



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert  
Vice-Chair, Ward 1 Shali Baziuk  
Ward 2 Patty Sproule  
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen  
Ward 3 Todd Brand  
Ward 3 Jim Forrest  
Ward 4 Norma Lang  
Ward 5 Judi Hunter

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach  
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul  
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd  
Communications Officer Ben Sherick

**RECORDER:**

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**#848-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees ratifies the decision to proceed with today's public Board meeting as a virtual meeting in response to the COVID-19 health measures and restrictions currently in place in Alberta.

Patty Sproule joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#849-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the May 20, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#850-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:34 a.m.

**CARRIED**

## **OUT OF IN CAMERA**

### **#851-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:57 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

## **ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA**

### **BERT CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL LED LIGHTING TENDER AWARD**

#### **#852-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:**

The Board of Trustees award RFP Q-21-34, for LED lighting upgrades at Bert Church High School to Stampede Electric Inc, in the amount of \$291, 382.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

### **#853-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the May 13, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: NURTURING A COMMUNITY OF READERS**

**Presenters: Susan Long, Jody Moore**

### **Project Description**

Spurred by the question of how to nurture a community of readers, Windsong Heights School Teacher Susan Long has worked this past year to build the love of reading in her classroom through student choice, ongoing discussions, sharing and conferences. By using an optimal learning model and gradual release of responsibility, she is building a culture of reading and helping students find joy in this important life skill.

Students are given a choice in what they read. Books are offered to students at various complexity levels and across topic, interest and genre. This makes reading accessible, engaging and risk-free. Students then have the opportunity to share their thoughts about what they read in many authentic ways, including notebooks and conferring sessions.

Susan models and explicitly teaches reading skills by reading aloud and through individual reading conferences. Having read each title, she can have rich, deep conversations with students about what they are reading. She also offers suggestions and makes connections for students to other texts based on interest, topic and reading level.

Within this reading-rich environment, students find a safe place to develop their reading identity. Former non-readers have become voracious readers, reading at school and home. Embedded in this process, students are encouraged to discuss what they are reading with their peers, building a true community of readers and changing students' beliefs about reading in general and themselves as readers. Students are also asked to set goals and build their comprehension, stamina and capacity. This enhances ownership and accountability, but also develops critical thinking skills, problem solving and self-reflection.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **2019-2023 FOUR YEAR PLAN, INNOVATORS BY DESIGN, YEAR 3**

#### **#854-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees approves RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan, Innovators by Design—YEAR 3, as presented, directs the Superintendent to make any technical edits after the budget and IMR list is approved and directs administration to forward it to Alberta Education by May 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

### **2021/22 BUDGET**

#### **#855-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the 2021/22 Budget as presented and directs the superintendent to submit the report to Alberta Education.

**CARRIED**

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

### **RVS ONLINE OFFERINGS IN 2021/22 UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the RVS Online Offerings for 2021/22 Update as information.

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received correspondence from Alberta School Councils Association sharing that a member of one of our school councils is a recipient of the *School Council Parent of Distinction Award* this year. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates ability to promote parental engagement and involvement in the public education system. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, congratulations to Kari Rose from Bow Valley High School Council for this very deserving award.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports presented.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS** (submitted in writing)

### **Patty Sproule, Ward Two Trustee:**

May 10 Participated in Adult Learning Coordinator Interviews  
May 10 Attended Prince of Peace School Council  
May 12 Attended Chestermere High School Council  
May 13 Participated in Additional Board Meeting and Budget Meeting  
May 17 Attended Sarah Thompson School Council and AGM Meetings  
May 17 Attended Indus School Council and AGM Meetings  
May 18 Attended Langdon Healthy Communities Meeting  
May 20 Participated in Regular Board and Planning Meeting

### **Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:**

Apr 23 Attended the RVS Battle of the Books Competition  
Apr 27 Attended the ASBA PL Session: Managing the Social & Emotional Impact of Covid-19  
Apr 28 Participated in a School Councils Committee Meeting  
May 4 Attended the C.W. Perry School Council  
May 5 Participated in a Budget Committee Meeting  
May 6 Participated in a Regular Board and Planning Meeting  
May 10 Attended the Meadowbrook School Council  
May 11 Attended the Ralph McCall School Council  
May 13 Participated in an Additional Board Meeting  
May 13 Participated in a Budget Committee Meeting  
May 18 Attended the R.J. Hawkey School Council  
May 19 Participated in a Board Advocacy Committee Meeting  
May 20 Attended a Regular Board and Planning Meeting

### **Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

May 6 Participated in the regular Board and Board Planning meetings  
May 7 Attended the virtual PL hosted by ASBA Zone 5 featuring Maurice Fritze on the topic of Board Advocacy  
May 11 Attended a Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce meeting  
May 11 Acted as a commissioner of oaths to conduct swearing in ceremony for new Chamber executive  
May 11 Attended the monthly Kathryn school council meeting  
May 12 Participated in an RVS PDLC meeting  
May 13 Participated in a special board meeting  
May 13 Participated in a Board Budget Committee meeting  
May 18 Attended the BCS council meeting

### **Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

May 6 Participated in Regular Board Meeting  
May 7 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting  
May 10 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 Committee  
May 11 Attended Elbow Valley School council Meeting  
May 12 Attended Bearspaw School Council Meeting  
May 13 Participated in Board Meeting  
May 13 Participated in Budget Meeting  
May 17 Attended Springbank Park for all Seasons  
May 19 Attended Banded Peak School Council Meeting

**Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

- May 13      Chaired Board and Budget Committee meetings
- May 14      Participated in virtual meeting with Minister Aheer
- May 18      Attended RancheView School Council meeting
- May 19      Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting
- May 19      Attended Elizabeth Barrett Council meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 12:46 p.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

**IN CAMERA**

**#856-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**OUT OF IN CAMERA**

**#857-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 2:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 2:17 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer