

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. through Microsoft Teams

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Virtual)

Board of Trustees:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman

Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. D. Unruh, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary
Ms. M. Broda, Board Administrator

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and O Canada was led by students from Deer Run School by way of pre-recorded video.

Chair Dennis 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.

Chair Dennis welcomed staff, public members, and union representatives participating in the virtual Board meeting.

2 | CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted there were no requests for agenda changes.

Trustee Hehr requested that Langevin School Re-naming be added to the agenda.



Chair Dennis ruled the request out of order, referencing section F.(1) of the Board Meeting Procedures stating this is a non-emergent issue.

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

THAT the decision of the Chair be over-ruled.

The motion was
DEFEATED

In favour:	Trustee Hehr Trustee Hrdlicka
Opposed:	Trustee Adams Trustee Bradshaw Trustee Dennis Trustee Hurdman

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021 as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Adams Trustee Bradshaw Trustee Dennis Trustee Hurdman
Opposed:	Trustee Hehr Trustee Hrdlicka

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no awards or recognitions.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, advising that the report has limited information due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The transition to remote learning impacted the two primary data sources that are used for evidence, report cards and CBE Student Survey, which was not administered in 2019-20. As a result the evidence available was only gathered until mid-March 2020. Due to evidence not being available, the Chief Superintendent is unable to provide a determination on reasonable progress being made. Superintendent Pitman provided more details, saying that based on the limited evidence available, data analysis has still been provided, but that it needs to be reviewed with caution as it is incomplete. Even with interruptions this school year, the student survey will be administered allowing for enough evidence to have a complete data set for next year's monitoring report.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: teachers ability to assess the outcomes in the online environment; the functional behavior assessment tool; Tier 2 supports; how being a responsible citizen is taught ; presenting opportunities for students to exemplify being responsible citizens; work of the Indigenous Education Team; administering the survey only to specific grades; surveys taking place in the 2020-2021 school year; the social studies curriculum; and the focus placed on truth and reconciliation.

Chair Dennis asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for the Results policy, to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon Thursday, March 18, 2021. The Chair noted that this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for March 23, 2021 for the Board's consideration.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 **OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report stating that evidence applies to the 2019-2020 school year, showing compliance for nine of the ten policy statements. The impact from the COVID-19 pandemic in transitioning to online learning in March 2020 prevented further reporting through the Chief Superintendent's Updates.

Chair Dennis asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, March 18, 2021. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the March 23, 2021 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-7.

6 | **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION**

7.1 **Three-Year School Capital Plan 2022-2025**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report. Superintendent Breton provided more detail stating that the plan is created using data from multiple sources including the City of Calgary and CBE and then processed using approved prioritization criteria. In the 2020-2021 school year, enrolment decreased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with three new elementary schools opened, this reduced system wide utilization to 83%. Utilization rates are projected to be 87% in 2026 if all schools on the plan are approved. The plan focuses on modernizing existing schools to maintain utilization rates and ensuring the schools that are 50 years or older can still be used for many more years.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters including: projects getting moved up on the rating scale; accommodating students during school modernizations; utilization rate impacts with the passing of the *Choice in Education Act*; shifting focus to building new schools in newer communities; Legacy elementary school ranking; pairing of



communities when looking at building new schools; calculating number of years previously on the capital plan; communities having no points for community growth profile; travel points; and why some schools have been ranked lower in this year's plan compared to previous years.

Chair Dennis noted the Three-Year School Capital Plan 2022-2025 will be placed on the March 23, 2021 public agenda for the Board's consideration.

8 | **MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION**

8.1 **2021 ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Nominee**

Chief Superintendent Usih introduced the report, stating that the award, created by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), recognizes outstanding teaching performance by a beginning teacher. Superintendent Armstrong provided additional detail outlining the nomination and selection process. Mr. D. Swift, representative of the CBE Edwin Parr Committee, reiterated the selection process and how the decision was made to select the nominee. Mike Wilson, principal at Crescent Heights High School, introduced Mr. John Barrett, the nominee selected. He spoke about his teaching and his commitment to student success.

Mr. Barrett thanked everyone and the feeling of being appreciated by the Principal and Assistant Principal at the school. He also thanked the staff at Crescent Heights High School who made him feel welcome and who connected with him on shared interests. He spoke about his family and seeing all the greatness in his students.

Comments and questions posed by the trustees included the following: the significant role Mr. Barrett has played; having a big impact on his student's everyday; choosing to go into education after other career paths were followed and successful; happy to have him be part of the system; and his previous life experiences helping him teach in the classroom.

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that John Barrett is the Calgary Board of Education nominee for the 2021 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Award.

In debate of the motion, trustee comments included: thanking Mr. Barrett, Administration, and staff for supporting him in his first year; feeling lucky that he is part of the CBE; wishing him the best of luck; expressing congratulations; teachers being important to society and making a big difference; and Mr. Barrett bringing a lot of skills and exemplifying attitudes of CBE CARES.

Chair Dennis called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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 Dennis noted that the Board would meet in-camera following the public portion of the meeting to discuss two legal and three strategic planning matters. She noted the next public Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Recessed: 1:38 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:12 p.m.

10 | **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

The in-camera portion of the March 9, 2021 meeting commenced at 10:33 a.m., prior to the public meeting. The notes are recorded here to provide continuity to these minutes.

All Trustees, Chief Superintendent, General Counsel and the Corporate Secretary confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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, March 9, 2021 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 Adams:

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

The motion was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recessed: 11:48 a.m.



The in-camera portion of the meeting was reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

All Trustees and Superintendents confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

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, March 9, 2021 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 Bradshaw:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

THAT, the Board of Trustees, subject to any non-material adjustments to the Audit Planning Report to the Audit and Risk Committee (the “Planning Report”) made by the Chief Financial Officer, the Planning Report for the year ending August 31, 2021 be approved by the Board of Trustees as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the City of Calgary service agreement for the provision of election and enumeration services, with cost-sharing between the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Hurdman:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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, March 9, 2021 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 Bradshaw:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chair Dennis reconvened the March 9, 2021 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2:48 p.m. on Monday March 15, 2021 through Conference Call.

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Virtual)

Board of Trustees:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka (departed at 4:28 p.m.)
Trustee T. Hurdman



Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary

All Trustees and Superintendents confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Bradshaw:

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, March 9, 2021, reconvened March 15, 2021, 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 Bradshaw:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Adams:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Absent: Trustee Hrdlicka

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Chair Dennis reconvened the March 9, 2021 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday March 16, 2021 through Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Virtual)

Board of Trustees:

Trustee M. Dennis, Chair
Trustee A. Adams
Trustee M. Bradshaw (joined at 1:46 p.m.)
Trustee R. Hehr
Trustee J. Hrdlicka
Trustee T. Hurdman

Administration:

Mr. C. Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Ms. K. Fenney, General Counsel
Mr. B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
Ms. M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. D. Unruh, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
Ms. T. Minor, Corporate Secretary

All Trustees and Superintendents confirmed they were alone and in a location that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In-Camera

MOVED by Trustee Hrdlicka:

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, March 9, 2021, reconvened March 16, 2021, 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.

Absent: Trustee Bradshaw

Motion to Revert to Public Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Hehr:

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 2:41 p.m.

