



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations	Mike Guindon
Director of Communications & Engagement	Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer	Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Ashley Maroukian

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1382-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the September 5, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1383-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

Mike Guindon left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Mike Guindon and Steve Thomas join the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1384-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Trustee Fred Burley read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

#1385-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approved the self-evaluation report as developed at the facilitated workshop of June 13, 2024, and that the Board Chair be authorized to monitor the priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for Board consideration as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1386-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the June 13, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: LITERACY INITIATIVE USING WORD WALLS, BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Presenters: Shane Dempster, Sara Douglas, Jenisse Galloway

Teachers at Bow Valley High School (BVHS) in Cochrane have implemented a new approach to increase student literacy skills by providing a practical and consistent school-wide strategy for vocabulary instruction.

Project Description

Word Walls have been created throughout the school and provide staff across all disciplines with an accessible strategy to engage in literacy instruction that can easily be implemented in all learning spaces. The strategy models the importance of vocabulary acquisition, and the strategies used to decode and make meaning. A school-wide focus on common vocabulary increases students' abilities to comprehend what they are reading in all subject areas.

During this presentation, Principal Shane Dempster and English teachers Sara Douglas and Jenisse Galloway talked about how the program improved students' literacy skills and how they believe partnering with other high schools to create and compare shared vocabulary and best practices in

strategic and specific instruction in reading with adolescents would be beneficial to both teaching staff and students.

Trustee Todd Brand joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Lori Meyer, Laurie Copeland, and Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

YEAR 2 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 2022-2026 RVS STRATEGIC PLAN:

#1387-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the RVS 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Annual Report - Year Two as presented.

CARRIED

Laurie Copeland and Murray Besenski left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA AP UPDATE:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the AP148 Responsible Use of Personal Mobile Devices and social media in Schools Update as information.

Tod Tjoris and Josh Roach joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Lori Meyer left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

IMR PROJECTS UPDATE:

The Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the IMR Projects Update as presented.

Tod Tjoris and Josh Roach left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Enrolment Update as information.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The 2024/2025 school year has begun. The Board of Trustees welcomes all new and returning RVS students and staff. We are glad you are here and are grateful for all you will do throughout the 2024/2025 school year to make RVS a place where everyone learns, belongs, and succeeds. All the best for an amazing and successful school year.

Two RVS students have been selected as members of the Minister's Youth Council for the 2024/2025 school year. This 40-member provincial council provides the provincial government with various viewpoints and opinions about what is happening in the education system from a student perspective. It was a very competitive selection process and congratulations to Mattayeh S. (Cochrane High School) and Siifan A. (Chestermere High School).

As announced by the government in July, RVS expects to gain an additional \$4 million in operational funding along with 12 new modular classrooms and financial support for the movement of 12 of our existing modular classrooms. We are grateful the government is responding to our urgent request for

increased funding for growing school divisions and additional modular classrooms in communities where we continue to experience significant year over year enrolment growth. We will carefully and thoughtfully review the needs across the division to decide where the modulars will provide the greatest relief given our many full schools and how to best direct the \$4 million dollars into our classrooms.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update: September 7, 2024, Chestermere will be hosting the county fair and thank you to the trustees who will be attending.

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Excited about the opening of Horseshoe Crossing and all the help and support of Principal Fenton, and all the staff that helped to get this school opened for September.

June 13 th	Attend Regular Board Meeting and Board Evaluation
June 14 th	Attend and present at Sarah Thompson Grade 5 Musical, Farewell and Barbecue
June 17 th	Attend Board/ATA Dinner at the Education Centre
June 18 th	Attend School Councils Committee Meeting (Zoom)
June 19 th	Attend and present at Indus School Grade 8 Farewell
June 20 th	Attend Policy Committee Meeting
June 20 th	Attend and present at Indus School Grade 9 Farewell
June 22 nd	Attend and present at Chestermere High School Graduation 12, 2 and 4
June 23 rd	Attend Langdon School Awards Ceremonies at 11:00 and 1:00
June 23 rd	Attend and present at Langdon School Grade 8 Farewell
June 25 th	Attend and present at Indus School Awards Ceremony
June 25 th	Attend and present at Langdon School Grade 9 Farewell
July 17 th	Meet with Langdon District Chamber of Commerce
July 20 th	Attend Langdon Days and Read at the Library
August 23 rd	Attend Directors Tour of Horseshoe Crossing High School
August 27 th	Attend and serve at Board of Trustees Welcome Back Breakfast
August 28 th	Attend Policy Committee Meeting

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

June 13	Participated in Board Meeting
June 13	Participated in Board Evaluations
June 20	Chaired Policy Committee meeting
June 25	Presented Honoring Indigenous Spirit award at R.J. Hawkey School
June 25	Presented Honoring Indigenous Spirit award at Cooper's Crossing School
August 26	Attended Welcome Back Breakfast at Education Center
August 28	Chaired Policy Committee meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

June 17	Attended a meeting with the ATA Local and other members of the Board.
June 18	Participated in a School Councils committee meeting
June 20	Attended a Crossfield Chamber meeting

- Aug 26 Attended the beginning of an RVS Leadership Team meeting to serve breakfast and welcome administrators back to a new school year
- Aug 29 Attended a meeting to prepare for a JUPA discussion with Calgary area boards and Rocky View County
- Sept 4 Participated in a Joint Use Planning Agreement discussion at Rocky View County offices

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- June 13 Participated in Board meeting
- June 13 Participated in Board Evaluation
- June 14 Attended Banded Peak School Graduation
- June 17 Attended ATA/Board Dinner
- June 18 Participated in School Council committee meeting
- June 19 Attended Springbank High School council meeting
- June 25 Attended Bearspaw fun day
- June 28 Attended Airdrie Pro Rodeo
- August 11 Attended Pioneer Days in Irricana
- August 26 Attended Welcome Back Breakfast
- August 28 Attended Agent Planning meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

- June 13 Chaired Board Meeting
- June 13 Participated in Board Self Evaluation Workshop
- June 13 Attended CCA Council meeting
- June 17 Attended Minister of Education briefing on new Ministerial Order related to personal mobile devices in schools
- June 17 Hosted dinner meeting with Board and ATA Local 35 Executive
- June 18 Represented the Board at ATA Local 35 Retirement Celebration
- June 20 Attended Board Policy Committee meeting
- June 20 Shared greetings at RancheView Grade 8 Farewell
- June 25 Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting
- June 25 Attended Cochrane Parks and Rec Committee meeting
- June 27 Shared congratulatory greetings at Cochrane and Bow Valley High School graduations
- July 17 Participated in virtual meeting with Ministers Chief of Staff and Superintendent Luterbach
- July 23 Attended government press conference related to additional support for growing school divisions
- July 23 Attended meeting with Crossfield Mayor and administration
- Aug 23 Toured new Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon
- Aug 26 Shared Board greetings at the RVS Welcome Back Leadership meeting
- Aug 26 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting
- Aug 28 Attended Board Policy Committee meeting
- Aug 28 Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting
- Aug 28 Represented the Board at meeting with Premier Smith and McKee Homes regarding RVS' Building Futures program
- Aug 29 Participated in RVC JUPA Committee meeting
- Sep 4 Participated in JUPA meeting with RVC Reeve, and CCSD and FrancoSud Board Chairs

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Trustees accepts hand delivered notice of the Board Organizational Meeting on September 19, 2024, at 9:30am.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer