



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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon, Zoom
Director of Communications and Engagement Tara de Weerd

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

#1469-2025 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the January 9, 2025, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1470-2025 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1471-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:59 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Trustee Todd Brand read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.


Chair/Treasurer Initials

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1472-2025 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

#1473-2025 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Special Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: RAINBOW CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TELUS SPARK PROTOTYPE PROJECT

Teacher: Kristi Muir

Presenters: Ivy Dingwall, Rachel Feng, Chloe Phillips, Chase McKinnon, Jake Ibach, Madyson Kaur, Steven Giang

Grade 6 students at Rainbow Creek Elementary School recently took part in TELUS Spark's Prototype Project, where they built their own science centre experience prototypes. Guided by their teachers, staff at TELUS Spark and mentors from the science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) fields, the students had the opportunity to explore their STEAM passions and created games, models and other prototypes during this semester-long project. These prototypes are meant to inspire new Telus Spark exhibits. The students showed off their work at their school on Dec. 4, and then had the opportunity to present the prototypes they created at TELUS Spark in Calgary on Dec. 11.

This project helps build future-ready students – a goal of RVS' Education Plan – by having students use critical thinking, communication, problem solving, collaboration, managing information, cultural and global citizenship, creativity and innovation, and personal growth and well-being. By engaging their passions in STEAM topics, it also helps put them on a path early to prepare them to be successful for any future path they choose

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: PRAIRIE SPRINGS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Presenters: Laurena Pollock & Suzanne MacAusland

The delegations shared their concerns about the redesignation for September 2025 of the Prairie Springs students who currently attend Windsong Heights. The redesignation of the Prairie Springs community would cause students from kindergarten to grade 5 to move to Coopers Crossing and students in grades 6 to 8 to move to Muriel Clayton. The presentation was followed by clarifying questions from Trustees.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.


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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Director of Finance Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Director of Communications and Engagement Tara de Weerd left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Q1 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Q1 Financial update report.

Director of Finance Steve Thomas left the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Director of Communications and Engagement Tara de Weerd joined the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

AIRDRIE TURF FIELD PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST:

#1474-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees contributes a one-time contribution of \$600,000 to City of Airdrie for the Airdrie Turf Field with funds coming from employee benefit reserves.

#1475-2025 AMENDMENT TO MOTION #1474-2025 BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

Strike out \$600,000 and replace with \$300,000.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Judi Hunter

Todd Brand

Shali Baziuk

Fiona Gilbert

Shelley Kinley

Opposed

Fred Burley

Norma Lang

Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert requested a recorded vote.

#1476-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees contributes a one-time contribution of \$300,000 to City of Airdrie for the Airdrie Turf Field with funds coming from employee benefit reserves.

In Favour

Judi Hunter

Fred Burley

Todd Brand

Shali Baziuk

Norma Lang

Fiona Gilbert

Shelley Kinley

Melyssa Bowen

Opposed

None

CARRIED



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CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

As part of the Board's ongoing advocacy, letters were recently sent to Minister Nicolaides and RVS' local MLAs emphasizing the Board's belief that any new funding model for school divisions must be rooted in the principle that every student must be fully funded every year. It is essential for the government to invest in the success of every student by ensuring adequate funding to address enrollment growth, rising operational costs, increasing classroom complexities and enhancing mental health and wellness support systems. Through this continued advocacy, the Board is encouraging sustained focus on the priority of providing students in RVS with an education and school experience that supports them in achieving their absolute best.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

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

#1476-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 20 Inclement Weather as presented.

CARRIED

#1477-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 25 Community Engagement and Assurance as presented.

CARRIED

#1478-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 28 Trustee Communication with The Public as presented.

CARRIED

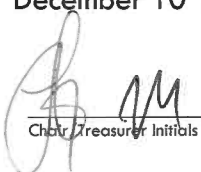
TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

December 6 Attend ASBA Zone 5 Meeting
December 9 Attend A Hoc Superintendent Search Committee Meeting
December 9 Attend Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting – zoom
December 11 Attend Langdon School Parent Council Meeting
December 11 Attend Langdon Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Meeting
December 11 Attend Sarah Thompson Holiday Concert - Antlers
December 12 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
December 16 Attend School Councils Meeting – Zoom
December 17 Attend Special Board Meeting
December 17 Attend Board Planning Committee Meeting
December 18 Attend joint Langdon School/Horseshoe Crossing Band concert

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

December 9 Participated in a Superintendent Hiring Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
December 10 Attended a TEBA 61 representative committee meeting on behalf of RVS


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December 16 Attended a School Councils Committee meeting
December 17 Attended a board special meeting and a board planning committee meeting
December 18 Participated in 2 expulsion hearings
December 19 Chaired a Labour Relations Committee meeting
January 8 Participated in the Crossfield and District Chamber meeting
January 8 Attended a JUPA meeting at the Education Centre

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

December 12 Participated in Board meeting
December 16 Participated in Agenda Planning meeting
December 16 Participated in School Council committee meeting
December 17 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
December 17 Participated in a special board meeting
January 6 Meeting regarding community initiative
January 8 Participated in Expulsion meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

December 12 Chaired Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
December 16 Attended School Council Committee meeting
December 16 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting
December 17 Chaired Special Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
December 18 Participated in Student Expulsion Hearing
December 19 Participated in Labour Relations Committee meeting
January 8 Participated in Student Expulsion Hearing
January 8 Participated in JUPA Committee meeting
January 8 Attended Fireside School Council meeting

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer


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