



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

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 9:04 a.m.

#903-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#904-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the October 7, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#905-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:06 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#906-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:58 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#907-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the September 23, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: HISTORIC AIRDRIE MINECRAFT PROJECT, A.E. BOWERS

Teacher: Cheryl Procee

Student Presenters: Jax Johnson, Harrison Ellis-Worden, Gwynne Mbuge

Project Description

Last year, Grade 1 students at A. E. Bowers used the video game Minecraft to recreate historic Airdrie as it would have looked in 1910. In social studies, these students explored how they are connected to their worlds, with a focus on their local community. Students learned how Airdrie has changed over time, what makes their community thrive and how they can actively engage with their community.

Before starting their project, students met with Airdrie Mayor, Peter Brown to gather information about the city. They met with him again at the end of the project to discuss what they learned.

In reconstructing historic Airdrie, students not only completed a part of the social studies curriculum, but also used math (measurement, 2D and 3D shapes and counting), science (planning and building), group work, problem-solving and technology/coding skills.

Mayor Brown has expressed an interest in featuring the project on the City of Airdrie’s social media channels. The Nose Creek Valley Museum in Airdrie has also said it would like to feature the project on its website.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$200,000

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Purchase Orders over \$200,000 as presented.

AIRDRIE HIGH SCHOOL LAND ASSEMBLY

#908-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees approves in principle the high school land assembly solution and associated Memorandum of Understanding with the understanding there will be a legal review and minor amendments.

CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL PROJECT UPDATES

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Project Updates as presented.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 ENROLMENT SUMMARY

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the September 30, 2021 Enrolment Summary as presented.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Fiona Gilbert commented that the Board has sent a letter to the Minister of Education advocating for the decision to make diploma exams optional this year, as directed by the Board at the last Board meeting. Chair Gilbert also commented that several members of the Board were on hand for the installation of a loaned art piece, entitled Conciliation. This outdoor art installation is an important piece in our journey on the path toward indigenous reconciliation. Thank you to those who attended and to those who made this installation a reality. Chair Gilbert noted that this meeting is the last meeting of this Board and stated that it has been an honour to serve on this Board, that has done inspiring and important work through a challenging number of years. Chair Gilbert publicly recognized the work of retiring Trustees Sproule and Forrest.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORIENTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Orientation Ad Hoc Committee met on September 28, 2021 and reviewed the two pre-election orientation events. The committee also reviewed the list of tasks required for on-boarding a new set of Trustees, the majority of which is to be completed by administration. The Board was reminded of several important upcoming dates: Oct. 21, Oct .26 and Nov 10 (orientation dates) as well as Oct. 28 (organizational meeting).

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: The Board hosted a bylaws workshop last night; having been identified by the School Councils Committee first. The PowerPoint and notes from the workshop will be made available for anyone who was unable to attend.

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Sep 9 Attended the regular Board and Board Planning meetings
Sep 9 Attended a TEBA 61 meeting

Sep 13 Meeting at BCS with admin and school council
 Sep 14 TEBA BOD meeting
 Sep 14 Candidate info session
 Sep 21 BCS School Council Meeting
 Sep 23 Planning meeting of the board
 Sep 23 Candidate info session
 Sep 27 TEBA BOD meeting
 Sep 28 Orientation Committee meeting
 Sep 28 WGM School Council meeting
 Sep 29 Central Bargaining TEBA and ATA
 Oct 4 TEBA 61 meeting
 Oct 5 Kathryn School Council Meeting
 Oct 6 CES School Council Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

#909-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board of Trustees strike an Indigenous Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the Board regarding the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan, and furthermore, direct the Superintendent to draft a Terms of Reference for this committee, that includes local Indigenous voices and representation, for the Board's consideration at the October 28, 2021, Organizational Meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#910-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 12:31 p.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#911-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 12:47 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer