



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

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 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1159-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the April 6, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1160-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:31 a.m.

CARRIED

Lori Meyer & Sherri Black joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.
Lori Meyer & Sherri Black left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1161-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:02 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Trustee Shali Baziuk read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1162-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the March 23, 2023, Regular Board meeting as amended.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: BUILDING FUTURES, AIRDRIE

Teacher: Travis Jones

Student Presenters: Shaelene Smith, Kadin Bakir, Morgan Metcalf

Project Description

Building Futures is an academic program for Grade 10 students offered in partnership with McKee Homes, a family-owned home building company in Airdrie. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the program in Airdrie.

During the year, students learn core courses while also being exposed to all the trades associated with residential home building through hands-on experience. Over the course of the year, students work together to construct a house in Airdrie. Students learn more about the trades and possible career paths from guest speakers.

Building Futures gives students the opportunity to engage in real-world, hands-on learning experiences that matter to them – one of the outcomes of RVS' Four-Year Plan. During this presentation, current Building Futures students will share their experience in the program.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Colette Winter joined the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

NEW SCHOOL IN LANGDON GRADE CONFIGURATION AND BOUNDARIES

#1163-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees directs Administration to proceed with a Level II student accommodation consultation as per AP171 and bring forward a recommendation for the Board's consideration in June of 2023 for accommodating students in the new school.

CARRIED

Colette Winter left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$200,000

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the information as presented.

Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

SAFETY IN SCHOOLS AND DISPOSITION OF POLICY STATEMENT FORM

#1164-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board directs the Superintendent to enhance administrative procedures to further support student safety efforts including, where practical, requiring all school doors that do not direct individuals through the school office, to be locked during the school day for elementary, middle and multi-level schools and that all doors except the front doors be locked during the school day for high schools. Further, the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to develop and implement a plan to utilize technology to remotely monitor and unlock the front doors for all elementary, middle and multi-level schools that do not have entry from the main doors through the office area.

CARRIED

Murray Besenski left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

MODULAR SUBMISSION RESULTS UPDATE

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Modular Submission Results Update as information.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Norma Lang thanked parent council members from around the division who attended the March 23 Joint Board School Council meeting. The Board is proud to offer these important semi-annual opportunities for parent PL and collaboration and is grateful to parents and school-based administrators who make the time to come and learn together.

Chair Norma Lang also reported that she attended the annual NSBA conference together with three other trustees this past weekend. The conference was a chance to learn about school board governance best practices including the impact of current technology innovation for students and schools. She noted that one of the keynote speakers was Adam Cheyer, the creator of Siri. He shared about the coming impact in education with CHAT GPT 4 and the advent of AI. He said this technology will have the greatest impact on the education sector and it will be more important than the internet in terms of how it will shape society. He challenged school divisions to start work on how to integrate AI for positive outcomes, and that there is no time to waste with figuring it out. Those in attendance plan to create a summary report of what was learned at the conference and share it with the board soon.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Visited Langdon School's Showcase of Learning last week and enjoyed the different activities such as presentations in every classroom, buskers performing in hallways, and a Langdon's Got Talent show involving Gr. 2- Gr. 8 students & teachers

Mar 2 Attended School on Powell Street Accommodation Consultation
Mar 3 Attended ASBA Zone 5 Meeting at Golden Hills School Division
Mar 7 Attended Toonies for Tummies at Rainbow Creek Elementary School
Mar 7 Attended ASBA Committee Meeting
Mar 9 Attended Budget Committee Meeting
Mar 10 Attended Agenda Planning Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Mar 13 Attended and presented at Indus Parent Council Meeting (zoom)
Mar 14 Attended School Councils Committee Meeting
Mar 14 Attended Transportation Committee Meeting
Mar 15 Attended Langdon Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Meeting
Mar 16 Presented to two Grade 6 Classes – Governance and Elections – Role of the Trustee
Mar 20 Attended ASBA presentation – Advocacy
Mar 20 Attended Langdon Community Collaborative - Sustainability
Mar 23 Attended and participated in the Joint-Board School Council Meeting
Mar 27 Attended and presented at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting
Mar 27 Attended the Agenda Planning Committee Meeting
Mar 29 Attended and presented at Langdon School Parent Council Meeting
Mar 30 Attended Langdon School's Showcase of Learning
Mar 31 Attended ASBA Committee Meeting
Apr 5 Attended Langdon's Got Talent Show at Langdon School

Fred Burley, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Had opportunity to attend Heloise Lorimer School's council meeting and was excited to hear that the school is bringing in Flying Bob's Circus later this month for a performance and opportunity for students to learn circus skills.

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Mar 23 Chaired the board meeting and attended the board planning committee meeting
Mar 23 Hosted the semi-annual Joint Board School Council meeting
Mar 27 Participated in an agenda planning committee meeting
Mar 28 Attended a Labour Relations Committee Meeting
Mar 28 Attended a WG Murdoch School Council Committee meeting
Mar 30 Participated in principal interviews
Mar 31-Apr 3 Attended the NSBA Conference

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Mar 23 Participated in Board meeting
Mar 27 Attended Springbank Park for All Seasons Board meeting

Mar 30 Participated in Principal Interviews
Mar 31-Apr 5 Attended National School Boards Association Conference

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Mar 2 Participated in Board and Planning Committee meetings
Mar 2 Attended public consultation re Powell Street school in Cochrane
Mar 3 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
Mar 6 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
Mar 7 Chaired ASBA Committee meeting
Mar 7 Chaired Labour Relations Committee meeting
Mar 7 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
Mar 8 Participated in Collective Bargaining session
Mar 8 Participated in U of C Governance Course – Strategic Planning Part 1
Mar 8 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting
Mar 9 Attended meeting with Minister Lagrange and RVS Board of Trustees
Mar 9 Participated in Board Budget Committee meeting
Mar 14 Participated in School Councils Committee meeting
Mar 14 Participated in Student Transportation Committee meeting
Mar 15 Participated in Collective Bargaining session
Mar 15 Participated in U of C Governance Course – Strategic Planning Part 2
Mar 15 Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council meeting
Mar 20 Attended ASBA Elections Advocacy PL session
Mar 21 Attended RancheView School Council meeting
Mar 22 Attended Fireside School Read-a-Thon Finale
Mar 22 Attended Cochrane Classic Hockey Game – BVJS vs CHS
Mar 23 Participated in Board and Planning Committee meetings
Mar 27 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
Mar 28 Chaired Labour Relations Committee meeting
Mar 28 Attended Cochrane Park & Recreation Committee meeting
Mar 31 Chaired ASBA Committee meeting
Apr 3 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
Apr 4 Attended Mitford School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

#1165-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting, for consideration at the April 27th Board meeting.

#1166-2023 SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board chair draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter to the Board of Trustees for the consideration of the Board Planning Committee at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting.

#1167-2023 AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board chair draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter for review at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting, for consideration at the April 27th Board meeting.

CARRIED

VOTING TO SUBSTITUTE #1165-2023 MOTION WITH #1166-2023 SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

The Board chair draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter for review at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting, for consideration at the April 27th Board meeting.

Substituted with:

The Board chair draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter to the Board of Trustees for the consideration of the Board Planning Committee at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

VOTING ON #1166-2023 SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board chair draft a letter of response to the Minister of Education's March 10th letter to the Board of Trustees for the consideration of the Board Planning Committee at our April 20th Planning Committee Meeting.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Melyssa Bowen.

In Favour

Shali Baziuk
Todd Brand
Fiona Gilbert
Judi Hunter
Norma Lang

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen
Fred Burley
Shelley Kinley

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang turned over the chairing of the meeting to Vice-Chair Shelley Kinley at 12:35 p.m.

Trustee Norma Lang left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Vice-chair Shelley Kinley recessed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Vice-chair Shelley Kinley reconvened the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

IN CAMERA

#1168-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 1:07 p.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1169-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 1:28 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:

SUPPORT STAFF AND EXEMPT STAFF COMPENSATION

#1170-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to update the Support Staff Terms of Employment and Exempt Staff contracts effective August 28, 2023 for those on bi-weekly payroll and effective September 1, 2023 for those on monthly payroll, as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Shelley Kinley adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer