

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 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

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
Ms. S. Church, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. J. Everett, Superintendent, Learning
Mr. G. Francis, Superintendent, Human Resources/General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. K. Fenney, Director, Legal Services & Corporate Secretary
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary
Ms. K. Maxwell, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. K. Kempt, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 40 (arrived 1:40 p.m.)

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

Chair Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the singing of O Canada was led by students from the Catherine Nichols Gunn School Choir by way of a video recording.

The Chair 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 Bowen-Eyre welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations.



2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 School Year Opening Remarks

Chief Superintendent Stevenson shared remarks regarding the school year opening. He noted that almost 122,000 students were welcomed opening day and that official enrollment numbers will be reported to the Board and Alberta Education in due course. Chief Superintendent Stevenson then provided updates on: staff recruitment and professional development activities; new school openings, construction and school modernization details; IT upgrades and efficiencies; transportation challenges and successes; Bill 1, fees and the waiver process; Alberta Education's operational review of the CBE; enhancements to access and services related employee health and well-being; and improvements in communications to all stakeholders.

3.2 Lighthouse Award

Superintendent Everett introduced this month's Lighthouse Award recipient as JB Music Therapy. She noted that JB Music Therapy has been providing music therapy in CBE schools for 24 years in over 20 different schools and special settings. Weekly small group therapy sessions are provided to students with moderate to severe learning challenges to improve mobility, memory and communication skills. Additional outcomes can include increased self-regulation, decreased signs and feelings of depression, decreased stress and anxiety, reduced perception of pain, and improved overall health. Superintendent Everett noted that all of these outcomes contribute to both the academic success and personal development of students.

Principal F. Bulloch, Emily Follensbee School, and Principal S. Mann, Christine Meikle School, shared via verbal comments and a video their appreciation for JB Music Therapy and the many ways this service has benefited their students' learning and success.

Ms. Jennifer Buchanan, President, and Ms. Shannon Robinson, Vice President, of JB Music Therapy shared details about the work of a music therapist and thanked the Board for the honour of receiving the Lighthouse Award.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Bowen-Eyre shared comments of appreciation for the CBE's partnership with JB Music Therapy and presented the award to Ms. J. Buchanan and Ms. S. Robinson of JB Music Therapy.



4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no items.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided a brief review of the monitoring report, noting it is based on the 2016-17 school year. He stated that the policy is a clear statement about the major responsibilities of the Chief Superintendent, and it also ensures that these major responsibilities will continue through the absence of the Chief Superintendent. He noted that the evidence provided in the report indicates compliance with OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession.

Chair Bowen-Eyre asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-2: Temporary Chief Superintendent Succession, to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by the end of the day tomorrow September 13, 2017. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the September 19, 2017 Consent Agenda.

Trustee Hehr asked Chief Stevenson when parents will receive responses regarding transportation concerns or hear about possible transportation changes. Chief Stevenson responded that over the next two months the CBE will gather and monitor system information and then make any needed adjustments; while at the same time responding to individual concerns as they arise. He also noted that the CBE is in contact with the provincial government to work together to resolve transportation issues when possible.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

There were no items.

8 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

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



8.1 Ron Southern School Opening Date Letter

THAT the Board of Trustees ratified their verbal approval of the Letter to the Hon. D. Eggen, Minister of Education, regarding the opening date for the Ron Southern School.

8.2 Proposed Amendment to GC-5: Board Committees

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amendment of GC-5: Board Committees, as attached to the report.

8.3 Items Provided for Board Information

8.3.1 Correspondence

Chair Bowen-Eyre stated that the Regular Meeting would go in-camera for the Board to discuss two land issues, a labour issue and a strategic planning issue.

Recessed: 2:07 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:31 p.m.

9 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion To Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee King:

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 12, 2017, 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 King:

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 Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education, as per the attached letter.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bowen-Eyre declared the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

