

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Sept. 19, 2024

Fiona Gilbert Elected Board Chair for 2024/25 School Year and Committees Appointed

Ward 6 Trustee, Fiona Gilbert was elected Board Chair for the 2024/25 school year during the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) Organizational Meeting, Sept. 19. Ward 5 Trustee Judi Hunter was elected Vice-chair.

Board appointments to committees were also made during the organizational meeting. A list of the board appointments is available on rockyview.ab.ca

Q3 Financial Update on Track

The third quarter financial update for the 2023-2024 fiscal year (Sept. 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024) shows the division's expenditures and revenues are on target with projections. Current projections for the full year are a net surplus of \$3.5 million resulting in a final reserve balance of \$7.6 million which is 2.5 per cent of operating budget. Government requires school divisions to maintain reserves between 1 and 3 per cent. The increase in reserves coming mainly from Maintenance and Transportation. The main drivers for a projected higher surplus than budget is higher revenue in transportation and lower utilities and insurance expenses in operations and maintenance. The projected surplus in transportation will be used to cover the \$2.1 million budgeted deficit in 2024/25.

Locations for Additional Modulars to Support Ongoing Enrolment Pressures

Four Airdrie schools, two Cochrane schools as well as Springbank, Chestermere and Crossfield will benefit from the new and relocated modular classroom units approved by the Government of Alberta on July 23. RVS will receive 12 new modular classroom units and an additional 12 modular relocations. These units will be located at schools where they are most needed to help alleviate the ongoing enrolment pressures across the division and be ready for use beginning with the 2025/26 school year.

In determining where to place the 24 newly approved modular units, administration considered previously approved modulars by government, the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces decision which will see school-by-school changes to grade configurations and attendance areas where necessary beginning in September 2025, and future growth. The units to be relocated will come from schools in Indus and Langdon where schools are not experiencing the same levels of over-utilization as elsewhere in the division.

Horseshoe Crossing High School Turf Field Vendor Selected

The Board awarded the request for proposal so that the turf field project at Horseshoe Crossing High School can proceed.

Ward Boundary Review Summary Presented

The Board engaged the services of a consultant to conduct a review of the current boundaries of the wards within RVS. This process was undertaken in response to a population increase from 2016 of 32 per cent within RVS' communities. Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure requires a ward boundary review be conducted to ensure effective and equitable representation by population is maintained.

The review included a public consultation online via RVS' engagement platform, RVSEngage.com, and through three in-person and one virtual open house. Three options were presented for feedback and presented to the Board.

The Board will now consider the consultant's report before determining if any changes to the current ward boundaries will be made.