

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, May 19, 2015 at 12 noon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee J. Bowen-Eyre, Chair
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee J. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman
Trustee P. King
Trustee A. Stewart

Administration:

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning Services
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance and Supply Chain Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Acting Chief Communications Officer
Mr. G. Francis, General Counsel, Legal Services/Superintendent, Human Resources
Ms. J. Barkway, Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. J.F. Belanger, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)
Mr. F. Bruseker, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Nachtigal Elementary School Principals’ Association
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

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

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and O Canada was led by students from Lord Beaverbrook High School.

Chair Bowen-Eyre acknowledged Superintendent Everett in her new senior leadership role and welcomed members of the public, staff, and stakeholder representatives from the aforementioned organizations. She also welcomed Ms. S. McDonald and her Grade 1 and 2 students from Alex Munro School, who have moved their classroom to the historical Dr. Carl Safran building for the week to explore what makes Calgary unique within Canada.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Trustee King:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015 be approved, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 2015 Masonry Design Award

Superintendent Coppinger shared details of the 2015 Masonry Design Award, noting that it is presented every four years by the Alberta Masonry Council. He pointed out that masonry is a sustainable, green, carbon-footprint reducing, energy efficient and adaptable material, and the use of masonry requires more skills than other materials in both the design and construction. There were two significant awards in masonry restoration in Alberta - the first was for the dome roof replacement in the Legislature Building in Edmonton, and the second was for the Western Canada High School modernization. The project architect was Dialog, the general contractor was Clark Builders, the masonry contractor was Brimstone Construction, and the masonry supplier was Cathedral Stone Products. Superintendent Coppinger expressed appreciation for the work performed by the organizations mentioned and by the Calgary Board of Education staff who contributed to this outstanding school restoration project.

Chair Bowen-Eyre accepted the 2015 Masonry Design Award on behalf of the Board.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 Lord Beaverbrook High School – Results 4

Ms. S. Smith, Director, Area V, introduced the presentation, noting that the presenters would share their learning in relation to personal development. This year, at Lord Beaverbrook High School, a number of engagements were initiated that were focused on increasing student voice and student engagement in the school. She introduced and called forward Mr. J. Simpson, Principal, to commence the presentation. Principal Simpson introduced the following presenters: Mr. T. Coninx, Learning Leader, and students Megan (Grade 10) and Travis (Grade 12).

Principal Simpson and Mr. Coninx shared information about the engagement of their school community in a series of learning conversations with the student body, the parent community and the staff. In addition to the Student Advisory Council at Lord Beaverbrook High School, a Principal's Student Advisory Council was initiated this year that had about 45 students participate from Grades 10 to 12. The school hosted a student learning symposium in January that brought students together to discuss a variety of topics of importance to the school and its future, which covered: the school culture; assessment for learning; communication; extra-curricular programs; student celebrations; and the reputation of the school. The actions taken so far at the school, in

response to student feedback at the symposium include: the prototyping and development of a technological school app for more effective communication with students; an assembly was held that focussed on global citizenship and the safe use of social media provided by the Calgary Police Service; a committee was struck consisting of students, staff and parents, to look into the use of social media to improve the school's messaging of school events, learning activities and celebrations within the school; and demonstrations of high school pep rallies by students from another school, in relation to student planning, leading and executing. Students Megan and Travis shared comments about their participation in student leadership councils, in the symposium, and in working towards and meeting the outcomes of personal development.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Hehr thanked the presenters for sharing their stories and demonstrating how student voice is alive and well at Lord Beaverbrook High School.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no items.

6 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

6.1 **Office of the Board of Trustees' 2015-16 Operating Budget**

Chair Bowen-Eyre noted that this item was presented to the Board on May 12, 2015 and was carried over to this meeting. Trustee Hurdman requested and trustees provided consent to having this item placed on the June 9, 2015 agenda for further Board consideration.

6.2 **2015-16 Interim Budget**

It was noted that Administration presented a 2015-16 Interim Budget to the Board on May 12, 2015, at which time the Board carried the item over to this meeting for an update. Administration informed the Board that they have not received any direct communication from the province in relation to the budget.

Questions posed by trustees and responded to by Administration included issues of timing and what the effects might be in relation to: support staff for central services and at schools; the Resource Allocation Method (RAM) roll-out; transportation services for students in terms of registrations and planning for routes and bus stops; and the collection of fees. It was noted that the longer the delay, the more difficult it will be to prepare a detailed budget for the Board and for submission to the province by June 30th.

Trustees agreed to reschedule the item to the June 9, 2015 Regular Board meeting agenda, in anticipation of further information from the province.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Stewart:

THAT the Board of Trustees amends the following motion that was previously approved at the April 14, 2015 Regular Board meeting, which was reconvened on April 21, 2015:

“THAT the Board of Trustees directs Administration to use \$18 million of reserves in the proposed 2015-2016 Budget to be allocated directly to schools to address growth and to maintain class sizes based on current projections.”

by the insertion of the words “up to” before “\$18 million of reserves...”

Trustee comments in support of the amendment included that this gives Administration some flexibility, and there is a need to be as flexible and adaptable as possible in terms of budgeting and the uncertainties at this point in time.

Chair Bowen-Eyre called for the vote on the amendment for the motion to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Trustees directs Administration to use up to \$18 million of reserves in the proposed 2015-2016 Budget to be allocated directly to schools to address growth and to maintain class sizes based on current projections.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bowen-Eyre
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Hrdlicka
Trustee Hurdman
Trustee King
Trustee Stewart

Opposed: Trustee Hehr

7 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

7.1 Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meetings held March 3, March 10 and March 17, 2015

THAT the Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held March 3, 10 and 17, 2015, as submitted.

7.2 Items Provided for Board Information

7.1.1 Trustee Liaison Report - ASBA Board of Directors' Meeting Highlights

7.1.2 Chief Superintendent's Report

8 | **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.