

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, April 26, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board of Trustees:

Trustee G. Dirks, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee N. Close
Trustee P. Cochrane
Trustee K. Fawcett
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee G. Lane

Administration:

Dr. B. Croskery, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. M. Clark, Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Business Operations and Environmental Services – Secretary Treasurer
Mr. J. Drysdale, Superintendent, School Support Services
Ms. B. Hubert, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. J. Jones, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Schools
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. G. Scott, Director and General Counsel, Legal and Risk Management Services
Ms. S. Wasylshyn, Executive Assistant to the Trustees
Ms. D. Perrier, Recording Secretary

Action By

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dirks called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

During the in-camera session, Chair Dirks received the unanimous consent of the trustees to the continuation of the meeting past the scheduled completion time of 6:00 p.m., to the conclusion of the Agenda.

MOTION TO REVERT TO PUBLIC MEETING

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 Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees is in opposition to support of 1DA/Special GM 05 at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, as it was submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Fawcett Trustee Ferguson
Opposed:	Trustee Lane

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves support of 2DA/Special GM 05, point 1 at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, in the form as submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT the Board of Trustees is in opposition to support of 2DA/Special GM 05, point 2 at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, as it was submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour:	Trustee Bazinet Trustee Close Trustee Cochrane Trustee Dirks Trustee Ferguson
Opposed:	Trustee Fawcett Trustee Lane

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves support of 2DA/Special GM 05, point 3(a) at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, as discussed in the in-camera session of the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves support of 2DA/Special GM 05, point 3(b) at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, as discussed in the in-camera session of the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
DEFEATED.

In favour:	Trustee Lane
Opposed:	Trustee Bazinet
	Trustee Close
	Trustee Cochrane
	Trustee Dirks
	Trustee Fawcett
	Trustee Ferguson

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT weighted ballots at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, be distributed to the Board Chair to be used to vote by Board position, with respect to items as discussed in the in-camera session of the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

Board

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

THAT weighted ballots at the Alberta School Boards Association Special General Meeting on April 30, 2005, be distributed to the Board Chair to be used to vote by Board position which, as required, will be determined by trustees present at the meeting.

Board

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Board-Mandated fees report for information, in the form as submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees receives the *Metro School Boards Study* report for information and for the record.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees supports the recommendations of the above report, as outlined in the Executive Summary attached to the board report, and recommends that the report be presented to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board of Directors for the development of policy directives to be submitted to the Spring General Meeting (SGM) in June 2005.**
3. **THAT the Board of Trustees supports further work of the Metro School Boards Study Steering Committee to explore issues dealing with the relationships between the metro boards and the ASBA; such work to be funded by the ASBA.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Cochrane:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to provide to the Board, legal advice on developing a potential 'school closure light' governance policy and any attendant procedures based on Section 1.1(1) of the revised provincial Closure of Schools Regulation; such advice to be received before June 7, 2005.**
2. **THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request legal advice from the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) on a potential 'school closure light' governance policy and any attendant procedures based on Section 1.1(1) of the revised provincial Closure of Schools Regulation; such advice be requested to be received before June 7, 2005. As a result of the province-wide impact of the changes of the Regulation, such request shall include a recommendation to the ASBA Board of Directors that ASBA funds the support of this legal work on behalf of all boards.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

1. **THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Calgary Board of Education's School Capital Plan Priorities for information;**
2. **THAT the priorities be amended, as discussed in the in-camera session of the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005;**
3. **THAT the entire Three-Year Capital Plan be presented for Board consideration at its Regular Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2005;**
4. **THAT the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Superintendent to develop a communication plan for release of the School Capital Plan, for implementation prior to the May 3rd discussion.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board

B. Croskery

G. Dirks

D. Dart

J. Barkway (agenda)

B. Croskery

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives the Construction Projects Status Report for information, in the form as submitted with the private agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005; and directs the Chief Superintendent to implement an appropriate communications plan prior to posting the information on the Calgary Board of Education website.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was no objection to the in-camera Consent Agenda and Chair Dirks declared the recommendations adopted as follows:

THAT the Second Quarter Capital Budget Status Report as at February 28, 2005 be received for information, in the form as submitted with the Private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

THAT the budget revisions and transfers, individually in excess of \$500,000, made during the period December 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005 (identified in the Analysis section of the report and in Attachments I and II), be approved and that information regarding all other revisions and transfers, individually less than \$500,000, made during the same period be received for monitoring information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

THAT the Statement of Revenue and Expense for the period September 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005 and Forecast Annual Revenue and Expense for the year ending August 31, 2005 and notes thereto (Attachments III and IV, respectively) be received for monitoring information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

THAT the monitoring report on compliance with Executive Limitation 6, Financial Condition, presented in Section V of the report, be received for monitoring information and for the record, in the form as submitted with the private Agenda for the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2005.

THAT an additional transfer commitment from the Transportation Fee Stabilization Reserve of \$600,000 (to a total of \$2.1 million) be approved to fund the anticipated transportation services expenditures for 2004-2005.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

B. Croskery