



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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

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 3 Todd Brand
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 Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#952-2022 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.

CARRIED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#953-2022 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the January 6, 2022, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#954-2022 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the December 9, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION OF FORMER TRUSTEES

Trustee Meylssa Bowen, on behalf of the Board, thanked Jim Forrest for his years of service as a Rocky View School Trustee, as well as his decades of service in Rocky View Schools as an educator.

Trustee Shali Baziuk, on behalf of the Board, thanked Patty Sproule for her years of service as a Rocky View School Trustee as well as her numerous hours of mentorship, volunteering and advocacy of students in her constituency.

Chair Fiona Gilbert noted that in honour of their service, the Board has made a donation to the BGC Airdrie Club on behalf of Jim Forrest and to the Synergy Youth and Community Development Society on behalf of Patty Sproule.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

FOUR YEAR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Four-year Plan Implementation Status Update as presented.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$200,000

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

BOARD ORIENTATION TOURS

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of Board Orientation Tours Update as presented.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS UPDATE

Superintendent Greg Luterbach gave a verbal update on school operations. On December 30, government announced they would be extending winter break until January 10th for all students across the province, and that there would be no expectation of making up these missed instructional hours. They also announced at that time that they would be providing access to medical grade masks and rapid test kits in the coming weeks, to use on a voluntary basis. Following this announcement, a letter was distributed to staff that they would spend the week planning for the following week's learning plans and engage in professional learning opportunities. On January 5th, school authorities, including Superintendent Greg Luterbach and Board Chair Fiona Gilbert, met with the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange to inform her of the situation currently in school divisions and later in the day, she announced schools will return to in-person instruction on January 10th. The division is still awaiting additional information regarding the case notification process and any changes to guidance in relation to COVID-19 health measures. The division will continue to inform parents and staff as the situation evolves.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Trustees thanks parents/guardians and other stakeholders who continue to reach out to share their thoughts and perspectives on some of the recent announcements that have been made by government as well as public health protocols in place in RVS. The Board acknowledges the many and often opposing perspectives on masks, vaccines, and other COVID related topics and is committed to

following the guidance and direction of our provincial health leaders as we remain focused on supporting students' overall social, emotional, physical, and learning needs.

Chair Gilbert recently participated in two Board Chairs meetings with the Minister of Education hosted by Alberta School Boards Association – Dec 31 and Jan 5. These meetings provided opportunity to hear and provide feedback on provincial return to school plans and planning. RVS Board of Trustees is committed to doing all that we can do keep schools open and students learning in person, and Chair Gilbert was able to share this message with Minister LaGrange.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

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

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 26 ASBA board chairs orientation
Nov 29 ASBA Audit and Risk meeting
Nov 29 ASBA Zone 1 meeting
Dec 1 Curriculum engagement meeting
Dec 2 ASBA Zone chairs orientation
Dec 3 ASBA Zone 5 and Zone 2/3 meeting
Dec 7 Transportation committee meeting
Dec 8 Board budget committee meeting
Dec 8 Labour Relations committee meeting
Dec 9 ASBA board of directors orientation
Dec 10 ASBA board of directors meeting
Dec 14 RVS Online High School council meeting
Dec 15 ASBA curriculum meeting
Jan 5 Meeting with Minister of Education

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Nov 29 Presented at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting
Nov 30 Presented at Langdon School Parent Council Meeting
Dec 2 Participated in Board Orientation
Dec 6 Participated in Langdon Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting
Dec 7 Participated in Transportation Committee Meeting
Dec 7 Presented at Prince of Peace Parent Council Meeting
Dec 9 Participated in the Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Jan 2 Participated in Question-and-Answer Session with Trustees and Superintendent
Jan 4 Met with LCA Chair/Stakeholders Advisory/Parent Member in Langdon

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Dec 9 Participated in Board Regular & Planning Committee meetings

- Dec 13 Participated in Meadowbrook School Council meeting
- Dec 16 Participated in Bert Church High School Council meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: Expressed thanks to parents for voicing their opinions over this past week and for the process to communicate this feedback to the Board Chair to share with the Minister. Pleased with the decision that was made, and hopeful that schools can remain open.

- Dec 9 Attended the board and board planning meetings at the Education Centre
- Dec 13 Participated with an online agenda planning committee meeting
- Dec 14 Attended the Kathryn School Council Meeting
- Dec 16 Volunteered at WGM in the grade six Christmas craft event
- Jan 2 Participated in a COVID information session with board and superintendent
- Jan 5 Participated in a TEBA Negotiating Team meeting
- Jan 5 Attended the Crossfield Elem School Council meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- Dec 7 Attended Prairie Health Region meeting
- Dec 9 Attended Board Meeting
- Dec 13 Attended ATA/ Trustees meeting
- Dec 14 Attended Elbow Valley Council Meeting
- Dec 15 Attended Springbank High School Council Meeting
- Dec 16 Attended Springbank High School Council Meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

- Dec 9 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Dec 9 Attended Bow Valley HS Council meeting
- Dec 13 Participated in Board Agenda Planning Committee meeting
- Dec 13 Participated in provincial Board Chairs meeting re: draft curriculum with Minister LaGrange
- Dec 31 Participated in provincial Board Chairs meeting re: extended winter break with Minister LaGrange
- Jan 5 Participated in provincial Board Chairs meeting re: return to school with Minister LaGrange

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer