

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board of Trustees:

Trustee G. Dirks, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee N. Close (departed at 9:31 p.m.)
Trustee P. Cochrane
Trustee K. Fawcett
Trustee L. Ferguson

Absent: Trustee G. Lane

Administration:

Dr. B. Croskery, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. M. Clark, Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Business Operations & Environmental Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. J. Drysdale, Superintendent, School Support Services
Ms. B. Hubert, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. J. Jones, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. G. Scott, Director & General Counsel, Legal & Risk Management Services
Ms. S. Wasylshyn, Executive Assistant to the Trustees
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. L. Liffiton, Alberta Teachers' Association
Ms. C. Murray, Elementary School Principals' Association
Ms. L. Newton, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils

Action By

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Dirks called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and the singing of the national anthem took place in the foyer, accompanied by some junior choir students from Robert Warren School. Prior to the meeting start the students sang a selection of songs.

The meeting continued in the Board Room, where Chair Dirks welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations and members of the public.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Barkway pointed out that with respect to Agenda Item 8.1.2.2, 2005/06 Board-Mandated Fees, a revised page 11 (stamped as 8-93) was circulated.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

4.0 PRESENTATION, HONOURS AND RECOGNITION

4.1 ROBERT WARREN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. N. Johnson, Director, Area V, provided introductory remarks about Robert Warren Junior High School and introduced Ms. M. Clerkson, Principal. Ms. Clerkson stated that every year their grade 9 students participate in a West Coast sailing trip; this year they had 59 students on two separate trips, five days each. She noted that three students, Jane, Scott and Danielle, were in attendance with their sponsor teacher Mr. V. Grigore, to share their sailing trip experience. Ms. Clerkson pointed out that a trip such as this is very connected to the Board's Ends policies not only in the academic sense but also in the areas of citizenship, personal and character development.

The presentation was given through PowerPoint and featured the sailing trip on the West Coast. Jane, Scott and Danielle spoke about their personal experience and what they and their classmates learned from the trip. They learned how to sail, about planning routes, weather patterns and time scheduling, and about ownership of responsibility. They also learned about journaling and the benefits from it, including learning about oneself, how to focus on issues, building self-confidence and better communication skills, logging memories. The students noted the values that they learned, which included self-respect, respect for others, team building, conflict resolution and forgiveness, and friendship building. They also learned a great deal about marine animal and plant life.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Close provided words of thanks to the presenters and noted that the Board has never had a school presentation given about a field trip. She expressed thanks to the students for sharing from their hearts and stated that it is exciting to hear about life changing experiences.

5.0 VERBAL UPDATES

5.1 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Bazinet noted that she recently attended the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) Film Festival, where many pieces of wonderful work were shown. She noted that the films are available through the AISI office if anyone wishes to view them.

Chair Dirks reported that the Board of Trustees participated in the General Meeting of the Alberta School Boards Association, and a detailed report will be given at the public meeting scheduled June 21, 2005, in the discussion of the study of the Metro School Boards.

5.2 REPORT FROM THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

Chief Superintendent Croskery reported on the following issues and events:

- The Education Centre staff raised \$1,526 for the United Way in the casual dress campaign that was held from May 9-20, 2005.

- He attended graduation celebrations for: Lester B. Pearson High School on May 31, 2005; Jack James High School on June 3, 2005; the Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony on May 27, 2005; and Christine Meikle School on June 3, 2005.
- He shared information about an email that was received from a Professor who is a principal lecturer in environmental science at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. The email relayed that he and his wife were visitors to Canada and while staying at the Westin Hotel in Calgary they observed the Forest Lawn High School students' arrival for their graduation celebration. The Professor conveyed that he and his wife were extremely impressed by the pleasant behaviour of the students.
- He acknowledged the work of the Vision Vans that were recently in Calgary for two days. In that time, more than 50 volunteers from LensCrafters, Sunglass Hut and affiliated optometrists examined, shaped and fitted free eyeglasses for more than 180 Calgary public school students who would otherwise go without. Students aged six to eighteen benefited from the program, which was supported by the LensCrafters Foundation, the Calgary Health Region and the Lions Club of Calgary.
- Mr. A. Dadani, Manager, Corporate Financial Services, has been awarded the Certificate of Distinction for 2005 by the Oracle Applications User Group of North America. Mr. Dadani is the leader of the Calgary Group.
- Dr. L. Slater, Principal, Highwood Elementary School, has been awarded the Toshiba Prize for 2004 by the British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society. This award is given annually to the paper that best represents the theme of the annual conference, and the theme of the 2004 conference was the performance of leaders, psychology, organizational psychology, chaos and complexity.

6.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

7.0 STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

There were no stakeholder reports.

8.0 GOVERNANCE: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

8.1 ACTION ITEMS

8.1.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCURRENT AND CONDITIONAL CLOSURE OF DAVID D. OUGHTON AND ALBERT PARK SCHOOLS

Chief Superintendent Croskery noted that consideration and discussion of a potential project that may involve the closure of Albert Park and David D. Oughton Schools has taken place over a number of years. The issue is now before the Board of Trustees for formal consideration.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

1. **THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 16, 2005 attached to the report as Attachment #1, in the form as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005, be approved by the Board of Trustees, and**

2. THAT the report be received for information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005.

A request was made to call the vote on the motion in two parts.

Chair Dirks called for the vote on the first part of the motion.

Part 1 of the motion was

CARRIED.

In favour:

Trustee Bazinet
Trustee Dirks
Trustee Close
Trustee Fawcett
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Cochrane

Abstained:

Chair Dirks called for the vote on the second part of the motion.

Part 2 of the motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the concurrent closure of Albert Park and David D. Oughton Schools, effective June 30, 2006, or such later date as may be required by construction and renovation timelines. Those concurrent closures shall be conditional on the planned new construction and renovations being satisfactorily completed prior to redirection of students to the new facilities.

Trustee Fawcett provided a synopsis of the issues that were raised in submissions to the Board regarding the potential closures of Albert Park and David D. Oughton Schools, which is summarized as follows:

- Concerns were expressed and it was questioned why both of the schools are being considered for closure and a new school is being considered to be built on an existing site. There were several suggestions to close just one of the schools and to renovate the other school to accommodate the existing students at the two schools.
- Concerns were expressed about the location of the new school and its proximity to the Franklin LRT Station.
- A suggestion was made for one of the schools to be renovated and kept open, and to have a new playground built on that school site; and that it be shared with the community as part of a specialty school.
- Concerns were expressed by some community members that in closing both the schools there could be devaluation of the residential properties.
- Concerns were shared with respect to the distance the children would have to walk to school, and the state of the community and types of housing and people residing there was cited as a safety concern.
- A suggestion was made to turn one of the closed schools into a home for seniors.
- Concerns were expressed with regard to the process of the new proposed school, in particular the development permit process. It was felt that the process was not made public because the development permit was not posted in any way.
- Comments were made about the lack of community consultation with respect to crime prevention through environmental design.

In response to a request by a trustee to share further information regarding the development permit, Trustee Fawcett stated that this process falls under the jurisdiction of the City of

Calgary. He noted that there was no requirement for a rezoning of the site on which the new school would be built and there were no conditions attached to the development permit.

Trustee Fawcett provided opening remarks, noting that the existing schools in the community are aged and new development would give assurance of having a school in the community for many years to come. He pointed out that there are always different interests when consideration of a school closure is under review and the issue of safety is always a concern. Trustee Fawcett stated that regardless of what decision is made by the Board of Trustees on this particular matter, his time would be committed to working with the community in the future.

During debate of the motion, trustees discussed the lengthy process that the two school communities have undergone to come to this particular proposal and initiative. Expressions of belief were shared about the proposal making good sense because of the infrastructure needs that would be required for Albert Park and David D. Oughton schools.

Chair Dirks called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.2 PRESENTATION OF 2005/06 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

8.1.2.1 Preliminary Operating Budget

Superintendent Dart introduced and welcomed new staff member Mr. W. Braun, Director, Corporate Financial Services, and provided a brief overview of the 2005/06 Preliminary Operating Budget. The CBE anticipates a preliminary increase of \$40.1 million, or 6.5%, in grants from Alberta Education in comparison with the approved 2004/05 budget. The majority of this increase is a result of \$26.1 million, or 4.3% in Small Class Size Initiative Funding. Remarks were given about some of the significant initiatives that are supported in this budget, including extended Kindergarten for nearly 30 schools; an increase in full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated staff to effect the lowering of schools' average class sizes; continued support for English as a Second Language (ESL) students who require the program beyond the five year cap; and other areas as listed in the report. Superintendent Dart continued with the review, providing a summary of the expense items and the management of the accumulated operating deficit.

Trustees gave consideration to the report and posed questions, which were responded to by Superintendent Dart, Mr. Braun and Ms. C. Male; a summary of this discussion follows:

- In response to a question on page 4 regarding interest expenses of \$5.7 million, Superintendent Dart explained that this is flow-through government funding.
- The \$3.2 million of resources to be allocated at the discretion of Area Directors (page 6 of the report) – Superintendent Dart noted this is in part reflective of the allocation method in use; the allocation is based on the individual school's profile, including student enrolments and complexity profiles, which can change over time. He noted further that, at an Area level, certain allocations are made to schools during the year for either one-time and/or ongoing purposes and if they are one-time then a school could experience a decline in its budget for the following year.
- The drop in projected number of students to Chinook Learning Services – Superintendent Dart noted this is an estimate. Ms. Male added that the numbers are stated as FTEs, so the actual number of students enrolled would be greater. Chinook Learning Services has experienced change with respect to the number of locations and this seems to have made an impact on the number of students who are less than 20 years old attending their programs.

- The projected number of ESL students (page 16, note a) – Ms. Male stated that the number represents the funded students; beginning in 2004/05 Alberta Education discontinued the funding for students requiring ESL support for more than five years. The actual number of students requiring ESL support and which we will support through the resource allocation model is actually slightly higher than what was experienced in 2004/05.
- Operations and Maintenance funding – Superintendent Dart noted that these grants have yet to be announced or confirmed by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and we are expecting that announcement to be made in September; we originally expected an announcement to be made in June. The announcements have been made for the IMP (infrastructure maintenance projects) funding, and that amount was increased over last year by approximately \$1.6 million. In response to a follow-up question, he noted that in the event that we don't receive an increase of 2% in this area of funding, contingency plans are in place and we may have to provide a budget adjustment in the future to address that.
- The determination of the schools to get additional funding for ESL students beyond the five years – Ms. Male noted that under the renewed funding framework there is more flexibility with where we allocate funds. These students are coded individually in accordance with the support they require and this is tracked through our system database SIRS.
- The new 100 FTE positions – Deputy Chief Superintendent Hubert acknowledged that most of those positions will be allocated to elementary schools to address the class size reduction initiative.
- In response to a question of clarification regarding ESL students and the allocation of funds to schools, Superintendent Drysdale noted that the CBE has developed a benchmarks tool for assessing the needs of ESL students and for determining where support is required.
- Transportation fee revenues – Superintendent Dart noted that our revenue base is the net amount, but the full gross amount that we receive from transit and/or charter fees is shown. Also shown, as an offset, is the rebate that is given to students and/or parents with respect to the Calgary Transit bus pass. Although the cost for student fees for Calgary Transit bus passes is \$470, the net revenue arising out of that is \$320 to offset the cost to Calgary Transit, and the CBE provides a \$15 monthly rebate. Superintendent Dart informed that our Transportation Services estimates that the number of bus passes and rebates to be required throughout the upcoming year will be approximately 7,500; this estimate is based on historical tracking.
- The strain that the CBE is feeling particular to transportation is that the grants are expected to go up 3% next year, based on what has been announced, while the cost of service is going up by about 12.5%. Superintendent Dart noted this is a significant pressure that most metro boards are faced with.
- The renewed funding framework – the Alberta School Boards Association Metro Boards Study, which is to be presented at the Board meeting scheduled June 21, 2005, will show that the metro boards continue to be disadvantaged because this renewed funding framework does not fully and appropriately realize the unique metro factors that exist. It was asked if there has been any quantification of what the differential might be if we were funded the way we believe we need to be funded? Superintendent Dart responded that a specific figure has not been given in this regard, but he could say with certainty that it would be beyond \$5 million.
- The Administrative Systems Renewal Reserve Fund – Superintendent Dart stated that a report is forthcoming about this proposed fund for the Board's approval. This is being proposed for the purpose of accommodating some of the major costs associated with upgrading or replacing our administrative systems.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the 2005/06 Preliminary Operating Budget be received for information and be considered at a subsequent public Board of Trustees' meeting.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:34 p.m. – Recessed.
6:51 p.m. – Reconvened.

8.1.2.2 2005/06 Board-Mandated Fees

Superintendent Dart provided a synopsis of the 2005/06 Board-Mandated Fees as proposed in the report, and noted that fee comparatives from 2004-05 are depicted. He pointed out that to address inflationary costs some minor increases are being proposed for instructional resource fees, general school fees and musical instruments rental fees, as well as an increase of \$10.00 to the transportation charter fee for 2005/06. Additionally, it is being proposed that a mandatory Enhanced Instructional Resource Fee of \$50.00 be implemented for Division II (grades 4 to 6, as applicable) students attending Middle and Elementary/Junior High schools, where exploratory complementary courses are provided for these students. The introduction of a waiver for general school fees and a family maximum for instructional resource fees is also being recommended.

A trustee referenced page 4 of the report, and noted a concern with the proposal to rebate a portion of the transportation fees for eligible Junior High students who use Calgary Transit so that they pay the same as the Junior High students using Charter Bus transportation. Superintendent Dart noted that the issue of the ability to use the transit pass on evenings and weekends was considered and it was felt that the difference was not enough to warrant the fee increase for Calgary Transit Junior High students over that of the Charter Transportation Junior High students.

Further discussion ensued about transportation issues and Superintendent Dart noted in response to a question that we will be providing Charter service and/or CTS bus passes at the junior high level to CBE alternative programs. We are also providing for expansion of a number of routes to accommodate those students that will be attending many different alternative programs in our system and that is for the most part through Charter service. The increase in these fees will only partly cover the actual costs of the Transportation Carrier Contract, the fuel prices and expansion of those bus routes and, therefore, our transportation stabilization fee reserve fund, amounting to approximately \$1.6 million, will be fully utilized in 2005-2006.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT, because General School Fees are non-mandatory, and because the items that they cover are non-instructional, waivers for General School Fees not be made available.

The motion was
DEFEATED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet
Opposed:	Trustee Close
	Trustee Cochrane
	Trustee Dirks
	Trustee Fawcett
	Trustee Ferguson

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board-Mandated Fees report be amended such that Instructional Resource Fees for students in elementary/junior high schools or in middle schools, where exploratory complementary courses are provided, be set at \$30 for Division I and Division II students (Grades 1 through 6), which is the same rate as all elementary schools.

Trustees gave consideration to the motion and following the discussion it was felt that more clarity could be provided on the intent of the motion, and in this regard Trustee Bazinet put forward the following amending motion:

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the main motion be amended to read as follows:

THAT the Board-Mandated Fees report be amended such that the two lines on page 3 of the report regarding Enhanced Instructional Resource Fees for students in Elementary/Junior High Schools or in Middle Schools, where exploratory complementary courses are provided, be eliminated.

The motion to amend was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Ferguson
Opposed:	Trustee Fawcett

Trustees gave debate and noted concerns about changes being proposed to the fee structure prior to the development of a Board Policy regarding student fees. A trustee expressed concern that by approving the motion it sends a clear signal to our schools and public members that while we endorse the idea that there are some unique learning opportunities for those that are in certain grade levels, we will not make any structural changes to our fee system.

Following debate of the amended motion, Chair Dirks called for the vote.

The motion, as amended, was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Ferguson
Opposed:	Trustee Fawcett

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board-Mandated Fees report, page 6, be amended such that the amount for Elementary Noon Supervision Fee maximum annual amount for students who are not eligible for transportation, be set at \$145.00, rather than the recommended \$220.00.

8:00 p.m. – Chair Dirks received the unanimous consent of the Trustees to the continuation of the meeting past the scheduled completion time, to the conclusion of the Agenda.

During the discussion and questioning, Administration informed that if the proposed motion were to pass, the total differentiated amount in the elementary noon supervision fees would

be approximately \$1.3 million. The level of service for this supervision would have to be maintained and provided in accordance with duty of care requirements and, therefore, these additional costs would have to come from somewhere within the budget.

Trustees gave debate and concerns were noted about the timing of the motion and the need for trustees to review the fee structure in a broader sense for the development of policy that reflects values and needs. Chair Dirks called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
DEFEATED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet
Opposed:	Trustee Close
	Trustee Cochrane
	Trustee Dirks
	Trustee Fawcett
	Trustee Ferguson

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Board-Mandated Fees, in the form as submitted in the report to the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005, subject to the amendment to the Enhanced Instructional Resource Fees.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8:20 p.m. – Recessed.

8:30 p.m. – Reconvened.

8.1.2.3 2005/06 Capital Budget and 2006-2008 Estimates Report (Non-Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Funded)

Superintendent Dart provided a brief review of the report, noting that it puts forward a capital budget request for 2005/06 of \$12.97 million as recommended by the Capital Budget Steering Committee. Some of the more significant changes recommended by the Capital Budget Steering Committee were addressed and Administration responded to questions posed by Trustees. Further information was given about the Evergreening Program, the increased usage of technology within the CBE, the security cameras at CBE high schools that will be installed over the next three years, and the allocation of funds for extended Kindergarten programs, which for some schools will require additional classrooms, furniture, equipment and curriculum supplies.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

1. **THAT the 2005/06 Capital Budget for the non-Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation funded projects be approved.**
2. **THAT the 2006/07 and 2007/08 Capital Estimates be received for information.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.3 FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' COMMITTEE ON THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF PARENT GROUPS IN THE CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Trustee Cochrane provided a summary of the contents of the report and shared some rationale for each of the Committee's recommendations. She acknowledged the attendance of Ms. J. Steinmann, CBE System Principal, Alberta Initiative for School Improvement, to assist with questions. Trustee Cochrane and Trustee Bazinet are appointed members to the Trustees' Committee on the Role and Purpose of Parent Groups in the Calgary Board of Education. Trustee Cochrane gave words of thanks to the members of the Committee, noting they all give tremendous support to the Calgary Board of Education.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendations one through nine, in the form as submitted in the report to the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005, subject to a correction to recommendation #5 by the addition of the words "under the" preceding the word "auspices".

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.1.4 TEN-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN

Superintendent Dart provided a brief review of the contents of the report, noting that the Ten-Year Facilities Plan has been built on many CBE planning documents, on CBE policies and strategies, as well as on planning documents of the City of Calgary with respect to population and growth. He thanked the many staff of Student Accommodation Services for their input to this very complex work. Mr. L. Bortoluzzi, Director, Student Accommodation Services, was in attendance to assist with questions.

Trustees gave consideration to the report and noted that it contains valuable information that is data driven, which can potentially drive the decision making on facility issues. Comments and questions that were addressed included criteria that Administration uses in making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees pertinent to a potential school closure, noting that low utilization is only one of many variables considered, and although it is a significant factor, other reasons or variables can sometimes be just as important. It was noted also that planning for the 10-year horizon has not been completed and the Ten-Year Facilities Plan is a living working document that can change with time and as planning progresses. Area I is a highly utilized area and requires further exploration in regards to the future of some of their school facilities and whether they might be considered for alternative uses.

9:31 p.m. – Trustee Close left the meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Calgary Board of Education's 2005-2006 Ten-Year Facilities Plan be approved and referred to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, in the form as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 14, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

D. Dart

8.1.5 2005/06 LEASE RATES

Superintendent Dart provided a brief review of the contents of the report.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

1. **THAT the lease rate for not-for-profit organizations leasing surplus classroom space in operating schools be revised to \$369.00 per classroom per month from \$359.00 per classroom per month for the 2005/2006 school year.**
2. **THAT the Calgary Board of Education request that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation increase the market lease rates charged to Charter Schools based on current market rate surveys.**
3. **THAT the lease rate for private/profit organizations leasing surplus classroom space in operating schools continue to reflect lease rates of \$107.60 per square metre (\$10.00 per square foot) for 2005/2006.**
4. **THAT the lease rate for Accredited and/or Registered Private Schools remain congruent with the provincially approved lease rate for Charter Schools of \$107.60 per square metre (\$10.00 per square foot) for 2005/2006 unless otherwise amended by the Province.**

D. Dart

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

8.1.6 IMPLEMENTING BOARD OF TRUSTEES' LINKAGES

Trustee Ferguson provided background information and briefly reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Board of Trustees' Linkages Committee.

Trustee Bazinet left the room.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Terms of Reference for the Board of Trustees' Linkages Committee, in the form as submitted with the agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Bazinet
Trustee Close

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees appoints Trustees Cochrane and Ferguson as the core working members of the Board of Trustees' Linkages Committee.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Bazinet
Trustee Close

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT Trustee Cochrane be appointed as Chair of the Board of Trustees' Linkages Committee.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Trustee Bazinet
Trustee Close

Trustee Bazinet returned to the meeting.

8.1.7 BOARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE – PROCESS

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the timeline and methodology for the Board of Trustees' evaluation as outlined in the report, in the form as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Trustee Close

8.1.8 CHANGE OF TIME – JUNE 28, 2005 BOARD MEETING

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting, public agenda, on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, commencing at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail S.E., with the intended dismissal time of 4:00 p.m.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Trustee Close

J. Barkway (Agenda)

8.2 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Monthly Update

Chief Superintendent Croskery provided brief comments about some extraordinary activity going on in many of our schools with respect to helping schools in southeast Asia and raising funds for many worthy causes.

With respect to a question about the School Councils Regulation Review – Phase II Consultations (Fall 2005), Chief Superintendent Croskery stated that he would favour more consultation rather than less. He stated that the CBE would engage with Alberta Education to ask them to send an invitation to the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils. Some discussion took place about the detail of writing and time involved in the production of the Chief's Monthly Update and it was noted that the expectations are that the report need only to provide the information required by the Governance Policies.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Chief Superintendent's Monthly Update for information.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Trustee Close

8.2.2 Program of Choice Requests

Deputy Chief Superintendent Hubert introduced the item, noting that during the 2004-2005 school year there were four requests for programs of choice submitted to the Area I office for consideration for the 2006-2007 school year, which are as follows:

- Hockey School: potential for a grades 10-12 hockey program at Bowness High School;
- Spanish Bilingual Elementary School: to accommodate Area I students attending the program at Collingwood School;
- Montessori Program: requested for the north by a parent group; and
- French Immersion Programming: requested for the northwest by a Tuscany parent group.

Trustees gave consideration to the report and posed questions, which were responded to by Deputy Chief Superintendent Hubert and Mr. D. Stevenson, Director, Area I. In response to a question about who to contact in the Calgary Board of Education with respect to information and interest in a particular alternative program, it was suggested that contact information could be posted on our website.

B. Kuester

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report titled *Program of Choice Requests* for information and for the record.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

8.2.3 Role of Religion in Calgary Board of Education Schools

Chief Superintendent Croskery provided a summary of the report and he applauded the staff and consultants for their exemplary work on this issue. He acknowledged the attendance of Ms. L. Lyster, Director, Educational Support Services, to assist with questions. The report details the strategies that Administration has developed to accomplish the outcomes of five recommendations regarding the role of religion in the CBE, which were approved by the Board of Trustees on March 30, 2004.

In response to a question about attendance at the professional development series of weekend workshops, Ms. Lyster stated those would be advertised by flyers in the fall inviting any staff members who are interested, principals, teachers, support staff, and it would be open to anyone in the CBE. Ms. Lyster informed that with respect to qualified people to teach some of these programs, it was surprising to learn that many of our teachers and principals hold undergraduate degrees and even masters in religious studies. These programs have received a good response from our high schools and the University of Calgary has been outstanding in their work with us and in providing professional development.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the report on the Role of Religion in CBE Schools for information.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

Motion Arising From Agenda Item 8.1.3 – Final Report and Recommendations from the Board of Trustees’ Committee on the Role and Purpose of Parent Groups in the Calgary Board of Education

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT implementation of the approved recommendations of the Committee on the Role and Purpose of Parent Groups in the Calgary Board of Education be referred to the Policy and Linkages Committees as appropriate.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent:

Trustee Close

8.3 TRUSTEE INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

8.4 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8.5 CONSENT ITEMS

There were no objections to the Consent Agenda and Chair Dirks declared the recommendations adopted as follows:

8.5.1 Calgary Board of Education 2005/06 Operating Budget – Compliance with Executive Limitations

THAT the report on Calgary Board of Education 2005/06 Operating Budget – Compliance with Executive Limitations be received for monitoring information and for the record.

8.5.2 Locally Developed Junior High School Courses

THAT the following newly developed Calgary Board of Education junior high school locally developed courses be approved for use in Calgary Board of Education schools for the 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 school years:

- American Sign Language 7, 8, 9
- Guitar 7, 8, 9
- Math 94

THAT the following Calgary Board of Education junior high school locally developed courses be approved for renewal for use in Calgary Board of Education schools for the 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 school years:

- Basic Schoolyard Astronomy
- Performing Arts 8, 9

8.5.3 Liaison Report – Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

THAT the attachments, as submitted with the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 14, 2005, be received for information as the liaison report with respect to the Alberta School Boards Association.

9.0 MINUTES

9.1 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD MAY 3, 2005

9.2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD MAY 24, 2005

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees held May 3, 2005 and May 24, 2005 be approved as submitted.

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

9.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

10.0 EMERGENT ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

There were no emergent items for the next Board meeting.

11.0 IN-CAMERA ISSUES

11.1 MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

11.2 MOTION TO REVERT TO PUBLIC MEETING

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

11.3 MOTIONS TO ACTION IN-CAMERA RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the tender submitted by Lear Construction Management Ltd, in the amount of \$5,404,722 for the Citadel Core School, subject to final approval by the Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the tender submitted by Hughes Construction Services Ltd., in the amount of \$1,066,780 for Tender Package #2 for the renovations to Sir John Franklin School, subject to final approval by the Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.**

Action By

3. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the tender submitted by Tri-Build Contracting (Calgary) Ltd., in the amount of \$4,950,000 for the Chaparral Core School, subject to final approval by the Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.**

D. Dart

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

- THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies approval for the license arrangements of PeopleSoft Human Resource Management System software, in the form as submitted with the Private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2005.**

M. Clark

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.