

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, June 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources (attended virtually)
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel (attended virtually)
A. Holowka, Superintendent, School Improvement
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
T. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Broda, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

B. Cocking, Alberta Teachers’ Association, Local 38
C. Keuben, Principals’ Association for Adolescent Learners (PAAL)

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

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and O Canada was led by David Thompson School Choir by way of pre-recorded video.

Chair Hack 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, public members, and union representatives participating in the Board of Trustees’ public Board meeting in person, as well as General Counsel Fenney, and Superintendent Armstrong who were attending virtually. She also welcomed staff and the public joining through the livestreamed meeting.



Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Hack offered congratulations to the winner of the battle of Alberta, the Edmonton Oilers, and gave a special shout out to Trisha Estabrooks and the Edmonton Public School Board for issuing the challenge. She stated she enjoyed the good spirited back and forth.

Recessed: 12:07 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:10 p.m.

2 | CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that an agenda change request was made for item 9.1.2 Minutes from the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2022 to be removed from the agenda.

MOVED by Trustee Downey:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2022, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no reports or presentations.

4 | RESULTS FOCUS

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-5: Financial Planning – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, highlighting that administration is fully compliant on all indicators. He summarized the reports provided to the Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 school year, which include: the Budget Assumptions Report; the CBE Budget; and Quarterly Budget Variance Reports.

Administration responded to a trustee's question on the measures taken during the 2020-2021 school year to ensure the CBE was able to provide education safely during the global pandemic while also managing the limited financial resources.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-5: Financial Planning to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, June 16, 2022. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the June 21, 2022 consent agenda



with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-5: Financial Planning.

5.2 OE-9: Facilities – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that the 2020-2021 school year was an exceptional one due the global pandemic, but that the CBE rose to the challenge in ensuring schools were safe and healthy places that supported learning.

Superintendent Breton reiterated how unique and challenging the 2020-2021 school year was. Schools were required to follow additional cleaning requirements and inspections by Alberta Health Services and the Ministry of Labour, Occupational Health and Safety Officers to ensure all schools met the high cleanliness standards to help protect students and staff during the pandemic. He noted that indicator 9.1.4 which monitors response rates to emergency repair work requests fell slightly from the previous year. Indicator 9.2 was also noted as non-compliant as Eric Harvie School did not achieve LEED certification. The school was one of 25 new schools being built by the CBE, and the differences that arose during construction concluded on terms that were not conducive to having the general contractor's documentation submitted for assessment by the Green Building Council.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: process for formally advancing indoor environmental quality concern and hazard reports; number of hazard reports filed compared to previous years; Eric Harvie School not getting LEED certification and mitigation measures for future builds; types of school uses available to the public; high schools sharing the use of auditoriums or other large spaces; the public being unable to rent school facilities during the summer months; number of emergency repair requests compared to prior years; and naturalization project guidelines for schools and communities regarding development and maintenance of these projects.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-9: Facilities to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, June 16, 2022. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the June 21, 2022 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-9: Facilities.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6.1 Cat Schick, member of the Reconciliation Action Group

Cat spoke about GC-5E: Name Review Committee policy; wanting to ensure the process ensures equity between students, and having the renaming done in a timely matter.

6.2 Jerry Spotowski, concerned Calgarian

Jerry provided a brief history of Sir John A. Macdonald and expressed concern about condemning prime ministers from history as well as making determinations on whose names get to remain and who gets removed.



- 6.3 Sarah Flynn, concerned Calgarian
Sarah spoke about GC-5E: Name Review Committee policy. Sarah would like the renaming to be done in a systematic and timely matter. Sarah is also concerned about the history of Sir John A. Macdonald.
- 6.4 Shelley Nearing, member of the Reconciliation Action Group
Shelley spoke about Nellie McClung and the biased legacy she left behind, specifically that Nellie McClung advocated only for certain groups of people.

Recessed: 12:58 p.m.
Reconvened: 1:12 p.m.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 EducationMatters Presentation and Financial Statements

Hanif Ladha, Board Chair, and Marilyn Field, Executive Director of EducationMatters presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the 2021 accomplishments and future path for the organization. EducationMatters revisited the trust indenture during the 2021-2024 strategic planning process and finalized the strategic plan in late 2021. Four priority pillars were identified as part of the strategic plan 2021-2024: Student needs come first; Strengthen financial capacity & sustainability; Grow reputational assets; and Governance. EducationMatters will continue to work with the CBE to support and align with the CBE Education Plan, and to create equity for every student, every day.

Following the presentation, trustees asked questions and made comments on: the great job being done by EducationMatters; the areas or priorities donors and the community in general donate to; the amazing impact seen in schools; and the help received in getting technology into schools and increasing access to technology being great.

7.2 Student Accommodation and Facilities Strategy 2022-2032

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating the report ensures the long term alignment of the CBE property portfolio with supporting student success.

Superintendent Breton provided more detail, stating the strategy provides guidance to the CBE on how best to accommodate students based on the current enrolment patterns and future enrolment projections. Some of the key takeaways mentioned were: that during the 10 year period of the strategy, 66% of CBE schools will be over 50 years of age; and, since 2015 there has been drop in the number of preschool aged children, resulting in a corresponding decline in Kindergarten and Grade 1 enrolment. The elementary school enrolment drop translates into the need to reduce approximately 9,500 spaces in order to maintain utilization rates within the 85% range. The enrolment drop is projected to also require the elimination of approximately 5,000 spaces in middle school grades. The drops in elementary and middle school enrolment is contrasted by the surge in the number of high school students which will require construction of one additional high school in order to keep utilization rates at 90%.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: the requirement to have a specific utilization rate; ways to maximize the Operations and Maintenance funding; research on the best utilization rate for the best benefit to students; amount of spaces needing to be removed to reach different utilization rates; estimating the number of schools that will need to be closed; creating a Board policy regarding the importance of maintaining the last public school in communities; the anticipated outcome and impact to the CBE of the standardized methodology developed for how school capacity is calculated; number of new or developing communities that will need new schools in the next 10 years; developing more requests for Kindergarten to Grade 9 schools; how classroom sizes are determined; number of students that classrooms are built for; the grade configuration used by the CBE; modular classroom removal requests and the impact on utilization rates; the impact on the CBE of the Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education Building Forward strategic plan; potential uses of a school after it closes and the risks associated; and what does 85% utilization rate look like.

Chair Hack stated the item will be placed on the September 27, 2022 agenda for consideration.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

9.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

9.1.1 Locally Developed Courses

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the recommendations for Locally Developed Courses listed in Appendix I for school use in the Calgary Board of Education for the authorization periods set by Alberta Education's policy.

9.1.2 Meeting Minutes:

- Regular Meeting held April 5, 2022
- Special Meeting held May 9, 2022

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 5, 2022 and the Special Meeting held May 9, 2022, as submitted.

9.2 **Items Provided for Board Information**

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Chair Hack noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss one land, one labour, one legal, and four strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Recessed: 2:33 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:46 p.m.



10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Superintendent Armstrong and General Counsel Fenney confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

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, June 14, 2022 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 Vukadinovic:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

