



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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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

**TRUSTEES PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach  
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon  
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.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#1345-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the April 25, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Fiona Gilbert read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

**#1346-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: CROSSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**Teachers:** Janice Graham, Sam Seidel

**Student Presenters:** Rian Lenehan (Grade 5), Caius Hein (Grade 5), Rosalyn Helm (Grade 5), Lily Speta (Grade 5), Cooper Berard (Grade 5)

Staff and students from Crossfield Elementary School will present on a recent student-led community development project. During this project, the Grade 4 and 5 students explored the concept of community and how collective efforts can improve the overall well-being of the place they live. This multi-faceted project saw students demonstrate many Alberta Education competencies, hone their presentation skills and apply real-world, personally relevant experiences to their learning.

Working collaboratively, students designed a hypothetical athletic center for the Town of Crossfield. The students were responsible to create the criteria, scoring rubric and expectations for this project. They then pitched their designs to a panel of community members including the Mayor of Crossfield, Trustee Norma Lang and CES' School Council Chairperson.

This work supports several outcomes of the RVS Educational Plan, with students actively engaged in meaningful and relevant learning. Students also demonstrated strong abilities in critical thinking, communication, problem solving, collaboration, managing information, cultural and global citizenship, creativity and innovation, and personal growth and well-being.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Navi Sunkaranam joined the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Navi Sunkaranam left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

### **BALANCING AIRDRIE STUDENT SPACES ACCOMMODATION DECISION**

#### **#1347-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:**

The Board adjust grade configurations and attendance areas effective the fall of 2025 as per Option D as presented. Furthermore, that the Board request adjustments to the modulars approved on March 14, 2024, to be consistent with Option D.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour  
Shali Baziuk  
Todd Brand  
Fred Burley  
Fiona Gilbert  
Judi Hunter  
Shelley Kinley  
Norma Lang

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION EXCEPTIONS**

**#1348-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees approves the transportation route exception from Langdon to Indus School for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years.

**CARRIED**

**#1349-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the transportation route exception from Prairie Royal to Kathryn School for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years.

**CARRIED**

**#1350-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees approves the transportation route exception from Cochrane to Westbrook School for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years.

**CARRIED**

Morley Kostecky and Angela Dudek joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

**#1351-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees approves a new transportation route exception in line with Board Policy 17 – Student Transportation, Sec 1.5 from Chestermere to Langdon School and Horseshoe Crossing High School for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years if deemed viable by the Superintendent.

**#1352-2024 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

Add to the end of the sentence:  
and the additional transportation costs incurred do not exceed \$5,000.

**CARRIED**

**#1353-2024 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

Strike out:  
Langdon School and

**CARRIED**

**VOTING ON #1351-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY AS AMENDED:**

The Board of Trustees approves a new transportation route exception in line with Board Policy 17 – Student Transportation, Sec 1.5 from Chestermere to Horseshoe Crossing High School for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years if deemed viable by the Superintendent and the additional transportation costs incurred do not exceed \$5,000.

**CARRIED**

Morley Kostecky and Angela Dudek left the meeting at 1:34 p.m.  
Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Fiona Gilbert left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.  
Fiona Gilbert returned to the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Shali Baziuk left the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

#### **#1354-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the schedule of school fees and directs the Superintendent to publish the list on school websites no later than June 30, 2024.

**CARRIED**

Shali Baziuk returned to the meeting at 1:50 p.m.  
Steve Thomas left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

### **TRANSPORTATION FEES**

#### **#1355-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees maintain the transportation fees for 2024/25 at the current levels as the 2023/24 transportation fees as per attached Appendix A.

**CARRIED**

### **COMMUNITY USE FEES**

#### **#1356-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the proposed fees for the 2024/25 fiscal year as shown in Appendix A.

**CARRIED**

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a joint letter from the Honourable Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides and the Honourable Minister of Infrastructure Pete Guthrie on April 17, 2024, officially advising RVS of the 5 project approvals received as part of Budget 2024. The 3 projects that have been allocated construction funding have also been allocated up to \$250,000 each to go towards the construction of a playground.

Members of the board had the pleasure of hosting MLA Elmeligi for a tour of Springbank Middle School on April 12 and to share information related to RVS advocacy priorities and plans.

On April 19, the Board met with Minister Guthrie, MLA Pitt and MLA de Jong, along with Alberta Infrastructure staff to share RVS 2025-2028 Capital Plan and advocacy priorities and had opportunity to seek clarification on capital plan processes.

The Board will be launching a Ward Boundary Review stakeholder engagement next week. The engagement will take place this spring with a Board decision in the fall. All stakeholders living within the geographical boundaries of RVS are invited to take part in this review process by attending a public meeting and/or providing feedback through RVSEngage.com. Full details will be available on Mon Apr 29.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS** (submitted in writing)

### **Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:**

- Verbal Update: Looking forward to a presentation by guest speaker Dr. Caroline Buzanko, Fostering Resiliency in Children, at Sarah Thompson School tonight.  
The Fine Arts Academy at Chestermere High School will be putting on a production of Shrek April 22  
Chestermere High School band will be travelling to Spain as part of an exchange
- Apr 11 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
  - Apr 12 Attend ASBA Zone 5 Meeting and Edwin Parr Awards Committee meeting
  - Apr 15 Participate in Edwin Parr Nominee Interviews at Golden Hills School Division
  - Apr 15 Attend and participate in Sarah Thompson Parent Council meeting on-line
  - Apr 16 Attend School Councils Committee Meeting
  - Apr 16 Attend and Chair Transportation Committee Meeting
  - Apr 16 Attend and participate in Chestermere High School Parent Council Meeting
  - Apr 18 Attend Budget Committee and Planning Meeting
  - Apr 19 Participate in Edwin Parr Nominee Interviews at Rocky View School Division
  - Apr 22 Attend Edwin Parr Selection Committee Meeting at Rocky View School Division

### **Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:**

- Apr 11 Participated in Board Budget & Planning Committee meetings
- Apr 17 Attended Herons Crossing School Council meeting
- Apr 18 Participated in Board Budget & Planning Committee meetings
- Apr 19 Attended meeting with local area MLA's
- Apr 22 Chaired Policy Committee meeting

### **Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

- Apr 11 Attended the Board & Board planning committee meetings at the Education Centre
- Apr 16 Participated in a School Councils Committee Meeting at the Ed Centre
- Apr 16 Attended a public speaking event and participated as a judge in grade 4/5 at Crossfield Elementary School
- Apr 16 Attended the BCS School Council Committee Meeting
- Apr 17 Attended the Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Apr 18 Attended the Board Budget Committee Meeting & Board Planning Committee meeting
- Apr 19 Participated in a meeting with Board, MLAs and senior AIT staff

### **Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

- Apr 11 Participated in Board Meeting
- Apr 11 Attend Westbrook School council meeting
- Apr 12 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- Apr 12 Met with MLA Emiligi at Springbank Middle School
- Apr 16 Attended Agenda planning meeting
- Apr 16 Participated in French Immersion activity
- Apr 16 Attended School Council Committee Meeting
- Apr 17 Attended Springbank High School Council Meeting
- Apr 18 Attended Board Budget/Planning meeting
- Apr 19 Met with MLAs to discuss space needs
- Apr 23 Attended Bearspaw School Council meeting
- Apr 23 Participated in French Immersion Activity

**Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

- Apr 11       Chaired Board meeting
- Apr 11       Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
- Apr 12       Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting (virtually)
- Apr 12       Hosted and toured MLA Sarah Elmeligi at Springbank Middle School
- Apr 12       Met with Minister’s Chief of Staff (virtually)
- Apr 15       Participated in Agenda Planning Committee
- Apr 16       Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting (virtually)
- Apr 16       Participated in Student Transportation Committee meeting (virtually)
- Apr 16       Attended RancheView School Council meeting
- Apr 17       Met with Mayor Genung regarding Cochrane high school site
- Apr 17       Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council meeting
- Apr 18       Participated in Minister’s briefing re new social studies curriculum
- Apr 18       Chaired Board Budget Committee meeting
- Apr 18       Attended CCA School Council meeting
- Apr 19       Participated in meeting with RVS Board, Minister Guthrie and MLAs Pitt & de Jong
- Apr 22       Attended Policy Committee meeting
- Apr 22       Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
- Apr 23       Participated in Cochrane Parks & Recreation Committee meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer