



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter, Zoom
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

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 Ashley Maroukian

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1436-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the November 14, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Ashley Maroukian left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

IN CAMERA

#1437-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1438-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED


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

Trustee Shali Baziuk read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1439-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the October 31, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: 100 PER CENT ACHIEVEMENT ON JUNE 2024 PROVINCIAL DIPLOMA EXAMS

Project Description

Twice a year, the Board of Trustees recognizes outstanding student achievement in Rocky View Schools by acknowledging students who obtain a perfect mark of 100 per cent on a provincial Diploma exam.

Congratulations to the following students for their accomplishments on the June 2024 exam sitting:

Sofia Abad Chisholm, Cochrane High School

Biology 30

Sofia credits her perfect Diploma mark in biology to a passion for the subject. In preparing for the exam, she also spent time on lots and lots of practice questions. Sofia is currently in the first year of her undergraduate studies at the University of Alberta, where she is studying ecology, evolution and environmental biology. After her undergraduate degree, she hopes to continue on to graduate studies and a career in research.

Pavneet Gill, Chestermere High School

Biology 30

On her way to achieving 100 per cent on her Biology 30 Diploma, Pavneet used a key strategy – she studied with cue cards every day for the full semester. Pavneet is currently completing her Grade 12 year at Chestermere High School. After she graduates, she plans to study nursing at either the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary. She hopes to work eventually as a nurse practitioner.

Sophie Mullin, Cochrane High School

Math 30-1

Determination, strong work ethic, plenty of studying and a keen interest in the subject were the ingredients that helped Sophie attain 100 per cent on her Math 30-1 Diploma exam. Sophie is currently taking a gap year to travel, enjoy life and work to save money for further university. When


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she begins post-secondary education, she plans to study math or science and hopes to work in astrophysics.

Isabel Pedersen, Cochrane High School
Biology 30

To achieve 100 per cent on her Diploma exam, Isabel says she regularly attended class, paid attention and asked questions. If she had to miss a class, she made sure to get the material ahead of time. She also took advantage of extra opportunities to improve her grade and sought help outside of class hours. After graduating this year, she plans to study biology or medicine at the University of Calgary.

Ruoxi Qu, Bow Valley High School
Physics 30

Ruoxi worked incredibly hard to achieve a perfect score on her Physics 30 Diploma, paying special attention to detail during the exam. She credits her achievement to her perseverance and resilience, and also to learning to think for herself. Ruoxi is currently studying science at the University of British Columbia, with the goal of entering the medical field.

Gobind Singh Jaswal, Bert Church High School
Biology 30

Gobind says the support and guidance of his parents and teachers, as well as a strong desire for a perfect mark and a dedication to study and practice, were critical to acing his Diploma. He was previously recognized for achieving 100 per cent on his Chemistry 30 and Math 30-1 Diplomas in January 2024. Gobind is currently studying biochemistry and pharmacy at the University of Calgary, with the goal of becoming a pharmacist.

Alyssa Tai, Springbank Community High School
Biology 30, Chemistry 30

Alyssa worked diligently to achieve 100 per cent on her Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 Diploma exams, demonstrating determination and excellent work ethic in the process. She was previously recognized for achieving 100 per cent on her Math 30-1 and Physics 30 Diplomas in January 2024. Now graduated, Alyssa is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Waterloo.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.
Lori Meyer joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT **#1440-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees approves the 2023/24 Annual Education Results Report as presented and directs administration to make any technical edits to reflect the final approved audited financial statements on page 32 of the report and then submit the report to Alberta Education by December 1, 2024.

CARRIED


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Lori Meyer left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW BY-LAW

#1441-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees gives third reading to By-law 2024-01- A By-Law of Rocky View School Division in the Province of Alberta, relating to the number of trustees that sit on the Board and the rearrangement of the electoral wards read in part this 14th day of November, 2024.

Trustee Norma Lang has requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Shali Baziuk
Fiona Gilber
Judi Hunter
Fred Burley
Todd Brand

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen
Shelley Kinley
Norma Lang

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Gilbert shared that two pieces of correspondence have been received by the Minister of Education, and read portions of each letter:

Thank you for your letter regarding Rocky View School Division's plans for community consultation in Chestermere. I am pleased to respond.


I commend your board for taking a proactive approach to generating ideas to address enrolment growth in Chestermere. School enrolment continues to increase, and Alberta's government is addressing the historic growth in student population head-on.

Alberta Education is currently reviewing Rocky View School Division's 2025-28 Capital Plan, which includes requests for additional schools in Chestermere, including a new high school. Please be assured that the priorities identified in your capital plan are being evaluated for potential funding in Budget 2025.

Received November 5, 2024

I am writing in response to Rocky View School Division's request to increase the opening capacities of four new school capital projects approved in Budget 2024.

The opening capacities for the four school capital projects were based on Rocky View School Division's 2024-27 capital plan; however, I am aware that enrolment growth is surpassing expectations in the metro regions, including Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. I understand your concerns and appreciate the


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updated information you have provided regarding enrolment projections and anticipated utilization rates at these four schools.

Based on the current growth trajectory, it is advisable to increase the opening capacities of these new schools prior to design work getting underway. Therefore, pending full construction approval by Treasury Board, I am pleased to approve the requested adjustments to increase the opening capacities as follows:

- Airdrie Bayview Kindergarten to Grade 8 school, 905 opening and final capacity;
- Cochrane Kindergarten to Grade 8 school, 905 opening and final capacity;
- Airdrie Grade 9 to 12 school, 1,810 opening and final capacity; and
- Chestermere Dawson's Landing Kindergarten to Grade 9 school, 905 opening and final capacity.

Received November 13, 2024

Members of the Board of Trustees will be attending the Alberta School Boards Association's Fall General Meeting in Edmonton from Nov. 17-19. We will be connecting with and hearing from other school boards, MLAs, the Minister of Education and the Premier. It is a great opportunity for advocacy, professional learning and collaboration with colleagues and decision makers from around the province.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Policy Committee is bringing forward the following motions for the Board's consideration.

#1442-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed terms of reference for the Policy Committee as presented.

CARRIED

#1443-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 11 Board Delegation of Authority as presented.

CARRIED

#1444-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 15 School Closures as presented.

CARRIED

LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Labour Relations Committee is bringing forward the following motions for the Board's consideration.

#1445-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board approves the proposed terms of reference for the Labour Relations Committee as presented.

CARRIED


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TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update:

Attended Airdrie day up in Edmonton on November 6 and appreciate being the representative there. It was an excellent opportunity to get together with the MLA's and the City to discuss the City's growing needs.

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update:

Words of appreciation to all the schools in our Division for the level of effort for their Remembrance Day ceremonies.

October 31 Participated in the Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
November 2 Helped the Crossfield Chamber at the Crossfield Christmas Craft Market
November 5 Participated in the RVS School Councils Committee meeting
November 6 Presented about school boards and local government at WGM grade six
November 6 Attended the DTOS school council committee meeting
November 6 Attended the CES school council committee meeting
November 6 Attended the Crossfield Chamber board meeting
November 8 Attended the WGM Remembrance Day Service
November 12 Attended the Kathryn School Council committee meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

October 31 Participated in Board meeting
November 1 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
November 4 Participated in Agenda Planning Meeting
November 5 Participated in School Council committee meeting
November 5 Participated in ASBA Committee meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

October 31 Chaired regular Board meeting
October 31 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
November 4 Participated in Agenda Planning meeting
November 4 Attended Cochrane Inclement Weather committee
November 13 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

a) CLASS SIZE REPORTING

#1446-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to provide a class size report to the Board of Trustees by February 13, 2025, detailing class size averages for each grade and school in the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.

Substitute motion approved to replace original motion by Unanimous Consent.

#1447-2024 SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to provide a class size report to the Board of Trustees by February 13, 2025, detailing class size averages for each grade and school in the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years, and receive a report annually.

DEFEATED



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NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion to report.

IN CAMERA

#1448-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 12:18 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Todd Brand left the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1449-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



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