 10, 2020 Board of Trustees’ meeting held on March 13, 2020.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Hurdman

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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, March 10, 2020 and reconvened on March 13, 2020, 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.

Absent:

Trustee Hurdman



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.

Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

