

## CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. through Skype

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE (Virtual)

#### 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  
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services  
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer  
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement  
Dr. D. Yee, Superintendent, School Improvement  
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary  
Ms. D. Perrier, Board Administrator

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

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and O Canada was led by students from Fish Creek School by way of a pre-recorded video.

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.

The Chair welcomed staff and the public participating in the virtual public Board meeting.

### 2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted there were no requests for agenda changes.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2020 as submitted.**



The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 **EducationMatters – Presentation and Financial Statements as at December 31, 2019**

Ms. M. Field, Executive Director of EducationMatters, provided the presentation through a video recording. The presentation highlighted EducationMatters' operational mission and mandate, seven year financial summary 2013-2019, fundraising results, grant and student award disbursements between 2003-2019, 2019 year in review, CBE priorities funding, 2019 granting examples and grant recipients, grant recipients between 2003-2019, student awards, looking forward and impact statements.

Chair Dennis apologized for technical difficulties experienced during the EducationMatters presentation and noted the video will be available on the CBE's website following the Board meeting.

7.2 **Students Come First | Budget Report for 2020-21**

Superintendent Usih introduced the report and Superintendent Grundy shared key highlights of the 2020-21 Budget.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: Early Development Centres (EDC) to be reduced from 16 to 3 locations; the number of CBE schools that are below 85% utilization; the makeup of, anticipated funding for, and potential changes related to the Regional Collaboration Services Delivery (RCSD); transportation for early learners to EDC sites; administrative activities that may need to be performed by schools rather than centrally; COVID-19 implications; the 16 full-day Kindergarten programs to be retained across the system; the continued commitments for improving the achievement of



our Indigenous students; the value of public input on the budget feedback form; and how the system is preparing for student learning gaps, for students coping with mental health issues, and for providing supports to teachers.

The question and answer session continued on matters including: the reduction in funding for English Language Learners (ELL) to five years, and plans to address potential impacts to student learning and equity; details surrounding the \$800 transportation fee; the availability of fee waivers to all students where there is a financial need; and in-depth details relating to Bowness Discovering Choices and potential impacts of its closure and consolidation into the existing three sites.

Recessed: 2:05 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:15 p.m.

The question and answer session continued on matters including: the anticipated cost of instructional supplies the CBE will bulk buy and the fee to be charged to parents; PUF grant changes; system work that is underway to comprehend the equity framework; the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 transportation budget grants, projected costs and collected fees; the options Administration considered to balance the transportation budget; the 2% reduction in RAM and corresponding increase to average class sizes; the deployment of certificated teachers from School Improvement service unit to schools and related cost reduction; the number of CBE refugee students that may not be funded by Alberta Education; the standardization of learning leaders and the reduced numbers of those positions across the system; the weighted moving average and funding that we will receive based on a lower number of students than actual enrolment; the mandate of the CBE fees committee to consider the affordability of fees and to provide consistency to fees charged across the system; elimination of the class size initiative grant and effects in the RAM and anticipated increase to class sizes; and Alberta Education's student transportation task force.

Further discussion took place on matters including: proposed staff reductions; when principals may be expected to engage with their communities and the survey template sent to principals to assist understanding of the budget, RAM process and fees; available operating reserves by the end of August 2020; and the number of charter schools that lease CBE buildings at a cost of \$1.00 per year.

Chair Dennis noted the budget report will be debated by the Board of Trustees at the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020.

## 8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

There were no reports.

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Dennis noted the following items approved as submitted with the consent agenda:



9.1 Items Provided for Board Approval

9.1.1 OE-6: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring Report

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of this policy.**

9.1.2 Locally Developed Courses

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Locally Developed Courses listed in Appendix I for use in Calgary Board of Education schools, for the authorization periods set by Alberta Education.**

9.1.3 Office of the Board of Trustees' 2020-21 Operating Budget

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the 2020-21 budget for the Office of the Board of Trustees of \$1,487,996 to be reasonable to allow the Board to effectively and efficiently perform its governing responsibilities.**

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Trustee Remuneration Committee Report

Chair Dennis stated that the Board would meet in camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one strategic planning matter. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Recessed: 3:24 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:55 p.m.

10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

All Trustees and Superintendents confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

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 19, 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.

11 | ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dennis declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

