



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DRIVE S. W.
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 3	Sylvia Eggerer
Vice-Chair, Ward 2	Bev LaPeare
Ward 1	Jennifer Avery
Ward 6	Dr. Bruce Pettigrew
Ward 5	Colleen Munro
Ward 4	Helen Clease
Ward 7	Don Thomas

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations	Darrell Couture
Associate Superintendent of Schools	Murray Besenski
Associate Superintendent of Human Resources	Susan Williams
Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning	Dave Morris

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
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RECORDING SECRETARY:

Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny
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CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#33 – 09 MOTION BY HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the February 12, 2009, Special Board meeting agenda with the following amendment:

- The 2009/2010 – 2010/2011 School Calendar on the Superintendent's Report, be moved to the last item to accommodate Trustee Jennifer Avery's request.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

#34 - 09 MOTION BY COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2009, as circulated.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

AWARD OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT

#35 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees approves entering into a Transportation Agreement (Fleet) with the following successful respondents to a Request for Proposals for a ten year period commencing August 1, 2009 (the Board has the option to renew the Agreement for a further ten year period):

Southland Transportation Ltd. for bus routes in the Cochrane and Westbrook area as well as for bus routes in the Springbank and Bragg Creek area; and, Cardinal Coach Lines Limited doing business as First Bus Canada Ltd. for bus routes in the Airdrie and Crossfield area as well as for bus routes in the Chestermere and Kathyrn/Beiseker area.

CARRIED

ACCOMMODATION OF FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS AND SINGLE-TRACK OR DUAL-TRACK CONFIGURATION

#36 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approves, effective September 2010, the re-designation of Elizabeth Barrett School as a K-8 French Immersion program school and Manachaban as a K-8 English program school.

Trustee Jennifer Avery proposed a friendly amendment:

That the Board of Trustees approves, effective September 2011, the re-designation of Elizabeth Barrett School as a K-8 French Immersion program school and Manachaban as a K-8 English program school subject to further research and consultation.

Trustee Bev LaPeare agreed the amendment was friendly.

Trustee Jennifer Avery withdrew the friendly amendment.

Voting on motion #36-09 as presented:

DEFEATED

#37 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bruce Pettigrew:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to further consult with Cochrane schools and Cochrane community stake-holders concerning French Immersion single-track *versus* dual-track configuration (level 3 consultation) and this issue be brought back to the Board no later than November, 2009.

Trustee Don Thomas proposed a friendly amendment:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to further consult with the schools community throughout the Division concerning French Immersion single-track *versus* dual-track configuration (level 3 consultation) and this issue be brought back to the Board no later than May, 2009.

Trustee Pettigrew did not agree the amendment was friendly.

Trustee Don Thomas withdrew his proposed amendment.

Voting on motion #37-09 as presented:

DEFEATED

#38 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to further consult with the schools community throughout the Division about French Immersion single-track versus dual-track configuration (level 3 consultation) and this issue be brought back to the Board no later than May, 2009.

DEFEATED

#39 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees defer Accommodation of French Immersion Programs and Single-Track or Dual-Track Configuration Issue to a future Board meeting no later than April 30, 2009.

CARRIED

CROSSFIELD GRADE CONFIGURATION

#40 - 09 Motion by Trustee Jennifer Avery:

That the Board of Trustees leaves the Crossfield Elementary School and WG. Murdoch School grade configuration as it currently exists.

CARRIED

2009-2010 AND 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Trustee Jennifer Avery declared a conflict of interest, as she works as a bus driver and her compensation is determined by the number of school days, and left the Special Board meeting at 3:38 p.m.

#41 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approve calendar alternative 1 for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by administration and directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the calendar to Rocky View Schools' education stakeholders.

CARRIED

#42 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approve calendar alternative 1 for the 2010-2011 school year as presented by administration and directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the calendar to Rocky View Schools' education stakeholders.

DEAFETED

#43 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees approve calendar alternative 1 for the 2010-2011 school year as presented by administration subject to the Meteri Group data material analysis.

Trustee Colleen Munro withdrew motion #43 – 09.

#44 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees approve calendar alternative 1 for the 2010-2011 school year as presented subject to review.

Trustee Bev LaPeare proposed a friendly amendment:

That the Board of Trustees approve in principal alternative 1 for the 2010-2011 school year as presented subject to Board review and final approval by November, 2009, and distribute the calendar to the Rocky View Schools' education stakeholders as a draft calendar.

Trustee Colleen Munro agreed the amendment was friendly.

Voting on motion #44 – 09 as amended:

CARRIED

CALENDAR COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#45 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees determines the Terms of Reference for the Calendar Committee by June, 2009.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer ruled the motion out of order as this is a Special Board meeting and not all trustees are present therefore no new business may be considered.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sylvia Eggerer Reported:

- February 5 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings
- February 5-7 – Attended PSBAA Conference in Leduc, AB
- February 9 – Attended George McDougall High School Celebrating Success
- February 10/11 – Attended Principal Interviews at the Education Centre

- February 10 – Attended Kathryn/Beiseker Public Participation meeting regarding grade configuration
- February 11 – Attended Meadowbrook School Council meeting – Presentation from “Learning Clicks” and “Welcome to Meadowbrook” committee
- February 12 – Attended Special Board meeting

Helen Clease Reported:

- January 6 – Attended Springbank Community High School Three Year Plan Survey Planning
- January 7 – Attended Springbank Community High School girls basketball tournament
- January 8 – Attended Policy Development Committee meeting at the Education Centre
- January 9 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- January 12 – Attended Student Expulsion meeting
- January 15 – Attended Board Planning Meeting and Regular Board meetings
- January 15 – Attended Rocky View West Recreation Board meeting
- January 20 – Attended MD Visioning Recreation Board meeting
- January 20 – Attended Public Participation meeting in Crossfield regarding grade configuration
- January 21 – Attended Classroom on Wheels (COW) meeting in Cochrane
- January 21 – Attended Springbank Community High School Council Meeting
- January 22 – Attended Luncheon meeting with the MD of Rocky View
- January 22 – Attended Board Planning meeting
- January 24 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council meeting
- January 27 – Attended Mayor’s Award of Excellence Dinner
- January 29 – Attended Board Planning meeting
- January 29 – Attended JV Basketball at Springbank Community High School
- February 3 – Attended Benefits Committee meeting
- February 3 - Attended JV Basketball at Springbank Community High School
- February 4 – Attended Kathryn/Beiseker School Council meeting regarding grade configuration
- February 4 – Attended Public Participation meeting in Kathryn
- February 5 – Attended ASBA – Setting the Direction for Special Needs in Edmonton
- February 6 – Chaired the ASBA Zone 5 meeting in Calgary
- February 6/7 – Attended JV Basketball Springbank Community High School Tournament in Red Deer
- February 9 – Attended Banded Peak School Council meeting
- February 10 – Attended Transportation Committee meeting at the Education Centre
- February 10 – Attended JV Basketball at Springbank Community High
- February 11 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council meeting
- February 12 – Attended the Mitford Middle School Heritage Fair as a judge
- February 12 – Attended Special Board meeting
- February 12 – Attended Elbow Valley Elementary Family Fun Dance

In-Camera:

#46 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees move into in-camera at 4:44 p.m.

CARRIED

#47 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera at 5:10 p.m.

ITEMS FROM IN-CAMERA:

#48 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Student Suspension/Expulsion Report for December, 2008, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#49 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER