



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, zoom
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand, zoom
Ward 4 Norma Lang, *absent*

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Ashley Maroukian

Trustee Norma Lang absent as part of trustee duties at Central Table Teacher Bargaining.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1399-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the October 3, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1400-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

Ashley Maroukian left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1401-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:46 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.
Ashley Maroukian joined the meeting at 9:46 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Trustee Judi Hunter read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1402-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

#1403-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Organizational Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE, AE BOWERS

Presenters: JJ Laing, Leah Procee, Carter Puszkas, and Olivia Wigemyr
Teachers: Caitlin Cornell, and Elyse Schlichter

Last school year, Grade 1 and 2 French Immersion students at A.E. Bowers Elementary School took part in a collaborative project with Parks Canada to develop a device that encourages visitors to keep parks and picnic areas clean by picking up after themselves.

During a comprehensive three-month learning journey, the students worked with Grade 9 students from George McDougall High School to design and 3D print a garbage receptacle that can attach to picnic tables. The students also produced a bilingual music video for Parks Canada about the importance of keeping the parks clean. They also took an educational trip to Banff, where they got to use the device they made. The students made an instructional video on how to use the device in both French and English. A QR code was created for the video and affixed to the table for users to scan and know how to use. This project garnered some media attention, with Discover Airdrie writing two stories about the students' work.

During this project, students displayed a number of Alberta student competencies, including critical thinking, communication, problem solving, collaboration, creativity, innovation and citizenship. Achieving these competencies is key to building future-ready students, which is one of the goals of RVS' Education Plan.

Parks Canada further contacted the teachers and advised that this project has been brought forward to the Board and have this implemented throughout Parks Canada. These will have a place in Banff National Park, and updates on the process will be provided to the teachers.

Chair Fiona Gilbert thanked the students and teachers for their amazing efforts.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Lori Meyer and Sherri Black joined the meeting at 10:52a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - IMPROVING OUR STUDENTS' LEARNING – INCLUSION:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Improving of Students' Learning – Inclusion Update as information.

Lori Meyer and Sherri Black left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON 2025/26 AND 2026/27 SCHOOL CALENDARS:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Draft School Calendar Feedback as Information

Murray Besenski left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATION – CHESTERMERE:

#1404-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the Chestermere Student Accommodation engagement plan, as presented, and directs administration to lead implementation beginning in October 2024.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Shali Baziuk

Judi Hunter

Shelley Kinley

Fred Burley

Todd Brand

Fiona Gilbert

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

ENROLMENT UPDATE:

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

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

On September 25, Chair Gilbert and Superintendent Luterbach participated in a Board Chairs Engagement with the Minister of Education and Ministry staff hosted by Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA). Topics of conversation included the new School Construction Accelerator Program, Mental Health in Schools, and Education Funding Formula. We are grateful to ASBA for facilitating these opportunities to engage and collaborate with government and school divisions from across the province.

The Board was joined by Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides and Minister of Infrastructure Pete Guthrie at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the expansion and modernization of Bow Valley High School in Cochrane on Sep. 26. Thank you to Principal Dempster and BVHS staff and students for being great hosts, and a special shout out to the foods class for the freshly made delicious snacks. At

RVS, we aspire to be a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best. We know that having adequate and modernized space for students to learn is a critical component in achieving this vision and we are grateful to see this project come to life. The Board will continue to advocate for new and modernized spaces across the division to meet the space and learning needs of our students and communities.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

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

The Policy committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board's consideration.

#1405-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 17 Student Transportation as presented and that the new policy take effect December 1, 2024.

CARRIED

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Exciting opportunities are happening in Langdon. With celebration to the opening of Horseshoe Crossing the public library has welcomed all students to sign up for a free library card for the duration of their time at Horseshoe Crossing. The open house that was held at Horseshoe Crossing had roughly 1000 people attended. Attendees were young families that may not even have children in school yet to families with students either in the younger grades up to high school.

September 19 Attend Organizational, Regular Board & Planning Meeting
September 22 Attend and present at the Langdon Community Collaborative Meeting
September 23 Attend and present at Horseshoe Crossing High School Parent Council Establishment Meeting
September 24 Attend Saraj Thompson Parent Council Meeting
September 26 Attend Bow Valley High School Groundbreaking ceremony
October 1 Attend School Council Committee Meeting
October 2 Meet with Principal Rankin at Chestermere CLC

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal update: School council bylaws and orientation had a great turn out last week at the event. Huge thank you to Greg for the technology support and to trustee brand for bylaw assistances. The joint board meeting coming later this month.

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

September 19 Participated in Board & Planning Meetings
September 23 Presented Online Bylaws Seminar - School Council Chair Orientation
September 25 Attended Windsong Heights Council meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

September 19 Participated in the RVS Board of Trustees AGM
September 19 Participated in the RVS Board and Board Planning Committee Meetings
September 19 Attended the Kathryn School Welcome Back BBQ
September 23 Assisted with the school council chairs orientation presentation
September 24 Attended the WGM school council meeting
September 26 Attended the Bow Valley High School groundbreaking ceremony
September 26 Participated in a TEBA negotiations prep session
October 1 Attended the RVS School Councils committee meeting at the Ed Centre
October 2 & 3 Participated in central table bargaining in Edmonton
October 2 Attended the CES School Council committee meeting
October 3 Attended the DTOS School Council committee meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

September 19 Participated in Board meeting
September 19 Attended Barbeque for Elbow Valley and Springbank Middle Schools
September 23 Participated in School Councils Bylaws session
September 23 Participated in Agenda Planning Meeting
September 25 Attended Rocky View County hearing
September 25 Attended Bearspaw School Council meeting
September 26 Attended BVHS groundbreaking ceremony
September 30 Attended Springbank Park for All Seasons Meeting
October 1 Attended School Councils meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

September 19 Chaired Organizational & Regular Board meetings
September 19 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
September 19 Attended CCA School Council meeting
September 23 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting
September 23 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
September 25 Participated in ASBA's Board Chairs Engagement with Minister of Education
September 25 Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council meeting
September 26 Participated in ceremonial groundbreaking at Bow Valley High School
October 1 Attended School Councils Committee meeting
October 1 Chaired Advocacy Committee meeting
October 1 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
October 2 Attended Fireside School Council meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:46 p.m.

chair

Secretary-Treasurer