

## **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 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)  
Trustee N. Close (departed at 2:47 p.m.)  
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, Local 40

### 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 Crossing Park School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Through a video recording, students from Crossing Park School 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'kinstsîs, Guts'ists'i, Wîchîspa, and otôskwanihk.



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

Trustee Dennis thanked the students for the presentations of O Canada and the Acknowledgement of the Land.

Oki, Dādánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tâniši, 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 the following agenda change requests were received:

- Remove item 9.1.2, Meeting Minutes, from the agenda;
- Remove item 9.2.1, First Quarter Budget Variance Report, from the Consent Agenda and add it as item 7.1 under Matters Reserved for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 28, 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 **Crossing Park School Presentation**

L. Nachtigal, Education Director, Area 4, introduced Crossing Park School, highlighting student demographics; the school's high impact instructional strategies, structures, and processes which have led to student achievement in oral language development; leadership actions taken to develop a positive learning culture; and how the school is working every day to meet the expectations of Results 2: Academic Success, particularly in meeting the expectations for student literacy.

A. Bews, Principal at Crossing Park School, presented on the goal that students are safe, happy, and learning at school; the Crossing Park School Development Plan focusing on oral language development; challenges and opportunities of a majority English as an Additional Language (EAL) student body; grounding of instruction and assessment in the principals of the CBE learning frameworks; inclusion of student voice; shared leadership structure; fair, transparent, and equitable teaching and assessment practices; oral language teaching and assessment development, through "Talk Moves";



increased teacher competency and consistency in oral language assessment practices; and increased student confidence and achievement.

Students and staff shared on their experiences at Crossing Park School through video recordings, highlighting classroom practices for oral language development; inclusion of the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework; improved confidence; prioritization of student voice; and fostering a culture of shared learning. Students shared the school motto of “Safe, Happy, Learning” in a variety of languages.

Trustee Dennis thanked staff and students for the presentation, highlighting the ways that the priorities of the Board of Trustees are represented in action at Crossing Park School.

Recessed: 11:25 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:29 a.m.

#### 4.2 Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring

Chair Bolger noted that the Results 2: Academic Success - Annual Monitoring report was presented at the January 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and trustees asked questions on Indicators One, Two and Three. The presentation and questions at this meeting are focused on Indicators Four and Five.

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that there are many areas of celebration in student achievement, including improved high school completion rates; the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on high school completion rates; the high rates of enrolment growth and new English as an Additional Language (EAL) students in these high school cohorts; and the continued development of structures and supports to increase high school completion success.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including EAL student language proficiency levels, enrolment trends, and anticipated impacts on results and resourcing; the impact of language proficiency and language acquisition on the increase in five-year high school completion rates; the impact of transitions into the CBE and between CBE schools on student success; impact of fourth and fifth year high school students on high school capacity; continued impacts of COVID-19 on student achievement; year-over-year variation in overall results for the All Students cohort; impact of grade 9 results on high school course selection; Career Technology Studies (CTS) and Career Technology Foundations (CTF) course accessibility; communication of student achievements; and need for increased funding from Alberta Education to meet the needs of students.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for Results 2: Academic Success to the Corporate Secretary and all trustees by noon, February 6, 2025. The Chair noted that this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025 for the Board’s consideration.



**5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

There were no reports or presentation.

**6 | PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

**7.1 First Quarter Budget Variance Report**

B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services, provided highlights from the report including the process of quarterly reporting on material changes or variances that occur between the end of May 2024, when the 2024-2025 budget was approved, and the anticipated expenditures for the current year based on available information as at the end of November 2024; \$31.7 million funding increase from Alberta Education to address the demands of high enrolment and inflation; the current forecast of a modest \$3.5 million surplus for the year ending August 31, 2025; slowing of enrolment growth due in part to changes to federal and provincial immigration policies and growing affordability challenges in the City of Calgary; the return of \$35 million in funding to Alberta Education due to lower than projected enrolment as of September 30, 2024; additional enrolment of 890 unfunded students since September 30, 2024, resulting in a \$6 million investment need from the CBE's Criteria Based Response Fund, used to fund in-year enrolment growth; and carry-forward amounts for in-progress projects from the 2023-24 school year.

Administration responded to Trustee question on matters from the report, including per-student funding; inflation-adjusted funding calculations; schools in overflow; Capital Reserves; Board funded capital expenditures; funding for unfunded students registered after September 30, 2024; and lunchroom supervision fees and salaries.

**8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

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

Chair Bolger introduced the report, stating that at the January 14, 2025 meeting trustees had the opportunity to ask questions of administration. The report is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of Operational Expectations 8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**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.**

In debate of the motion, Trustees made comments on the critical nature of Communicating and Engaging With the Public and the policy goals; efforts made across



the system to engage and communicate with students and families in support of student success; and the Concerns and Complaints process and rates of responsiveness.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was,  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

**THAT the Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for exemplary performance in relation to strategic two-way dialogue between the CBE and its communities while conducting the 2024-2027 Education Plan engagement.**

In debate of the motion, Trustees made comments on the comprehensive and exemplary engagement undertaken with all stakeholders in the development of the 2024-2027 Education Plan; over 9000 diverse community responses; the strengthening of relationships with the community; exemplification of a deep understanding of who CBE students are; successful and meaningful dialogue within a short time period; and positive feedback from community members.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 9 | **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 9.1 **Items Provided for Board Decision**

#### 9.1.1 Amendment to Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting held September 24, 2024

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 24, 2024, as submitted.**

### 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, two land, two labour and four strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Recessed: 12:45 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:04 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 28, 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.

Absent: Trustee Close

**11 | MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Close

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the January 28, 2025 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 conducted on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)  
Trustee N. Close  
Trustee M. Dennis (arrived 9:40 a.m.)  
Trustee L. Hack  
Trustee C. May  
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools



K. Fenney, General Counsel (arrived 9:40 a.m.)  
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

All attendees 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 Hack:

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 28, 2025, reconvened February 4, 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.

Absent: Trustee Dennis

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee May:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

