



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD RVS EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DR. SW
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 4 Norma Lang

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1295-2023 MOTION BY MELYSSA BOWEN:

Amend the agenda by removing item 10 b) Labour Relations Committee Report.

CARRIED

#1296-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees approves the November 30, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1297-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:37 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1298-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Trustee Fiona Gilbert read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:

ROCKY VIEW COUNTY JOINT USE PLANNING AGREEMENT

#1299-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees direct administration to return to the negotiations table with two trustees present to continue negotiations on a Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Rocky View County.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1300-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 16 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: INCLUSIVITY AT NOSE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Presenters: Becky Harper, Melissa Healing, Carrie Tobler, Suzanne Martin

Project Description

Staff at Nose Creek Elementary School (NCES) believe inclusion must be consistently pursued to honour students in their care. The nature of this work is ongoing. During this presentation, NCES staff members will share their understanding and ongoing practice in bringing Alberta Education's six principles of inclusive learning to life every minute of every day in their busy elementary school. Combined with these provincial expectations, the school has worked to follow the guidelines provided in RVS' Inclusive Education Practice Guide.

This presentation will provide a snapshot of the school's evolution towards a better understanding of inclusivity as they serve their students and wider community. Staff will highlight the multitude of means they use to honour a strength-based lens on difference and diversity in an inclusive learning environment. This work aligns with Goal 3 of RVS' Education Plan – Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Tod Tjoris joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL PROJECT APPROVAL

#1301-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the allocation of 2023-2024 IMR funds as proposed.

CARRIED

Tod Tjoris left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Norma Lang left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Trustee Norma Lang rejoined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

2022/23 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#1302-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements and instructs the Superintendent to submit the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements, the auditors report and written communications between the auditor and the board respecting the systems of internal control and accounting procedures of the board as presented to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Gilbert reported that the Board continues to engage government officials in advocacy efforts for more space for students.

- Trustee Fred Burley will represent RVS at the City of Airdrie's event in Edmonton Dec. 5 where Mayor Brown and City Councillors will host Cabinet Ministers and MLAs to share information and engage in dialogue about the growth and needs of Airdrie.
- Members of the Board will meet with and tour MLA for Banff-Kananaskis, Sarah Elmeligi, through Springbank Middle School Dec. 8.
- The Board received correspondence from the Honourable Minister of Infrastructure Pete Guthrie and MLA for Airdrie-Cochrane in response to RVS' invitation to tour an Airdrie high school and discuss the need for space for students. Minister Guthrie expressed interest in the meeting and is hoping to meet in January.

Chair Gilbert acknowledged receipt of communication for the Honourable Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides sharing that the date for implementation of changes to the School Transportation Amendment Regulation has been adjusted to September 1, 2025, from September 1, 2024. The Board looks forward to further conversation with government on how to further improve the amended regulation.

Members of the Board attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting in Edmonton from Nov. 19-21, at which joint advocacy with school boards from across the province was the focus. RVS' resolution to ask the provincial government to review the practice of administering Diploma Exams was passed by the membership.

Congratulations to Trustee Shali Baziuk who was re-elected as Vice-President of the ASBA to serve another two-year term.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASBA COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the ASBA Committee Report as presented.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Policy Committee brought forward one motion for the Board's consideration.

#1303-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees approves the updated Policy 26 School Fees as presented.

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Planning Committee Reports as presented.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Want to recognize two schools for making lunch time fun; Chestermere High School is doing Lunchbox Theatre and Sarah Thompson School is doing lunch box talks

Nov 16 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Nov 17 Attend and Chair Transportation Committee Meeting
Nov 19 Attend ASBA Fall General Meeting in Edmonton
Nov 21 Attend and present at Chestermere High School Parent Council Meeting
Nov 21 Attend RVS Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting
Nov 23 Attend Budget and Planning Meeting – zoom
Nov 24 Participate in Holiday Video Filming
Nov 25 Attend and present at Langdon Community Collaborative Meeting
Nov 26 Attend and present at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Nov 16 Participated in Board Meeting & Planning Committee meeting
Nov 16 Attended Ecole Edwards School Council meeting
Nov 23 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Nov 26 Attended the regular Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
Nov 17 Attended an Airdrie Chamber of Commerce event with all levels of Government. Chance to connect with MLAs Pitt, Guthrie, Mayor Brown, Reeve Kissel, and MP Richards.

Nov 17 Attended the RVS retirement and long service event
Nov 19-21 Attended the ASBA AGM in Edmonton
Nov 21 Attended the TEBA 61 AGM in Edmonton
Nov 21 Attended the BCS school council meeting
Nov 27 Visited BCS school to meet with admin team
Nov 28 Attended the WGM school council meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Nov 16 Participated in Board meeting
Nov 16 Attended Inclusion Alberta meeting
Nov 17 Attended MLA/Chamber of Commerce breakfast
Nov 17 Participated in Transportation Committee
Nov 17 Participated in Community School fundraising event
Nov 17 Participated in Long Service Retirement Function
Nov 18 Attended Springbank High School Robotics Competition

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Nov 16 Chaired Board meeting
Nov 16 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
Nov 17 Attended Airdrie Chamber of Commerce Panel Discussion
Nov 17 Participated in Student Transportation Committee meeting
Nov 17 Attended RVS Long Service & Retirement Celebration and shared greetings from the Board
Nov 19-21 Attended Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting in Edmonton
Nov 21 Participated in Agenda Planning meeting
Nov 21 Attended RancheView School Council meeting
Nov 22 Chaired Audit Committee meeting
Nov 23 Chaired Board Budget Committee meeting
Nov 23 Chaired Board Planning Committee meeting
Nov 23 Attended CCA Council meeting
Nov 24 Attended zoom meeting with MLA de Jong
Nov 27 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
Nov 29 Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer