

## **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 15, 2018 at 12:00 noon

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### **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board of Trustees**

##### **Present:**

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

##### **Administration:**

Mr. D. Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. J. Everett, Acting Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services  
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
Dr. R. Mosher, Acting Superintendent, Learning  
Ms. K. Fenney, Director, Legal Services and Corporate Secretary  
Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary  
Ms. K. Maxwell, Recording Secretary

##### **Stakeholder Representatives:**

Mr. M. Christison, Senior High School Principals’ Association  
Mr. K. Kempt, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38  
Mr. T. Killam, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
Ms. J. MacDonald, Senior High School Principals’ Association  
Mr. D. Rakowski, Elementary School Principals’ Association  
Ms. L. Robb, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

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

Chair Hurdman called the meeting to order at 12 noon on the link and O Canada was led by the students and staff from Penbrooke Meadows Choir. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Hehr expressed appreciation to the group for their pre-meeting performance and for leading the singing of O Canada.

The Chair called for a short recess and the meeting reconvened in the Multipurpose Room. Chair Hurdman 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. She



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

The Chair welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations, members of the public and staff. She introduced Ms. Waters and her Grade 1 students from James Short Memorial School and noted they have moved their classroom to the historical Dr. Carl Safran building for the week. Their week of learning has them investigating the question *how are we connected to a healthy community?* They have met with Acting Chief Superintendent Everett and will meet with Trustee Hehr later in the week.

## 2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. T. Minor, Associate Corporate Secretary, noted a request that agenda item 8.1 *Locally Developed Courses* be removed from the Consent Agenda with the remaining agenda items renumbered accordingly. This report will be brought forward at a future Board meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

**THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2018, be approved as submitted, subject to the above-noted revision.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### 3.1 Legacy Award

Chair Hurdman noted that the CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education in Calgary and individuals who have contributed to our communities. Legacy Award recipients embody the work of the public education system and represent the legacy of the CBE, preparing students for life, work and continued learning and inspiring life-long learning. She expressed that it is an honour to present the Legacy Award to Mr. Jeremy Bryant and Mr. Andrew Hall, cousins and co-creators of Mealshare, an organization dedicated to ending youth hunger. Mr. Hall is a graduate of William Aberhart High School and Mr. Bryant is a graduate of Henry Wise Wood High School. Mealshare was founded in 2013 and has provided over 1.9 million meals to people in need in cities across Canada and the United States.

Mr. Hall accepted the award on behalf of himself and Mr. Bryant who was unable to attend. Mr. Hall shared comments of appreciation for the CBE's tribute; acknowledged the support of his cousin and co-creator Mr. Bryant and their families; and shared a story from his first day of Grade One at the CBE.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Hurdman presented Mr. Hall with two pieces of artwork, one for himself and one for Mr. Bryant, created by students from Nellie McClung School, representing the CBE Legacy Award.

## 4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**



4.1 Results 5: Character – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided an overview of the report on Results 5: Character. He noted 97% of students experienced success on each of the two report card measures; student survey results that have multiple years of data showed this year's results to be second highest or tied for second highest of all seven measures; and the student stories demonstrate students have the strength of character to do what is right, act morally with wisdom, and to balance individual concerns with the rights and needs of other.

Alexander, a grade 11 student from John G. Diefenbaker High School, shared his learning experiences with Results 5: Character.

Chief Superintendent Stevenson highlighted an editing error in the report; he noted the footnotes on pages 4-11 and 4-17 regarding report card indicators are for Results 4: Personal Development and that the correct report card indicators for Results 5: Character can be provided upon request.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: chi squared comparisons of report card data and the student survey return rate.

Chair Hurdman asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to reasonable progress being made towards achievement of this Results policy, exceptions or commendations. She requested that trustees send their proposed motions to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, and noted that if no motions come forward the item will be placed on the May 22, 2018 consent agenda.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-12: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Stevenson provided opening remarks and noted this report highlights the crucial role facilities play in supporting student learning.

Superintendent Breton provided highlights of the report noting that 23 indicators were compliant and provided context for the two indicators that were not; he explained the increased use of energy efficient and sustainable products in maintenance projects; and noted the CBE's adherence to the APPA Custodial Standard of Level 2 Ordinary Tidiness.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the maintenance of school site naturalization projects; regular and emergency maintenance requests; preventative maintenance routines; impact of budget constraints on Facilities & Environmental Services; creation of the three year Infrastructure, Maintenance & Renewal (IMR) plan; energy efficient products and possible carbon levy rebates; and the targets within the Sustainability Framework.

Chair Hurdman asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-12: Facilities. She



requested that trustees send their proposed motions to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by the end of day, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, and noted that if no motions come forward the item will be placed on the May 22, 2018 consent agenda.

**6 | PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. L. Robb, Chair, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association

Ms. Robb shared comments related to the budget. She stated her belief that staff cuts result in lost expertise, damage to the structural integrity of the system as a whole, and an increased workload for remaining staff which can lead to health and wellness challenges. She encouraged trustees to advocate for increased funding for public education to avoid staff cuts.

**7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

7.1 Students Come First - Budget Report 2018-2022

Chief Superintendent Stevenson opened by thanking the many stakeholders who provided input in creating the budget and acknowledged the provincial government's continued support during challenging economic times. He added the proposed budget represents a careful balance between need and available resources with a focus on keeping funds in the classroom. It was noted that the Alberta Government has announced the continuation of the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) for the 2018-19 school year which will help in meeting the system's ever-growing needs. Chief Superintendent Stevenson indicated that to help close the funding gap service units have been cut from 3% to 10% and offered his thanks and appreciation to the staff who are exiting the organization. He closed by noting some positives the budget provides for - a math leader in each school, implementation of a replacement student information system, continued engagement with the community and the ability to act on the results of the staff engagement survey and allow for a follow-up survey in spring 2019.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: re-instatement of the CIF; RAM funding rates; transportation fees and fuel costs; noon hour supervision fees; and math coaches.

Recessed: 1:35 p.m.  
Reconvened: 1:52 p.m.

Following the break Administration continued responding to trustee questions on issues including: replacing the student information system; staff engagement survey costs; plant, operations and maintenance funding; utility expenses; new school construction; Education Centre lease allocation; Full Time Equivalents (FTE) reductions; class sizes; external services expenses; examples of professional services expenses; Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) versus board-funded non-facility capital; how the budget aligns with Board priorities;; Chinook Learning Services; and the operational review.



Chair Hurdman stated that the Board of Trustees will give consideration to the Students Come First - Budget Report 2018-2012 at its Regular Meeting to be held on May 22, 2018.

**8 | CONSENT AGENDA**

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

8.1 OE-9: Communicating With the Public – Annual Monitoring

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-9: Communicating with the Public.**

8.2 Items Provided for Board Information

8.2.1 Correspondence

8.2.2 EducationMatters – Financial Statements to April 30, 2018

8.2.3 Second Quarter Variance Report for the 2017-18 Budget

8.2.4 Construction Projects Status Report

Chair Hurdman noted the Board would meet in-camera to deal with one land, one labour and one legal matter.

Recessed: 2:54 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:09 p.m.

**9 | IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Motion To Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

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, May 15, 2018, 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.



Motions To Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation B as outlined in the May 15, 2018 private report.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation C as outlined in the May 15, 2018 private report.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendation F as discussed in-camera.**

The motion was  
CARRIED.

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

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

**THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Board Chair and Vice Chair to work with the Chief Superintendent to develop transition plans for the successful candidate of the Chief Superintendent position.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Hurdman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

