



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations	Darrell Couture
Associate Superintendent of Learning	Dr. David Peat
Associate Superintendent of Human Resources	Susan Williams
Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny

RECORDING SECRETARY:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#234 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the October 15, 2009, Regular Board meeting agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

#235 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of October 1, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

#236 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE SHOWCASE - AIRDRIE CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

(CLEAN = Communities Leading Environmental Action in Airdrie Neighbourhoods)

Presenters: R.J. Hawkey Principal Dan Hoch and students: Cole Pierce, Reg Jennings, Sloan Goran, Kelly Macaig & George McDougall High School Student Representatives: Sabrina Niesman, Dustin Saxton, Tessie Addo, and Jessica Clarke.

Program Description – Under the lead of R.J. Hawkey Principal Dan Hoch, schools across the City of Airdrie (RVS, Calgary Separate, Francophone, Koinonia) were invited last spring to participate in a community-wide garbage pick-up program, appropriately entitled “Clean Sweep” (Communities Leading Environmental Action in Airdrie Neighbourhoods). The program would see students from each school community be responsible for the garbage pick-up in green spaces surrounding their school community. Garbage bags and vinyl gloves would be supplied by Loblaws, while the City of Airdrie agreed to dispose of the garbage, once gathered at collection sites. The City of Airdrie also agreed to recognize participating schools in the form of initial publicity, as well as through the provision of a certificate to the school from the City.

All 15 public and private schools in the City of Airdrie have signed up to participate in the first CLEAN Sweep program, which has slated its initial garbage collection in April 2010. Given the high number of schools that will be participating, it is anticipated that 85 percent of Airdrie’s green spaces will be covered.

Future Implementation – It is hoped that the program will continue with a garbage pick-up scheduled for every spring thereafter.

What makes this an Exemplary Practice? Garbage collection and pick-up is a very tangible and easily understood method of involving students in an environmental project. By capitalizing on the inherent interest of students in wanting to make a difference in their communities for the environment, this program could create a legacy that would see students committed to the environmental welfare of the community they live and learn in.

Further this program can tie directly to RVS’ Three Year Plan Goal Three, which states, “Learners are civic, social and environmental stewards”. It also is consistent with the many environmental initiatives that have been sponsored by the City of Airdrie.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Policy DJ Purchasing Authority – First Read

#237 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:

That the Board of Trustees approves first read of amended Policy DJ Purchasing Authority.

CARRIED

RVS Student Enrolment – September 30, 2009

#238 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees accepts Rocky View Schools' 2009 2010 enrolment analysis as information.

CARRIED

Education Centre Grading Tender

#239 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Board of Trustees approves the tender submitted by Carfax Construction in the amount of \$237,619 and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a construction contract to complete the stripping and grading of the Rocky View lands adjacent to the Education Centre site in Airdrie. The budget for this construction contract will include a contingency amount of \$90,000 for work beyond the scope of the high school site.

CARRIED

Trustee Representation

#240 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Board of Trustees hire a consultant to examine the distribution of electors in Rocky View Schools with a view to providing Trustee representation along the lines of representation by population. The consultant to report to a Board meeting prior to December 31, 2009.

Friendly amendment by Dr. Bruce Pettigrew to amend the motion to “while still retaining seven Trustees”

Trustee Don Thomas agreed the amendment as friendly.

#241 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That motion #240 – 09 be further amended by deleting the words “while still retaining seven Trustees”.

CARRIED

Voting on main motion #240 as amended by motion #241 – 09:

CARRIED

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer read a letter from Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, responding to RVS request to meet to discuss the Division's capital needs. The Minister stated that our proposal to leverage existing capital assets to fund six new schools represents an innovative approach. The Minister also expressed his appreciation for our efforts in exploring alternative approaches in meeting the pressures for additional school space to accommodate student growth. The Minister agreed to have Alberta Education Senior Administration meet with Division Senior Administration.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sylvia Eggerer:

- September 17 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- September 23 – Attended Long Service/Retirement Committee meeting
- September 29 – Attended the Student Leadership Conference Opening Ceremony in Olds, Alberta and brought greetings from the Board
- September 30 – Attended Bert Church High School Awards Ceremony
- October 1 - Attended Planning, Organizational and Regular Board meetings
- October 2 – Attended Zone 5 Organizational meeting
- October 2 – Attended the Grand Opening Ceremony of Bow Habitat Station as the Board's representative
- October 5 – Attended the City of Airdrie Council meeting and received recognition as Rocky View Schools' liaison for the Plus 55 Summer Games
- October 6 – Attended the Airdrie Rotary meeting and brought greetings on behalf of Rocky View Schools
- October 7 – Attended and Inclement Weather meeting
- October 8 – Attended Board Planning meeting
- October 13 – Attended the ASBA Zone 5 School Act Discussion - preparation of proposal to the Minister of Education
- October 13 – Attended meeting at the Town of Cochrane – Western Heritage bylaw for new schools and modulars
- October 13 – Attended Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting. School Council was formed and EAMS School Annual Results and Accountability Pillar were reviewed.

Bev LaPeare Reported:

- October 1 – Attended Planning, Organizational and Regular Board meetings
- October 2 – Attended Zone 5 meeting
- October 2 – Attended a Chestermere Lake Middle School Report Card meeting
- October 3 – Attended the RVS School Council Professional Development session at the Education Centre
- October 5 – Attended Prince of Peace School Council meeting
- October 6 – Attended Professional Development Leave Committee (PDLC) meeting
- October 8 – Attended Board Planning meeting
- October 8 – Attended the Homecoming Awards at Chestermere High School and brought greetings from the Board and had the honour of handing out awards. Congratulations to all award recipients!
- October 13 – Attended School Act Review session for Zone 5.
- October 14 – Attended Langdon School Council meeting
- October 14 – Attended Bow North Recreation Board Meeting
- The Town of Chestermere will be holding a planning meeting on October 27th to organize its participation in the Olympic Torch Relay

Helen Clease Reported:

- The Olympic Torch Relay is coming through the Springbank area on January 20, 2010 and schools will be participating in pre-relay activities.

IN - CAMERA:

#242 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees moves into in-camera at 2:57 p.m..

CARRIED

Use of Financial Reserves

Chair Sylvia Eggerer excused herself from the discussion of this item due to a pecuniary interest as her daughter is a teacher, and left the meeting at 3:07 p.m. after turning the Chair over to Vice-Chair Jennifer Avery.

Sylvia Eggerer rejoined the meeting at 3:55 p.m. after discussion of the above item was concluded and re-assumed the meeting Chair.

#243 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera at 4:12 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN - CAMERA:

#244 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Human Resources Report for October, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

CARRIED

#245 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Financial Report for October, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

CARRIED

#246 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Student Suspension/Expulsion Report for September to October, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#247 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER