

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, January 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee L. Hack
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
M. Nelson, Superintendent, School Improvement
J. Turner, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), local 40
C. Sagriotis, Senior High School Principals Association
J. Batyky, Elementary School Principals Association

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND WELCOME

Chair Bolger called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from New Brighton School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Bolger acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta. This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis, Guts'ists'i, Wîchîspa, and otôskwanihk.



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of Education**

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

Oki, Dādánast'áda, Âba Wathtec, Tâlisi, Taanishi, bonjour, hello, and welcome, from Chair Bolger, to all staff, union representatives, and members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that a request was received to remove item 9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update from the Consent Agenda and add it as item 7.1 under Matters for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring**

Chair Bolger noted that the presentation and questions today were focused on Indicators One, Two and Three contained in the Results 2: Academic Success - Annual Monitoring report. The balance of the report will be presented at the January 28, 2025 regular board meeting.

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the report provides assurance of continued progress towards ensuring that every student will be literate, numerate and able to integrate and apply learning acquired across all disciplines; evidence gathered from report card data, provincial assessments and Alberta Education Assurance Measures; overlap between the Results 2: Academic Success report and the Alberta Education Results Report (AERR), presented in November 2024; key areas of success and areas for growth; context including enrolment pressures, continued impacts of COVID-19 on learning, and student complexity; and high school completion rates.

Superintendent Nelson provided further highlights from the report, including the comparison of CBE results to provincial results; high school completion rates; students requiring more than three years to complete high-school; successes in diploma exam results; provincial achievement test (PAT) results; use of the new Alberta Education digital exam platform for all PATs; positive trends in results across cohorts; and areas identified for improvement.



Superintendent Turner provided additional highlights from the report, including measurements of achievement from report card results; classroom indicators of success not captured in report card results; general, non-substantial, decline in results for divisions one, two, and three across all subjects; impact of curriculum and assessment changes on results; actions being taken to support middle school learners both academically and in socio-emotional well-being; increases in high school student achievement results; results from students who self-identify as Indigenous, indicating continued overall evidence of improvement; and the ongoing work to develop targeted supports for identified areas for improvement.

Chief Superintendent Pitman provided concluding highlights on areas identified for improvement.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters relating to Indicators One, Two, and Three in the report, including high school completion rates; English as an Additional Language (EAL) language proficiency levels; identifying areas of exception; student and staff absenteeism; support for complex learners; Knowledge and Employability (K&E) courses; the inclusion of students excused or absent for the exam, resulting as a zero, in PAT results; language course challenge options for high school students; partnership with the Calgary Construction Association and the Honour The Work program; and building consistency across the organization in the collection of evidence used to determine student achievement.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the data included in the report relates to the 2023-2024 school year; evidence of work done across schools and service units to foster relationships with community; compliance with all fourteen indicators; and the importance of building strong connections and community to support student success.

M. Martin-Esposito provided highlights from the report, including work done to strengthen connections and foster a sense of community; provision of timely and responsive communication; tools used to facilitate communication and engagement; meaningful opportunities for gathering feedback from community members, families and staff, including school planning engagement; and responses to concerns and complaints.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including supporting school councils; trends in concerns and complaints; and school planning engagement participation.

Recessed: 12:37 p.m.
Reconvened: 12:40 p.m.



Administration continued to respond to trustee questions on matters from the report, including post-engagement evaluations and opportunities for staff input at the school level.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, January 23, 2025. If no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the January 28, 2025 consent agenda with the motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting work to increase student agency and well-being, building stronger communities within each school; the work of the Indigenous Education Team; and partnerships that work across the system to meet the needs of students.

A trustee made comments on the benefits of updates related to Operational Expectations and the work being done on well-being in CBE high schools, noting that the Chief Superintendent Updates share the culture of the CBE.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss one legal and two strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Recessed: 12:51 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:06 p.m.

10 | PRIVATE SESSION

Motion to Move In Camera



MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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, January 14, 2025 be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

Resolved, **THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in camera.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee May:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:09 p.m.

