



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-Chair, Ward 4 Norma Lang
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 5 Judi Hunter

TRUSTEE ABSENT:

Ward 3 Todd Brand

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul
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 10:09 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#936-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the November 25, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#937-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 4, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2020/21 ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT

#938-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2020/21 Annual Education Results Report as presented and directs administration to make any technical edits to reflect the final approved audited financial statements on page 37 of the report and then submit the report to Alberta Education by Nov. 30, 2021.

CARRIED

2020/21 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#939-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approve the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements and direct the Superintendent to submit to Alberta Education by Nov. 30, 2021, the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements, the auditor's report, and the written communications between the auditor and the board respecting the systems of internal control and accounting procedures of the Board as presented.

CARRIED

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR TWO ONLINE SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEES

#940-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees designate Trustee Baziuk to represent the Board on the RVS Online School naming committee and Vice-Chair Lang on the RVS Elementary/Middle Online School naming committee.

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

All trustees, supported by Superintendent Luterbach and Associate Superintendent Paul, attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting (Nov 14-16), with some attending in person and others attending virtually. The conference provided good opportunity to connect with school boards across the province on matters impacting school boards and public education in Alberta.

Congratulations to Trustee Baziuk who was elected by the ASBA membership to serve as ASBA Vice-President for a two-year term.

Chair Gilbert acknowledged receipt of letter from Bow Valley High School Council dated October 27, 2021, advocating to government for the suspension of diplomas exams for the 2021/2022 school year.

Chair Gilbert shared excerpt from the Board letter sent to the Minister of Education on Nov. 9, 2021 re: 2021/2022 Diploma Exams:

It is our firm position that students and teachers will experience unnecessary stress and pressure to get through all of the content in order for students to still do well on diplomas. Whether weighted at 10 per cent or 30 per cent, the high-stake nature of diploma exams still exists. Rather than providing the necessary depth on essential curricular understandings of the diploma course, teachers will be pressured to push through content even though students may not have the foundational understandings to build new concepts and applications upon. Students will still have the pressure to prepare for the exam despite the lowered weighting. We recognize government's desire to return to diploma exams, but we do not feel this is the right time and will only serve to hurt and disadvantage our students.

For all these reasons, we continue to strongly believe that diploma exams are not appropriate at this time and ask that you reconsider your decision of October 27, 2021.

Chair Gilbert shared excerpt from letter received from Minister of Education on Nov. 17, 2021, re: vaccination for students:

While I have always strongly encouraged everyone who is eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, I must reiterate that every child in Alberta is entitled to have access to an education program as per the Section 3(1) of the Education Act. (This provision also existed in Section 8 of the previous School Act.) To be clear, there is no legislation in Alberta that requires K-12 students to have specific vaccinations to attend in person schools, nor is Alberta Education considering mandating vaccines of any kind for students in the K-12 education system.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Nov 4 Attended Board and Planning meeting
Nov 9 Participated in HS online school council meeting
Nov 14 Attended ASBA Curriculum engagement meeting
Nov 14 Attended ASBA Awards and banquet evening
Nov 15 Participated in ASBA Fall General Meeting
Nov 16 Participated in ASBA Fall General Meeting
Nov 22 Attended ASBA executive orientation
Nov 23 Attended CLMS council meeting
Nov 24 Attended ASBA executive orientation meeting
Nov 24 Participated in PWES council meeting
Nov 25 Attended regular board and planning meeting
Nov 25 Attended joint board/school council meeting
Nov 26 Attended Board Chairs/Vice Chairs orientation by ASBA

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Oct 28 Participated in Board Organizational Meeting
Nov 1 Participated in School Councils Committee Meeting
Nov 2 Attended Prince of Peace School Council Meeting
Nov 4 Participated in Regular Board and Planning Committee Meeting
Nov 8 Attended Langdon Stakeholders Advisory Meeting
Nov 9 Attended ASBA Orientation
Nov 10 Participated in Board Orientation
Nov 14-16 Attended ASBA FGM
Nov 16 Attended Chestermere School Council Meeting
Nov 17 Had a tour of Chestermere High School with Principal and Assistant Principal
Nov 22 Participated in School Councils Committee Meeting
Nov 23 Attended Langdon Community Collaborative via Zoom

- Nov 24 Had a tour of Langdon School Tour with Principal and Assistant Principal
- Nov 24 Presented on Democracy to a Langdon School Grade 6 Class

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

- Nov 4 Participated in Regular Board meeting & Planning Committee meeting
- Nov 4 Shared greetings at Northcott Prairie School Council meeting
- Nov 8 Participated in Meadowbrook School Council meeting
- Nov 9 Participated in Ralph McCall School Council meeting
- Nov 10 Attended Board Orientation
- Nov 10 Shared greetings at Windsong School Council meeting
- Nov 10 Participated in Heloise Lorimer School Council meeting
- Nov 15 Attended (virtually) Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting
- Nov 16 Participated in R.J. Hawkey School Council meeting
- Nov 17 Shared greetings at Heron's Crossing School Council meeting

Fred Burley, Ward Three Trustee:

- Nov 4 Attended Northcott Prairie School Council Meeting
- Nov 9 Attended Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council Meeting
- Nov 14-16 Attended ASBA FGM
- Nov 16 Attended George McDougall School Council Meeting
- Nov 17 Attended Herons Crossing School Council Meeting
- Nov 18 Attended Bert Church School Council Meeting
- Nov 25 Attended Inclement Weather Committee Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

- Verbal Update: Nov 23 Participated in Zoom session put on by the Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce on mental health with speakers from Hull Services.
- Nov 4 Attended the Board and Board planning meetings
- Nov 5 Attended the Elementary and Middle Online School Naming Committee Meeting
- Nov 6 Volunteered at the Christmas Market at WG Murdoch School
- Nov 8 TEBA BOD bargaining day
- Nov 9 TEBA BOD bargaining day
- Nov 9 Attended a Kathryn School Council meeting at the school
- Nov 10 Participated in a day of new Board orientation
- Nov 10 ASBA training for the new AGM delegate voting platform
- Nov 10 Attended an in person CES School Council Meeting
- Nov 14-16 Attended the ASBA AGM and Conference in Edmonton
- Nov 16 Attended a BCS School Council meeting via Zoom
- Nov 17 Attended a Board Agenda Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Nov 17 Participated at an in-person Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Nov 17 Participated in the TEBA AGM
- Nov 22 Attended a School Councils Committee meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- Nov 4 Attended Board Meeting
- Nov 4 Attended South Springbank Advisory Council
- Nov 6 Attended Springbank High School drama performance
- Nov 8 Attended Curriculum review session
- Nov 9/10 Volunteered with Springbank High School
- Nov 12 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- Nov 14-16 Participated in ASBA General Meeting

Nov 18 Participated in the Audit committee meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Nov 4 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
Nov 10 Participated in Board Orientation PL
Nov 12 Attended Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 monthly meeting
Nov 14 Participated in ASBA Curriculum Focus Group
Nov 15 Attended digitally ASBA FGM Business meeting
Nov 16 Participated digitally in ASBA key notes and PL
Nov 16 Attended RancheView School Council meeting
Nov 17 Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council meeting
Nov 17 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting
Nov 18 Attended Audit Committee meeting
Nov 22 Attended School Councils Committee meeting
Nov 22 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
Nov 23 Attended Cochrane Parks and Recreation Committee

NEW BUSINESS

ASBA ZONE 5 REPRESENTATION

#941-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees recognizes and authorizes additional honoraria, net of monies received from ASBA, for Trustee Melyssa Bowen to be Vice Chair, ASBA Zone 5 and Trustee Judi Hunter to be Alternate Director, ASBA Zone 5.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer