



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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 4 Norma Lang
Vice-chair, Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 5 Judi Hunter
Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ward 1 Shali Baziuk

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 Norma Lang called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1147-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the March 23, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1148-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:32 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1149-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

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

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Trustee Judi Hunter read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1150-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the March 2, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

S. Gillies

The delegation spoke against moving students from Fireside School to accommodate attendance at the School on Powell Street and favoured moving Cochrane Christian Academy (CCA). The presentation was followed by comments of appreciation from Chair Norma Lang.

A. Patmore

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J. Kersey

The delegation spoke against splitting students from CCA and favoured either moving K-4 French Immersion students or students from Heartland/East End. If CCA had to be reconfigured, the delegation preferred keeping all CCA students together at the School on Powell Street, rather than splitting the CCA students between two campuses. The presentation was followed by comments of appreciation from Chair Norma Lang.

G. Sharma

The delegation spoke against moving students from Fireside School to accommodate attendance at the School on Powell Street and favoured moving Cochrane Christian Academy (CCA). The presentation was followed by comments of appreciation from Chair Norma Lang.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Colette Winter joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2024-2027 CAPITAL PLAN

#1151-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2024-2027 Capital Plan Priorities as presented, directing administration to submit the Capital Plan to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Colette Winter left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.
Sharon Cronin joined the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSE APPROVAL

#1152-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the above courses for use in Rocky View Schools for the periods indicated above.

CARRIED

Sharon Cronin left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Norma Lang publicly acknowledged and read an excerpt from two letters received from Education Minister Adriana Lange on March 10, one addressed to the Board of Trustees and one to parents of Rocky View Schools students. RVS appreciates the Minister's assurance that all four new schools will be approved for construction funding as soon as the division completes the activities required as part of Alberta Education's new 10-step capital process. The division is well prepared to move through the new process as quickly as it will allow, with two sites construction ready now and two more expected this year. RVS is also very hopeful for positive news soon on the 32 modular classrooms it requested from the government. This will help as a temporary measure for the upcoming school year.

Chair Norma Lang then shared an invitation received by the Board to attend the RVS Community Learning Centre's Graduation Ceremony on June 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

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

#1153-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board rescinds Policy 18 Alternative Programs and approves Board Policy 18 Divisional Programs of Choice as amended.

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR SHELLEY KINLEY:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

- Mar 2 Attended Board meeting and Planning Committee meeting
- Mar 2 Attended Powell Street School Consultation
- Mar 7 Attended C.W. Perry School Council meeting
- Mar 8 Attended Heloise Lorimer School Council meeting
- Mar 9 Attended Board Budget Committee meeting
- Mar 14 Attended Ralph McCall School Council meeting
- Mar 14 Attended R.J. Hawkey School Council meeting
- Mar 15 Attended Coopers Crossing School Council meeting
- Mar 16 Attended Bert Church High School Council meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal update: Kathryn School will be having an agriculture day on June 8, the parent community is working very diligently to make it a high caliber event

- Mar 2 Chaired the Board meeting and attended the board planning committee meeting
- Mar 2 Participated in the Powel St Consultation in Cochrane
- Mar 3/4 Attended a mental health conference in Crossfield, AB
- Mar 6 Attended a PDLC committee meeting
- Mar 7 Attended an LRC committee meeting
- Mar 7 Participated in a TEBA Board of Directors meeting
- Mar 8 Participated in local bargaining
- Mar 9 Chaired a budget committee meeting
- Mar 9 Participated in a meeting between the RVS Board and Education Minister and Deputy Minister of Education
- Mar 10 Attended an agenda planning committee meeting
- Mar 13 Participated in a scholarship planning meeting with WGM and Chamber
- Mar 14 Participated in a councils committee meeting
- Mar 14 Attended a transportation committee meeting
- Mar 14 Attended a Kathryn school council meeting
- Mar 15 Participated in local bargaining
- Mar 18 Attended the Crossfield Rodeo Society Pete Knight Days sponsorship event
- Mar 20 Attended an ASBA Board Chairs meeting
- Mar 20 Attended an Alberta Education information session on new curriculum
- Mar 21 Attended a TEBA 61 meeting
- Mar 21 Attended a TEBA BOD meeting
- Mar 21 Attended the Beiseker School Council meeting
- Mar 22 Attended a Crossfield and district Chamber meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- Mar 9 Participated in Budget Committee meeting
- Mar 14 Participated in Pie Day at Bearspaw School
- Mar 22 Attended Bearspaw School Council

NEW BUSINESS

#1154-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to prepare a feasibility report (options and potential approaches) for eliminating all school fees for optional courses for the 2023-24 school year and to share this report with the Board Budget Committee at its meeting on April 20, 2023.

#1155-2023 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to prepare a feasibility report (options and potential approaches) for eliminating all school fees for optional courses and to share this report with the Board Budget Committee in the fall of 2023.

DEFEATED

VOTING ON #1154-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to prepare a feasibility report (options and potential approaches) for eliminating all school fees for optional courses for the 2023-24 school year and to share this report with the Board Budget Committee at its meeting on April 20, 2023.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 12:33 p.m.
Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

IN CAMERA

#1156-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 1:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Fred Burley declared a conflict and left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1157-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Fred Burley returned to the meeting at 1:47 p.m.
Trustee Fred Burley declared a conflict and left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:

MANDATE FOR LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE RELATED TO LOCAL BARGAINING

#1158-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the local bargain mandate Alternative I for the 2020-2024 ATA Collective Agreement as discussed In-Camera.

CARRIED

Trustee Fred Burley returned to the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norma Lang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer