



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-Chair, Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Patty Sproule
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 3 Jim Forrest
Ward 4 Norma Lang
Ward 5 Judi Hunter

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#720-2020 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the November 26, 2020, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#721-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:35 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#722-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:01 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA

SUPPORT STAFF TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT ADJUSTMENT

#723-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the removal of Article 12.5 of Terms of Employment, and the creation of an internal Human Resources procedure to manage the Support Staff Retirement Transition Strategy Program in accordance with LAPP guidelines.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#724-2020 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 19, 2020, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK 2020 – CROSSFIELD ELEMENTARY

Presenters: Janice Graham, Bob Rodgers

Project Description

Endeavouring to create a shared reading experience across the entire school community, Crossfield Elementary took the One School, One Book program to new heights in 2020. Bringing their school motto “Learning to Read is our focus, loving to read is our goal” to life, the month-long program had students engage in a novel with their classmates, teachers, friends and families. Each family was provided with a copy of *Almost Super* by Marion Jensen, sponsored by parent fundraising society Whoo’s Crew. Families followed a daily reading schedule at home and a variety of activities took place at school the following day, focused on heightening and promoting interest in and discussion of the book.

Aimed at creating a strong foundation of literacy and a love of reading, the program helps build daily awareness of the details of each story and encourages deep, attentive and personally gratifying listening habits through a fully shared literary experience.

Quote from a parent who participated:

“I have never heard of a school doing something like this, with a shared reading experience. It harkens back to the days before ‘on-demand’ television when we would all watch the same show on the same night and discuss it the next day. Anyways, we have, as a family, been loving the experience. We read a lot together as a family, but it is something altogether new to us to share a story with the entire school.”

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#725-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2019-2020 audited financial statements (AFS) and instructs the Superintendent to submit the 2019-2020 AFS, the auditors report and written communications between the auditor and the board respecting the systems of internal control and accounting procedures of the board as presented to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Fiona Gilbert thanked Lesley Bolster and Lisa Winslow for their volunteer service to RVS as the public members serving on the Audit Committee. The expertise and knowledge that they bring to the committee is very much valued and appreciated by the Board of Trustees. Having members of the public serve on this committee helps to enhance accountability and transparency of the use of public dollars.

On November 20, RVS received a response from the Minister of Education to the Board's October 15th letter outlining experiences and challenges of RVS staff, students and families during the first six weeks of this school year. The letter acknowledges that the safety of students and staff continues to be the Alberta governments number one priority and updates the Board on some of the changes that have happened since the middle of October.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASBA COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The ASBA committee met October 19, 2020 and reviewed the committee's terms of reference. The committee is bringing forward revisions for the Board's approval.

#726-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the attached ASBA Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Planning Committee met on November 19, 2020 and received information from administration related to future school calendars and international student data. The committee discussed next steps for Kathryn / Irricana / Beiseker consultation as well as recommendations from the recent Board evaluation. The preliminary audited financials were shared with the committee in preparation for their approval by the Board.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Nov 5 Chaired Board and Planning meetings
Nov 6 Attended ASBA Zone 5 monthly meeting
Nov 9 Participated in Board Agenda Planning Committee meeting

Nov 10 Participated in Policy Committee meeting
 Nov 12 Participated in Advocacy Committee meeting
 Nov 12 Hosted Joint Board School Council meeting
 Nov 16 Attended ASBA virtual FGM
 Nov 17 Participated in ASBA virtual PL sessions on leadership, governance and educational landscape
 Nov 17 Attended Audit Committee meeting
 Nov 18 Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council meeting
 Nov 19 Chaired virtual Board and Planning meetings
 Nov 19 Attended CCA Council meeting
 Nov 23 Participated in Board Agenda Planning Committee meeting
 Nov 23 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
 Nov 25 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

#727-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board of Trustees prepare and send a letter to Rocky View County Council expressing our disappointment regarding their decision to disband the Langdon Joint Site Use Committee without first consulting Rocky View Schools.

CARRIED

Trustee Todd Brand requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Fiona Gilbert
 Patty Sproule
 Jim Forrest
 Judi Hunter
 Melyssa Bowen
 Norma Lang
 Shali Baziuk

Opposed

Todd Brand

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

 Chair

 Secretary-Treasurer