

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, April 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis (attended virtually)
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:

A. Smyth, Senior High Schools' 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 David Thompson 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.



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

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 Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2025, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no reports or presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Results 4: Personal Development – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting results related to ensuring each student is successful in identifying and developing their individual gifts, talents and interests; increased Annual Returning Rates; a summary of results indicating student success in engagement, persistence, and goal-setting skills; strong results in health and Career and Life Management (CALM) studies; and the priority of maintaining results through continued focus on student well-being.

Superintendent Nelson provided further highlights from the report, including a summary of the data collected and analysed; the suspension of report card indicators for Results 4: Personal Development for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students by previous decision of the Board; curriculum and report card assessment changes; increases in the Physical Health Summary measure results; increase in the number of students who report they are managing their screen time well; year-over-year increase in overall emotional health measures, at the highest level in post-pandemic years; relatively low agreement with responses related to students talking about their feelings; investments in professional development and collaborative resource development; the CBE Personal Mobile Device policy alignment with Alberta Education requirements; and continued implementation and impact of structures, policies, and collaborative responses to support overall student well-being and success.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including options for the delivery of CALM; supports available through the Welcome Centre;



survey questions relating to screen time in response to Alberta Education's changes to cell phone policy; future plans for a major focus on Results 4 in the CBE Student Survey; evidence collected and analysed for this report; and the process of re-enrolment for returning students.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for the Results 4: Personal Development policy to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon, Thursday, April 17, 2025. The Chair noted this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for April 22, 2025 for the Board's consideration.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-2: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting compliance with all indicators for the 2023-24 school year; progress in enhancing student voice, safety and wellbeing; efforts to support the increasingly diverse population of students; a system-wide review of the Student Code of Conduct; professional development on the matter of progressive discipline and restorative practices; fostering inclusive environments through student-led clubs; empowerment of students to take an active role in shaping their school environments; the 2024 Alberta Education Assurance Survey results; robust support for improvement in attendance; and holistic school transition support plans for students with Individual Program Plans (IPP) and students who self-identify as Indigenous.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including processes for supporting students with acute dysregulation; emergency drill and evacuation practices; compliance with school emergency policies; rate of response to the Alberta Education Assurance Survey; trends related to student behaviour in the classrooms and disciplinary processes; requirements for volunteer security clearances; and school transition support plans.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions, or commendations for OE-2: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon, Thursday, April 17, 2025. She stated if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the April 22, 2025 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-2: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students.

5.1 OE-6: Asset Protection – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the data informing this report is from the 2023-2024 school year and indicates that CBE is properly maintaining, adequately protecting and appropriately using all organization assets; compliance with all six policy indicators; and data on indicator 6.1.3 regarding life safety and preventative maintenance inspections, which was approved as a new indicator by previous decision of the Board to replace the indicator that measured performance on Alberta Infrastructure audits that are no longer performed.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including measures to protect CBE Information Systems and measures for the protection of CBE data on external partner platforms, such as PowerSchool.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions, or commendations for OE-6: Asset Protection to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon, Thursday, April 17, 2025. She stated if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the April 22, 2025 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-6: Asset Protection.

Recessed: 11:59 a.m.

Reconvened: 12:08 p.m.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 Budget Assumptions Report 2025-2026

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting the overall increase in education funding from the Government of Alberta; a total of \$1.442 billion in funding allocated to the Calgary Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year; the new Alberta Education funding framework; continued alignment of programs and services with overall funding; prudence and prioritization in budget planning to maximize the impact of every dollar for student success; and the ongoing impact of unprecedented enrolment growth and the management of finite learning spaces.

Superintendent Grundy provided further highlights from the report, noting that the Budget Assumptions Report (BAR) is intended to inform trustees on the key factors, considerations and assumptions that will be incorporated into the CBE 2025-2026 budget; receipt of the Alberta Education 2025-26 funding profile and funding manual; alignment of the funding profile with CBE assumptions; an increase of approximately 3% in overall funding; the impact of enrolment growth, increased student complexity, accumulating inflationary pressures, and increasing employment costs; increase in estimated costs at an equivalent percentage; Resource Allocation Model (RAM) distribution to schools; prioritization of supports for English as an Additional Language learners; ongoing review of the current fee structure; measures to ensure no student is unable to access public education due to financial pressures; monitoring of potential impacts on budget planning; and the allocation of 0.5% of expenditures to increasing accumulated surplus from operational funds to ensure financial flexibility.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including the continuum of supports and services for students with complex learning needs; the availability of specialized classroom or unique setting spaces, and the funding required to increase availability; the impact of increased enrolment and increased costs on the affordability of maintaining the current level of services and student-to-



staff ratio; school-based decisions for use of funding; school utilization rates; the noted risks and potential impacts of tariffs and international conversion rates and funding for students registered after September 30.

A trustee made comments on continuing advocacy work to encourage increased base funding for education to meet the needs of students.

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

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

9.2.2 Correspondence

Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned and that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss two land, three labour and three strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Recessed: 12:49 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:15 p.m.

10 | PRIVATE SESSION

Trustee Dennis acknowledged that she was alone and in a location that no other person could hear her 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, April 8, 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 May:

THAT the Board of Trustees ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, Attachment I, dated March 25, 2025 with respect to the collective bargaining between the Calgary Board of Education and the Bargaining Council of the Calgary Board of Education Construction and Maintenance Skilled Trades Union.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Education as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:10 p.m.

