



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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, Absent
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 4 Norma Lang, Absent

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon
Director of Communications 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

#1459-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the December 12, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1460-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

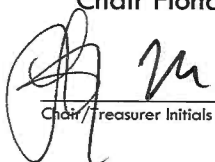
#1461-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.


Chair/Treasurer Initials

Trustee Shali Baziuk joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1462-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 28, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: NOSE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – EARTH SPHERES

Teacher: Erin Quiring

Students: Sam Munsie (Grade 4), Levi Kirkpatrick (Grade 4), Blaire Anderson (Grade 3)

As part of learning about Earth systems, Grade 4 and 3/4 classes at Nose Creek Elementary School participated in a project to make a 3D representation of Earth out of papier mâché. Students learned about the different Earth systems, how they interact together and how natural events and human activity can change the surface and landscape. Students then created the 3D model of the planet with the help of approximately 15 parent volunteers. Students labelled the various Earth systems and their components like plants and animals. They also demonstrated how a natural event like a volcano eruption or earthquake can change landforms.

During this project, students have various opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of Earth systems and how they interact. Students were offered the choice of how to demonstrate their learning by either creating a video or Google Slide presentation.

This project meets outcomes of all three goals of RVS' Education plan. This hands-on learning opportunity is engaging for students and has many entry points for different student abilities, interests and prior knowledge, helping them to be actively engaged in meaningful and relevant learning. Working together as a grade level, students demonstrated communication, problem solving, collaboration and creativity. Due to the participation of a combined Grade 3/4 class, this project meets learning outcomes for both grades.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: CHESTERMERE STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

Presenters: Larissa Lees

The delegation shared their concerns about potential Chestermere Student Accommodation changes that would leave French Immersion at East Lake School for grades K to 6 and have grades 7 to 9 at Chestermere Lake Middle School. The presentation was followed by clarifying questions from Trustees.


Chair/Treasurer Initials

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM CHESTERMERE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION ENGAGEMENT:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Summary of Feedback from Chestermere Student Accommodation Engagement as information.

ELECTION DEPOSIT BY-LAW 2024-03:

#1463-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees gives third reading to bylaw 2024-03 A Bylaw of The Rocky View School Division in the Province of Alberta, relating to the establishment of a deposit amount for candidates presenting themselves for nomination for the 2025 elections as read in part this 12th day of December in the year 2024.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote for all By-Law motions.

In Favour

Judi Hunter
Shali Baziuk
Fiona Gilbert
Shelley Kinley

Opposed

Todd Brand
Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

ELECTOR SIGNATURES BY-LAW 2024-02:

#1464-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees gives third reading to bylaw 2024-02 A Bylaw of The Rocky View School Division in the Province of Alberta, specifying the minimum number of electors required to sign the nomination of a candidate presenting themselves for nomination for the 2025 elections as read in part this 12th day of December in the year 2024.

In Favour

Judi Hunter
Todd Brand
Shali Baziuk
Fiona Gilbert
Shelley Kinley

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

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


Chair/Treasurer Initials

2026/27 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

#1465-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees approves for the 2026 – 2027 school year draft calendar 4 as presented by administration and directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the calendar to Rocky View Schools stakeholders.

CARRIED

Associate Superintendent Murray Besenski left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Board remains focused on advocating for an education funding model that is rooted in the principle that every student be fully funded every year. The Government of Alberta is offering opportunities to share feedback on Budget 2025 to help set the province's financial priorities. The Board believes it is essential for the government to invest in the success of every student by ensuring adequate funding to address increasing classroom complexities and to enhance mental health and wellness support systems. These are the financial priorities that government should be focused on, and the Board will continue to share this message with our communities, local MLAs, the Minister of Education, and other decision makers.

This is the last regular Board meeting of 2024, and as the holiday season approaches, the Board wishes all RVS students, families, staff, and communities a joyful and peaceful Winter Break filled with warmth, laughter, and good company. May this time bring you moments of rest and renewal as 2024 comes to a close. Here's to a bright and hopeful new year ahead.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update:

Chestermere HS will hold the next council meeting during the day so parents can be part of the meeting but also see some of the options available. This is a direct result of the JBSC and the influence of Sandy McDuffe and Earl Castiglione.

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update:

Next week will be attending the Horsecreek band concert which will be held in conjunction with Langdon School. The Schools in Langdon have been going out in their communities caroling.

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

November 28 Chaired Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
December 2 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee
December 6 & 7 MRU Leadership Course: Leaders, Culture and Change
December 9 Chaired Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee
December 9 Attended Cochrane High School Council



Chair/Treasurer Initials

NEW BUSINESS

BYLAW NO. 2024-04 TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS FOR TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS #1466-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees gives first reading to Bylaw 2024-04 as presented to require candidates to provide a criminal record check when submitting their nomination package for School Board Trustee.

In Favour

Judi Hunter
Shali Baziuk
Fiona Gilbert
Shelley Kinley

Opposed

Todd Brand
Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

Special Board Meeting will be called next week to proceed with a second and third reading of By-Law 2024-04, further information to this will follow.

NOTICE OF MOTION

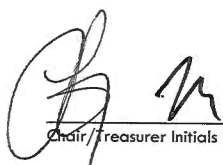
There was no notice of motion to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer


Chair/Treasurer Initials

