

## CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

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### MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair  
Trustee C. Bazinet  
Trustee G. Dirks  
Trustee L. Ferguson  
Trustee P. King  
Trustee K. Kryczka  
Trustee G. Lane

#### Administration:

Ms. N. Johnson, Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. D. Stevenson, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. F. Copping, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services  
Ms. C. Faber, Superintendent, Learning Innovation  
Mr. J. Johnston, Superintendent, Human Resources  
Ms. D. Lewis, Superintendent, Learning Support  
Ms. J. Ramondt on behalf of Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications  
Mr. R. Peden, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
Mr. W. Braun, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
Mr. C. Davies, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary  
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

#### Stakeholder Representatives:

Mr. B. Anderson, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40  
Ms. T. Martin, Elementary School Principals' Association  
Ms. J. Minifie, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association  
Ms. D. Duncan, Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils  
Ms. J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38  
Ms. C. O'Connor, Elementary School Principals' Association

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### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The singing of the national anthem took place led by Caroline and Becky, students from Lord Beaverbrook High School. Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

## **2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Barkway noted that a stakeholder report would be given under Item 5.4.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2010, be approved as submitted.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS**

### **3.1 Lord Beaverbrook High School**

Ms. J. Rogerson, Director, Area V, introduced the presentation, noting it focuses on Ends 4: Personal Development. Presenters on behalf of Lord Beaverbrook High School included: Mr. J. Turner, Principal, Mr. B. Hicks, Learning Leader, and students Nafeesa, Megan, Graeme, Caitlin and Dean.

Students came forward and with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation they individually shared their experiences and personal growth through the various programs and learning at Lord Beaverbrook High School. Nafeesa commented on her passion for science and noted a highlight for her this past year was having Dr. Robert Thirsk visit their school and speak about his six months on the space shuttle. Megan shared information about some of the work performed by the Honours Society, a club of which she has been a member for the past three years. She highlighted details about school fundraisers, field trips, and the awards events that are held twice annually. The Honours Society received an award from the Women's Emergency Shelter for their philanthropic endeavours. Graeme spoke about the school's T.E.A.M (which stands for "Together Everybody Achieves More") Leadership program, noting that the focus of the program is on: responsibility; real life problem solving; engagement in school and social issues; leadership; teamwork and group discussion/bonding. He shared further comments about some of their work involving health in perspective, fundraisers and clothing drives, group events and independent events, volunteerism and Art initiatives. Dean and Caitlyn concluded the presentation with information about upcoming work of their Drama class, which includes doing a play on Margaret Atwood's *The Penelopiad*, which they will be performing in May at Lord Beaverbrook High School. Students also hope to travel to Edinburgh, Scotland this year to perform their play at the *Edinburgh Fringe Festival* if appropriate approvals are received.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Bazinet expressed appreciation to the staff and students for sharing information about their myriad forms of personal achievement through learning at Lord Beaverbrook High School.

## **4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no honours or recognitions.

## **5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION**

### **5.1 Report from the Chair and Trustees**

There were no reports.

### **5.2 Report from the Chief Superintendent**

Chief Superintendent Johnson shared information pertaining to the following events:

- March 15-19, 2010 is recognized as substitute teacher's week.
- Today, March 2, 2010, is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Calgary Board of Education.

### **5.3 Public Question Period**

There were no public questions.

### **5.4 Stakeholder Reports**

#### **5.4.1 Ms. H. Mowat, Member of the Public**

Ms. Mowat shared her perception that society and education is being controlled by governments, corporations and professionals, and she expressed her belief that the public is intentionally being betrayed.

### **5.5 Trustee Inquiries**

There were no Trustee inquiries.

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Consideration of Closure of Eugene Coste School and All Programs Contained Therein**

Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement and Operational Planning, noted that the Board was compliant with all School Closure Regulations, as noted in the report.

MOVED by Trustee King:

1. **THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 4, 2010, attached to the report as Attachment 1, be approved by the Board of Trustees, and**
2. **THAT the report be received for information and for the record.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cochrane pointed out that the synopsis that is shared is not required by the regulatory process, but it is part of the Board of Trustees' process to assure our public that Trustees truly listen to and read the concerns that are expressed by the public.

Trustee Bazinet, as Ward Trustee, noted that in addition to the concerns and issues that were discussed at the public meeting on February 4, 2010, further public submissions were



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received prior to and subsequently after the public meeting, which she summarized as follows:

- Concerns were expressed about the size of Haysboro School and whether or not it would be large enough to accommodate all students that reside within the proposed Haysboro attendance area, as well as the potential increase in students that may eventually reside in a townhome complex being built in the community.
- A public submission expressed support for the process that was being followed and support for the closure of Eugene Coste School.
- A question was submitted asking what might happen with the school if it were to close.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

**Be it *Resolved*, THAT the Board of Trustees approves the closure of Eugene Coste School and all programs contained therein, as of June 30, 2010.**

Trustee comments in support of the motion are summarized as follows:

- There are two schools within the Haysboro community, of the same age, that have excess capacity. With the opening of three new public schools in residential districts to the south, this community will have an even greater amount of excess capacity.
- The projected student enrolment for the community indicates that Haysboro School is of an appropriate size to offer a sustainable kindergarten to grade 6 regular program for the community students.

Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **6.2 Consideration of Closure of the Kindergarten to Grade Six Regular Program at Dr. J.K. Mulloy School**

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Mr. P. Carlton, Director, Community Engagement and Operational Planning, provided brief comments about the process that was followed.

MOVED by Trustee King:

1. **THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 8, 2010, attached to the report as Attachment 1, be approved by the Board of Trustees, and**
2. **THAT the report be received for information and for the record.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Ferguson, as Ward Trustee, noted that concerns and issues were discussed at a public meeting on February 8, 2010; and that there were no public questions or written submissions received after that public meeting.

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**Be it *Resolved*, THAT the Board of Trustees approves the staged closure of the Kindergarten to grade 6 regular program at Dr. J.K. Mulloy School, commencing June 30, 2010, such that the current grade configuration at Dr. J.K. Mulloy School would be altered over time as follows:**

- 1) for the academic year of 2010-2011, Dr. J.K. Mulloy School would have no regular program for Kindergarten to grade 4 and those students would be designated to Huntington Hills School or Panorama Hills School, depending on their residential district; and**
- 2) for the academic years of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, Dr. J.K. Mulloy School would accommodate grades 5 and 6 regular program students; and**
- 3) effective June 30, 2012, Dr. J.K. Mulloy School would have no regular program and all affected regular program students would be designated, depending on their grade level and residential district, to:**
  - a) Huntington Hills School, or**
  - b) the new middle school planned for Panorama Hills, conditional on the planned new construction being satisfactorily completed.**

Trustee comments in support of the motion are summarized as follows:

- There are currently four public schools in the Huntington Hills district that offer a regular program. Additionally, a new school will be opening in the Panorama Hills residential district, which will affect the projected student population of the regular program at Dr. J.K. Mulloy School and, thereby, impede the ability to provide a sustainable regular program.
- The ability to provide these students with a sustainable regular program at a school that is still within their community is an advantage.
- Continuing to offer a program of choice in Dr. J.K. Mulloy School can be viewed as beneficial to both the community and to the families of students who attend the alternative program.

Chair Cochrane called for the vote on the motion.

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **7.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS**

There were no items.

## **8.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**

There were no items.

## **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Cochrane declared the following items to be adopted as submitted:

## **9.1 Board Consent Agenda**

### **9.1.1 Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held February 16, 2010
- Regular Meeting held February 23, 2010

**THAT the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held February 16 and February 23, 2010, as submitted.**

### **9.1.2 Correspondence**

**THAT the Board of Trustees receives the following correspondence for information and for the record, in the form as submitted:**

- Correspondence dated February 17, 2010 to Board Chair, Pat Cochrane from Mr. Owen Tobert, Manager, City of Calgary, acknowledging receipt of the CBE Notice of Proposed Closure of the Kindergarten to Grade 6 Regular Program at Chris Akkerman School.
- Correspondence dated January 22, 2010 to Mayor Dave Bronconnier, City of Calgary, from The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Alberta Education, copied to Chair Cochrane, regarding City of Calgary boundaries which have been expanded by annexation, but which will not affect school jurisdiction boundaries at this time.

## **9.2 Chief Superintendent Consent Agenda**

### **9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Monthly Update**

**THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Chief Superintendent's Monthly Update for information.**

## **10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were none.

Recessed: 5:46 p.m.

Reconvened: 6:00 p.m.

## **11.0 IN-CAMERA ISSUES**

### **11.1 Motion to Move In Camera**

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

**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 2, 2010 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.



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**11.2 Motion to Revert to Public Meeting**

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

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

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**11.3 Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations**

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

**THAT *Saddle Ridge School* be approved as the name of the new school being built in the community of Saddle Ridge.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

- 1. THAT the Board of Trustees receives for information and for the record, the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting for March 2, 2010; and**
- 2. THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as the auditors for the Calgary Board of Education, for the provision of external audit services, and directs the Audit Committee to proceed with the preparation of a contract, pursuant to the terms and conditions as previously agreed upon and subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees.**

The motion was  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.