

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, February 11, 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. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. L. Bettsworth, Elementary School Principals’ Association
Mr. B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
Ms. J. Gorkoff, Senior High School Principals’ Association
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40
Ms. R. Royal, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Mr. M. Wilson, Senior High School Principals’ Association

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

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and students from Fish Creek School led the singing of O Canada by way of a video recording.

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



2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted a request for the removal of Item 9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update from the consent agenda for questions. She also noted a request for a public comment on the National Sport School and, whereas this public meeting agenda does not have any reports related to this topic, the Board is asked to consider allowing the public comment.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the receipt of public comment at the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2020.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2020 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**

4.1 **Jack James High School Presentation**

Mr. S. MacNeill, Area 3 Education Director, shared introductory remarks about Jack James High School. The presenters were Ms. J. Gorkoff, Principal, and students Jazzy, Keyana and Jacob. Principal Gorkoff commented on the school culture and environment at Jack James High School. She highlighted student learning through programs including Career and Technology, Knowledge and Employability (K&E), Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), and other exploratory programs. A PowerPoint slideshow accompanied the verbal presentation. Jazzy spoke about her learning experience with the Child Care program. Keyana shared about her personal development and achievement with the Commercial Foods program. Jacob spoke about his success with Autobody; his experience with the Skills Canada National Competition; his current participation in a dual-credit program with SAIT Pipefitters; his application for an Aircraft Maintenance Internship; and enrolling in the intermediate Electrical-Plumbing course.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Hehr thanked the students and staff from Jack James High School for their presentation.



5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6.1 Mr. C. Challis, Parent, National Sport School

Mr. Challis, parent of a student attending the National Sport School (NSS), expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to speak. He commented on the uniqueness of NSS, shared his belief that the school closure process does not allow enough time for the Board to make a decision, and on the savings perceived through the closure of NSS. Mr. Challis requested the Board schedule a Special meeting to table any decisions regarding NSS until November 2020, to allow for: 1) anxiety reduction of all NSS stakeholders; 2) recruitment of this September 2020 to commence; 3) a proper engagement process; and 4) time for planning for the 2021-22 school year, whatever the November outcome and decision may be.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

8.1 Results 2: Academic Success Annual Monitoring

Chair Dennis noted the annual monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success was presented at the January 14 and February 4, 2020 meetings where trustees posed questions and received clarification from Administration. The Board must now formally act on the monitoring report to determine whether reasonable progress has been made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

THAT the motion be amended by the addition of “with the exception of Indigenous students in all academic areas.”

In debate of the amendment trustee comments included: as evidenced in the report, the results in academic achievement for the cohort of Indigenous students are lower than in other cohorts; completion rates for CBE Indigenous students compared to the province are much lower; and although success is showing in some areas for our Indigenous students, there is room for improvement.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the amendment.

The amendment was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the motion be amended by the addition of “and with the exception of student results in English Language Arts”.

Trustees debated the amendment with comments including: three of the six targets for English Language Arts (ELA) were not met; report cards show that except for Grades 7 to 9, ELA results are the lowest of all subject areas; ELA is foundational to the success for any student in any academic area; our system has a large cohort of English Language Learners contributing to these results; it is vital that all students do a good job with literacy, are able to communicate well, to understand their reading and be able to dissect it; targets this year are very different from past monitoring; and it is important to acknowledge where specific targets have not been met.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the amendment.

The amendment was
CARRIED.

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

Chair Dennis restated the main motion as amended, as follows:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy, with the exception of Indigenous students in all academic areas and with the exception of student results in English Language Arts.

In debate of the motion, trustee comments included: exceptional work and academic success for students is recognized and applauded; the CBE’s mission is high school completion for every student and reasonable progress is being made in this area; significant budget constraints to be realized in the future will put a strain on the system; and the main focus for areas of concern are the achievement for Indigenous students in all academic areas and student results in English Language Arts.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 **Items Provided for Board Approval**

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

9.1.1 Revisions to the Schedule of Regular Meetings

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the Schedule of Regular Meetings to add a public meeting to be held on Friday, March 13, 2020, commencing at 12:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room at 1221 - 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the time of adjournment of Regular Meetings to 4:30 p.m.**

9.1.2 Appointment of Trustees to Board Committee and Liaison Responsibilities

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Trustee Hrdlicka as the Board's representative to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Trustee Adams as trustee liaison to EducationMatters, effective February 11, 2020 through June 16, 2020.**
3. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Trustee Bradshaw as the second trustee appointed to the Board Evaluation Committee.**

9.2 **Items Provided for Board Information**

9.2.2 Correspondence

The following item was removed from the consent agenda for questions.

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Breton responded to trustee questions about the "Good Day Sunshine Rebate" and Solar for Schools Program.

Chair Dennis noted that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss three legal, one labour and two strategic planning matters. She noted the next public meeting of the Board is Tuesday, March 3, 2019.

Recessed: 1:29 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:47 p.m.



10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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, February 11, 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 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:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the reappointment of Mr. Martin Cej as Governor of EducationMatters for an additional three-year term effective April 25, 2020, ending April 25, 2023; and**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees approves the reappointment of Ms. Nancy Close as Governor of EducationMatters for an additional three-year term effective April 29, 2020, ending April 29, 2023.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **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 3:57 p.m.

