

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, February 11, 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:

H. Sharpe, Elementary School Principals' Association
T. Martin, Senior High 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 CBe-learn led the national anthem through a video recording.

Through a video recording, students from CBe-learn 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.



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

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

Oki, Dādánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tānisi, 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 no agenda change requests were received.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **CBe-learn School Presentation**

K. Weipert, Education Director, Area 5, introduced the presentation, highlighting the context of CBe-learn and the growing demand for distance learning; the rapid evolution of online learning and technology; the supportive role of online learning in the continuation of learning through challenging times and system-wide enrolment growth; and the comprehensive nature of the online education program.

S. Klukas, Principal, CBe-learn, presented on the history of the CBe-learn program; student demographics; online learning programming; support for families facing exceptional circumstances; opportunities for regular program students to concurrently take individual online courses; partnership with Chinook Learning Services; course completion rates; and the reflection of Board of Trustees' priority of academic success.

Staff members presented through a video recording on fostering relationships and a sense of belonging both online and through in-person days and activities; balancing screen time with off-screen tasks, including both online and in-person music and art opportunities; intentional school structure that promotes active student engagement through both synchronous and asynchronous learning; strategies for achievement of literacy and mathematics goals; complementary Career & Technology Foundations (CTF) and Career & Technology Studies (CTS) course opportunities; CBE Student



Survey feedback; the Student Leadership course; and senior high flexibility in learning.

Students shared on their experiences in online learning through CBe-learn, through video recordings.

Trustee Close thanked the staff and students for the presentation, highlighting the opportunities for complementary courses; the adaptability and flexibility of CBe-learn school; and the evidence of academic success.

Recessed: 11:29 a.m.
Reconvened: 11:33 a.m.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-3: Instructional Program – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the data included applies to the 2023-24 school year; the wide range of learning opportunities; and compliance with each of the eleven policy indicators.

Superintendent Nelson provided additional highlights from the report, including school development planning and common themes in school development plans of literacy, numeracy and well-being goals; continual growth toward alignment across the system, supported by the CBE frameworks; diverse learning opportunities, including Career & Technology Foundation (CTF) and Career & Technology Studies (CTS) courses; and unique pathways programming.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including analysis of student results; compliance with expectations for the provision of programming opportunities; psychoeducational assessments and placement in specialized programming; school-based mental health service referrals; holistic and individual goals structure in school development plans; transportation travel distance guidelines; balancing the cost of transportation services with Alberta Education grants for specialized programming; transportation to alternate address service; transportation funding parameters; Alberta Education Route Assessment criteria; impact of route assessments on transportation planning; creation of bus routes in new communities; penalties for non-compliance with transportation agreements; Career & Technology Foundation (CTF) course opportunities; and the process for the creation of specialized classrooms in schools.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-3: Instructional Program to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, February 27, 2025. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the March 4, 2025 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-3: Instructional Program.



6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Shutiak, Executive Director, Youth en Route, made comments on the accessibility of alternate transportation options for students, including bicycles and public transit.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

There were no reports or presentations.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

8.1 Results 2: Academic Success – Annual Monitoring

Chair Bolger introduced the report, stating that at the January 14, 2025 and January 28, 2025 meetings trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. It is now on the agenda for the Board to determine if the Chief Superintendent is making reasonable progress with the provisions of Results 2: Academic Success.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees has reviewed the monitoring report for Results 2: Academic Success, and concludes that reasonable progress is being made toward the ultimate achievement of this Results policy.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on the central focus on student learning; high school completion rates; student achievement in Provincial Achievement Test and diploma exam results; identification of areas for growth; strategies for supporting student success; student attendance; underfunding and system sustainability; the impact of high enrolment growth, high school utilization rates, ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the growing population of English as a Second Language learners, and the introduction of new curriculum on student success; and holistic student development.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 Closure of Home Education Program at Windsor Park School for the Purpose of Relocation

Chief Superintendent Pitman provided an overview of the CBE's compliance with the *Education Act* and the Board of Trustees' Governance Policy 3E: Closure of Schools Procedure.

Superintendent Breton provided further highlights from the report, including the recent return of Bel-Aire School to CBE inventory; system-wide high enrolment and high utilization rates; the opportunity for the Home Education Program to continue at a new location and for a regular program at Windsor Park School to be established for the growing population of students in that community; the opportunity to balance high



enrolment at Elboya School and Rideau Park School; and further details of compliance with Board policy GC-3E: Closure of Schools Procedure.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters relating to accommodation of the Home Education Program at Bel-Aire School, including existing modular classrooms; space for a family room; library configuration; relocation of the kiln; parking availability; availability of a presentation space or stage; gymnasium space; the use of tennis courts near Bel-Aire School; necessary modifications at both Windsor Park School and Bel-Aire School; the school naming process for alternative programs; and before-and-after school care.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Public Input Meeting for the Home Education Program held January 22, 2025, provided in Attachment I to the report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Close provided an overview of the public written submissions received from December 18, 2024 to February 4, 2025 in the Area Five Office and the Board of Trustees' Office. Themes included concern about the future needs of a growing Home Education Program; recommendations related to family involvement in naming the program and recreating space at Bel-Aire School; the need for a stage; concerns about parking and playground space; concerns about social-emotional connection and belonging; and concerns about replicating the family and library spaces at Bel-Aire School.

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the closure of the Home Education Program at Windsor Park School for the purpose of relocation, effective June 30, 2025.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on the process of consideration of closure for the purpose of relocation; feedback from families and community members; consideration of the changes that would be required of families and students; opportunities created by the return of the Bel-Aire School for the balancing of school utilization in the area; the positive impacts and successes of the Home Education Program; the supportive and collaborative relationship between parents and school administration; the importance of choice in education; the value of allowing students to attend a neighbourhood school close to home; the importance of engaging families in the process of transition; the higher capacity for growth at Windsor Park School due to the ability to add modular classrooms; CBE's commitment to continuing to support the Home Education Program; continuity of staffing should the Home Education Program be relocated; high enrolment growth and system-wide utilization rates; and the urgent need for additional learning spaces.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.



The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.3 Meeting Minutes

Chair Bolger noted these minutes are on the agenda for decision instead of being on the consent agenda, as is the normal process, pursuant to Section N912(b) of the Board Meeting Procedures, which states that any Trustee who is absent from a Board of Trustees' meeting is not entitled to vote on the adoption of minutes arising from the meeting. Trustee Dennis will abstain from voting on the approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Special Meeting and the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held December 16, 2024 and the Regular Meeting held December 17, 2024, as submitted.

A trustee asked a question about debate on the minutes. Chair Bolger ruled that the content of the meetings is not debatable.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

Abstained: Trustee Dennis

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting held January 14, 2025

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2025, as submitted.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update



Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss two legal, two land, two labour and four strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Recessed: 1:39 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:58 p.m.

10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Close:

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, February 11, 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 Dennis:

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 Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the correspondence regarding the Annual Summative Evaluation of the Chief Superintendent, Attachment I to this report as amended.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with EducationMatters as discussed in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis



Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

11 | 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 6:42 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, conducted on Microsoft Teams.

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
K. Fenney, General Counsel
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 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, February 11, 2025, reconvened February 18, 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 Dennis:

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 Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the amended bargaining mandates as discussed in-camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, conducted on Microsoft Teams.

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
K. Fenney, General Counsel



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 Close:

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, February 11, 2025, reconvened February 19, 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.

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 2:32 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, conducted on Microsoft Teams.

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
K. Fenney, General Counsel
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 Vukadinovic:

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, February 11, 2025, reconvened February 25, 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 Close:

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 Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the March 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

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 3:36 p.m.

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