



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

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul
Communications Officer Erlene Gococo

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Todd Brand called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#443-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the May 16, 2019, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#444-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:33 a.m.

CARRIED

Norma Lang joined the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Patty Sproule joined the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Audrey Bloxham joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Audrey Bloxham left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#445-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:08 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA

INDUS AND WESTBROOK DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – TENDER AWARD

#446-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools delegates the responsibility of awarding the general contractor contract, for Westbrook Replacement School, as well as, the general contractor contract for the modernization of Indus School to the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

LIFT STATION UPGRADE – TENDER AWARD

#447-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board of Trustees award RFP Q-19-28 for the lift station upgrade at Indus School pending final approval from Alberta Education, to CDM in the amount of \$316,886.42.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#448-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the May 2, 2019, Regular Board meeting as circulated with a correction to motions #438, 440 and 441 changing the word “implantation” to “implementation”.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: 100% ACHIEVEMENT ON JANUARY 2019 PROVINCIAL DIPLOMA EXAMS

Presentation: 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 January 2019 exam sitting:

**Colby Coopersmith, Chestermere High School
Chemistry 30**

Colby is no stranger to the 100 per cent club, having been recognized in November 2018 for achieving a perfect score on the Math 30-1 diploma exam. For Colby, earning top marks on his Chemistry 30 diploma exam was the result of studying diligently, taking frequent breaks and doing what makes him happy, which includes musical theatre performance. After graduation, Colby hopes to obtain a medical degree from the University of Alberta and pursue a career as a neurosurgeon.

**Mackenzie Davis, Cochrane High School
Biology 30**

Studying beyond what was assigned, coupled with strong organizational and time-management skills, helped Mackenzie achieve 100 per cent on the Biology 30 diploma exam. In her spare time, Mackenzie plays soccer, softball and volleyball and has a black belt in karate. She also volunteers for the Drop-In Centre, the Cochrane Youth Council and Cochrane High's Sustainable Development Committee and enjoys tutoring students at Elizabeth Barrett Elementary.

**Katie Keller, George McDougall High School
Biology 30**

Katie's daily review of course materials using flash cards played a big role in helping her achieve 100 per cent on the Biology 30 diploma exam. Aside from her academic endeavours, Katie enjoys staying active and plays both club and school volleyball. She also volunteers her time at cheer provincials, as a volleyball scorekeeper and as a reading buddy for elementary students. Although only in Gr. 11, Katie plans to pursue a career in medicine upon graduating and would like to specialize in sports medicine or surgery.

**Brooke Kindleman, Cochrane High School
Biology 30**

Staying on top of homework assignments, engaging in deep inquiry and asking for help all contributed to Brooke achieving a perfect score on her Biology 30 diploma exam. An athlete, as well as a scholar, Brooke's spare time is spent playing and coaching curling. She also likes to tap into her creative side through art and has even sold some of her work for charity. Brooke plans to attend the University of Calgary to study electrical or mechanical engineering, where she hopes to develop ideas and products that are accessible and will improve the lives of all Canadians.

**Kendra Allyson O'Hearn, Bow Valley High School
Math 30-1**

For Kendra, achieving a perfect score on her Math 30-1 diploma exam was the result of a thorough review of all course material. She also had the foresight to recognize when it was time to slow down and focus on an exam question more carefully. Outside of school and her part-time job at Patsy's in Spray Lakes, Kendra enjoys reading and photography. She hopes to attend either the University of Calgary or the University of British Columbia and focus her studies on math and statistics.

**Janae Richards, Springbank Community High School
Chemistry 30**

For this exemplary student, the recipe for success was simple – work hard and remain committed to her studies. Janae, who obtained a perfect score on the Chemistry 30 diploma exam, also credits her inspiring teacher for encouraging her to work hard and enjoy learning. Janae enjoys practicing sign language, making art and volunteering for a physiotherapy clinic and Free Wheelchair Mission, a non-

profit organization. Janae hopes to attend the University of Calgary to pursue a career in nursing, so that she can make a difference in people's lives.

**Amtul Saddiqa, W.H. Croxford High School
Biology 30**

Amtul employed a variety of strategies to help her prepare for the Biology 30 diploma exam, including taking detailed notes, doing practice quizzes and diligently reviewing THE KEY Study Guide. In addition to this, Amtul never missed a class, which speaks to the impact that attendance can have on academic performance. Outside of school, Amtul enjoys reading, painting, drawing and sewing. This past year, she also volunteered her time to teaching weekly religious classes and tutoring family friends in math. Amtul hopes to attend the University of Calgary to study business or science.

**Alex Thorpe, George McDougall High School
Math 30-1**

Alex's strong organizational skills and willingness to ask probing questions helped him achieve 100 per cent on the Math 30-1 diploma exam. Employing effective test-taking strategies, like tackling the most difficult questions first, also helped him achieve a perfect score. In his spare time, Alex enjoys strength training, playing competitive soccer and participating in Junior Achievement (JA) programs. He also volunteers for the Airdrie and District Soccer Association, JA's Green Cup Business, and for community clean-up and bottle drives. Alex plans to take a gap year after high school to explore his options but hopes to later attend the University of British Columbia or the University of Victoria to study international business or engineering.

**Emily Trew, Chestermere High School
Biology 30**

Using past diploma exams as a study guide helped Emily to prepare for the Biology 30 diploma exam. While writing the exam, she never second-guessed her answers, as she felt confident with her knowledge of the subject and in her test-taking strategies. To give her mind and body time to recharge, Emily also took frequent breaks during the exam sitting. In her down time, Emily enjoys crocheting and gardening. She plans to attend the University of Calgary and hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

AIRDRIE FIELD TURF

#449-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees indicates its support, provided through the attached letter, for the Airdrie Field Turf Society in their endeavor to fundraise for improvements to the Ed Eggerer Athletic Park, with the condition that the City of Airdrie Joint Use and Maintenance Agreements are updated and ratified by both the City of Airdrie and The Board of Trustees prior to construction commencing.

CARRIED

Scott Mahan joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUNDING EXPENDITURE REQUEST

#450-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the use of \$600,000 from Capital Reserves to fund the replacement of additional teacher laptops and the replacement and installation of some classroom projectors.

CARRIED

Scott Mahan left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

2019/2020 CALENDAR EXCEPTIONS

#451-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees approves for the 2019-2020 school year the school calendar exceptions as presented by administration.

CARRIED

Audrey Bloxham joined the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Murray Besenski left the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Transportation Accountability Report as presented.

#452-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

The Board of Trustees directs the Transportation Committee to investigate options to manage and improve student behaviour on buses and report to The Board Planning Committee by the end of October 2019.

CARRIED

Audrey Bloxham left the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Todd Brand had no correspondence to report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The committee met May 14, 2019 and will meet again June 17, 2019 to continue the work of reviewing all Board policies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE COMMITTEE FROM TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

The committee met May 14, 2019 and identified May 24 as the deadline for applying for PDLC funds for the 2018/2019 school year. The PDLC Committee is trying to spend the money in the designated year instead of creating a carry over to the next year.

AD HOC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE FROM TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

The committee met on May 9, 2019 and reviewed management of the Trustees website, discussed Trustees' role in student learning and the possibility of a PL repository with areas for information sharing and Trustee discussion.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update: Have been attending School Council AGMs, receiving feedback from parents that they are happy the Board elicits feedback from its constituents.

- May 3 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- May 6 Attended conference call with City of Chestermere regarding Policy 22
- May 8 Participated in RCES council meeting
- May 9 Attended ASBA Directors meeting in Edmonton
- May 13 Attended Prairie Waters school AGM
- May 14 Site visit for Edwin Parr teacher award set up
- May 15 Attended Chestermere mental health coalition meeting
- May 15 Attended East Lake school AGM
- May 16 Attended regular board and planning meeting

Patty Sproule, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended Chestermere and Area Mental Health Coalition with Trustee Baziuk, addressed how communities and schools work together on building mental awareness. Congratulated Chestermere HS student who will attend SCNC Skills competition in Halifax, representing RVS as part of the Alberta team

- May 4 Attended Indus School Society Fundraiser
- May 6 Attended Prince of Peace School Council Meeting
- May 7 Attended Chestermere High School Council Meeting
- May 8 Attended Sarah Thompson School Council Meeting
- May 9 Participated in Communications Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- May 13 Attended Indus School Council Meeting
- May 15 Participated in the Chestermere Area Mental Health Coalition Meeting
- May 16 Participated in Regular Board and Planning Meetings

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended Bert Church Relay for Life which raised over \$25,000. Event was student led, supported by staff and families

- Apr 2 Attended C.W Perry School Council Meeting
- Apr 4 Regular Board & Planning Meeting
- Apr 4 Joint School Council Board Meeting
- Apr 11 Budget Committee Meeting
- Apr 11 Board Planning Meeting
- Apr 16 Meadowbrook School Council Meeting
- Apr 18 Regular Board & Planning Meeting
- Apr 18 Attended Bert Church School Council Meeting

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- May 3 Attended Relay For Life at Bert Church
- May 7 Attended C.W. Perry School Council Meeting
- May 9 Attended A.E. Bowers School Council Meeting
- May 14 Attended R.J. Hawkey School Council Meeting

Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:

- May 6 Attended and participated in the Cooper's Crossing School Council
- May 6 Attended and participated in the Nose Creek School Council
- May 8 Attended and participated in the Windsong School Council
- May 9 Participated in the work of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee
- May 13 Participated in the work of Professional Development Leave Committee
- May 14 Participated in the work of the Policy Committee
- May 16 Participated in the RVS Regular Board and Planning Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

- May 2 Attended the regular RVS Board and Planning Meetings
- May 3 Participated in Principal Interviews for WG Murdoch School
- May 4-5 Attended the Cochrane Trade Fair
- May 7-9 Attended Skills Canada Alberta Annual Student Competition, EXPO Centre, Edmonton
- May 9 Attended the WG Murdoch School Council Meeting
- May 10 Attended the Beiseker Community School Graduation Ceremony
- May 14 Attended the WG Murdoch Student Dinner Theatre Event, Crossfield Community Centre
- May 15 Attended the monthly Kathryn School Council Meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Verbal Update: Save the Date: Dr. Lynn Miller will be presenting an anxiety workshop for staff and parents for three Springbank Schools

- May 2 Participated in Board Meeting
- May 4 Volunteered at Westbrook School Fair
- May 7 Attended Community Information Session
- May 8 Attended Elbow Valley School Concert
- May 9 Volunteered at Springbank Middle School
- May 13 Attended Professional Development Leave Committee
- May 14 Attended Elbow Valley School Council Meeting
- May 15 Attended Springbank High School Council Meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

- May 2 Participated in Board and Planning meetings
- May 3 Chaired ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- May 6 Participated in Board Agenda Setting committee meeting
- May 9 Attended ASBA Board of Directors meeting in Edmonton
- May 9 Attended Bow Valley High School Council meeting
- May 13 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
- May 14 Chaired Policy Committee meeting
- May 14 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
- May 15 Attended Elizabeth Barrett Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

IN CAMERA

#453-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Audrey Bloxham joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Audrey Bloxham left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#454-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

#455-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the 10-year Agreement renewal with Cardinal Coach Lines ULC (doing business as First Student) for Transportation Services, effective August 1, 2019.

CARRIED

#456-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the 10-year Agreement renewal with Southland Transportation Ltd. for Transportation Services, effective August 1, 2019.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Todd Brand adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer