



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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations	Darrell Couture
Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
Communications Writer	Sarah McNab
Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny

RECORDING SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bruce Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#43-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the March 3, 2011, Regular Board meeting agenda as amended:

- Trustee Sylvia Eggerer will bring forward a motion under New Business.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS:

#44-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 3, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

STUDENT SHOWCASE: ELBOW VALLEY ELEMENTARY ARCHITECTS

Attendees:

Staff: Lindsay Leptich - Teacher Grade 3 and Melanie Blais - Teacher Grade 4
Celia Barrington, Principal

Students:

Grade 3 Class: Sophie Alexander, Burak Amin, Finn Anderson, Kiana Averill, Evan Buckley, Xavier Champagne, Kyra Colbourne, Haythem Drissi, Liam Gosselin-Epp, Colin Harle, Tyler Hartman, Hannah Ilagan, Jena Koebel, Anika Lawritsen, Joshua Leader, Evan Lovett, Ella Marion, Lauren Roker, Lily Saubestre, and Ben Turner

Grade 4 Class: Jensen Austin, Ainsleigh Baldwin, Megan Berkshire, Rachel Bratt, Emilie Field, Alexandra Finlay, Sophie-Soleil Fuebringer, Kathryn Gough, Goldie Harder, Maggie Harder, Roan Henderson, Jenna Holland, Josie Hooks, Sasha Hughes, Fallon Johansen, Megan Lee, Connor Louis, Alex Martin, Abby Panych, Jackson Pettem-Shand, Nicole Richards, Tilman Sandvoss, Katie Schwindt, Richard Sheng, Emily Spagrud, Emily Sykora, Gracie Turner, Joe Willis, and Steven Zonneveld

Project Description:

As part of the science curriculum, during the month of January 2011, Elbow Valley's Grade Three and Four students learned about the mechanics of building simple machines. To test their knowledge and application of what they learned, both classes engaged in building miniature size amusement parks, following criteria that asked them to plan out rides using simple machines such as pulley systems, wheel or rollers and gears. After building the structures and rides, students were asked to test the safety of their parks, as well as be prepared to explain why certain material was chosen.

The finished products were presented in the gym to the entire school, parent community, and grade five students from Springbank Middle School. At the presentation, the Elbow Valley grades three and four students were recognized by the Vice President of Calaway Park.

Students from Elbow Valley are here today to showcase their amusement parks to the Board of Trustees.

PRESENTATION – CITY OF AIRDRIE WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES BID

Presenters:

Linda Bruce - Board of Directors - Creative Airdrie
Shane Esau - Sports Scientist, Sports and Games

Linda Bruce and Shane Esau presented their bid for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games, August 1 - 15, 2015, which are proposed to be held in the City of Airdrie and surrounding areas in Rocky View. The committee has requested the support of Rocky View Schools in housing the athletes in schools within the City of Airdrie at the tri-school site, and the use of the gymnasiums at Bert Church and George McDougall High Schools.

Board Chair Dr. Bruce Pettigrew called a recess at 2:28 p.m.

Board Chair Dr. Bruce Pettigrew re-convened the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT ON LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

#45-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning Leadership Capacity.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT ON 21ST CENTURY INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES

#46-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SYLVIA EGGERER:

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning 21st Century Instructional Practices.

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#47-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Board of Trustees approves the change to Section 6, Item e) Compliance, iii. to the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

POLICY IFCL DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP – FIRST READ OF AMENDED POLICY

#48-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approves first read of Policy IFCL Digital Citizenship, as presented.

Trustee Don Thomas moved the following amendment:

- Adding “and instructs the Policy Development Committee to clarify guidelines 3 and 5 prior to sending Policy IFCL to stakeholders for feedback after First Read.”

Voting on motion #48 – 11 as amended:

That the Board of Trustees approves first read of Policy IFCL Digital Citizenship, as presented and instructs the Policy Development Committee to clarify guidelines 3 and 5 prior to sending Policy IFCL to stakeholders for feedback after First Read.

CARRIED

CHESTERMERE HIGH CASH IN LIEU REQUEST

#49-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE :

That the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of \$15,000 from its cash-in lieu reserve held by Rocky View County to support Chestermere High School's request for funding to assist with the installation of football field lighting.

CARRIED

BANKING RESOLUTION

#50-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SYLVIA EGGERER:

That the Board of Trustees approves the agreement with Alberta Treasury Branches as outlined in their January 31, 2011 commitment letter and the \$5,000,000 Borrowing Resolution for current expenditures.

CARRIED

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Office of the Minister

Chair Bruce Pettigrew read a letter from the Minister of Education, Dave Hancock, endorsing the re-appointment of Greg Bass as Superintendent of School for Rocky View Schools, effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016, pursuant to Section 114 of the School Act.

Office of the Minister

Chair Bruce Pettigrew read a letter from the Minister of Education, Dave Hancock, providing the approval for the reallocation of the surplus funds to partially fund seven new modular classroom units at Rainbow Creek Elementary School, George McDougall High School and Nose Creek Elementary School.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING/CONFERENCES

ASBA

- ASBA policy recommendations are coming forward and H. Cleave received the support of the Board to meet with select trustees to review the proposed policies and submit a response.
- ASBA Zone 5 meeting being held on March 4, 2011, at the Education Centre. A member of Elections Canada is making a presentation.
- MLA Advocacy Reception on March 24, 2011, in Edmonton and H. Cleave received the support of the Board to attend.
- Zone 2/3 has invited H. Cleave to attend their meeting in March or April for information purposes. H. Cleave received the support of the Board to attend.

BOARD REPORTS

Bev LaPeare:

- February 3 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- February 3 – Met with MLA Rob Anderson along with fellow Trustees
- February 3 – Attended the Joint Board/School Council meeting at the Education Center
- February 4 – Attended Zone 5 meeting
- February 4 – Met with Education Minister Dave Hancock along with fellow Trustees
- February 4 – Attended Professional Learning session facilitated by Ken Chapman regarding blogging, twitter and other social media entities
- February 7 – Attended Prince of Peace School Council meeting
- February 8 – Attended Superintendent's Policy Development Committee meeting
- February 8 – Attended Indus School Fundraising Event "Duct tape the teacher to the wall!"
- February 8 – Attended the Chestermere Conrich Regional Recreation Board meeting at the Chestermere Town Hall
- February 9 – Attended the Langdon School Council meeting
- February 10 – Trip to Edmonton for meeting at the Legislature regarding infrastructure advocacy
- February 10 – Attended Rainbow Creek School Council meeting
- February 11 – Attended Prairie Waters School Council meeting
- February 11 – Met with MLA Ted Morton along with school council representatives from the Chestermere schools to advocate for infrastructure
- February 14 – Participated in the RVS 3 year plan Community Engagement session at the Education Center
- February 15 – Participated in Calendar Committee meeting
- February 15 – Attended the Bow North Recreation Board meeting
- February 16 – Attended the Chestermere Lake Middle School Council meeting
- February 18 – Met with Rocky View County Reeve Rolly Ashdown
- February 24 – Embargoed Budget teleconference with Education Minister Dave Hancock
- March 2 – Participated in Calendar Committee
- March 2 – Visited Rainbow Creek School, where grade 1 students demonstrated a Smart Table

Helen Cleese:

- February 3 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- February 3 – Attended a meeting with MLA Rob Anderson
- February 3 – Attended Joint Board School Council meeting
- February 4 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- February 4 – Met with Minister of Education, Dave Hancock
- February 4 – Attended Social Media Workshop with Consultant Ken Chapman
- February 9 – Attended Advocacy meeting
- February 9 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council meeting
- February 14 – Attended Three Year Plan Community Engagement meeting

- February 16 – Attended Sprinbank High School Council meeting
- February 24 – Toured the Education Department of the University of Lethbridge
- March 1 – Attended Edge School Council meeting
- March 2 – Attended Elbow Valley School Council meeting

Norma Lang:

- February 3 – Participated alongside the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Bass with hosting local MLA Rob Anderson for lunch discussion of Education and local area issues.
- February 4 – Participated in a pre budget meeting with Education Minister Dave Hancock
- February 4 - Attended part of the ASBA Zone 5 meeting at the Rocky View Schools Education Centre
- February 8 – Participated in a Policy Development Committee Meeting
- February 8 – Participated and chaired the Board’s Ad Hoc Committee meeting to review trustee remuneration
- February 28 – Participated in the Crossfield and District Recreation Board meeting.
- March 1 – Participated in a Labour Relations Committee meeting
- March 1 – Met with Gloria Wilkinson, Chair of the Community Planners Association of Alberta to discuss their interest to have an Alberta School Board Elected Official sit on their Association’s Board of Directors

Sylvia Eggerer:

- February 3 – Attended Planning Committee and Regular Board meetings
- February 3 –Attended Joint Board School Council meeting
- February 4 – Attended a Social Media Workshop with Consultant Ken Chapman
- February 7 – Invited to speak at a Rocky View Learning Connection grade 9 class on Government
- February 7 – Attended City of Airdrie Chamber of Commerce meeting with Premier Stelmach, Minister Snellgrove, Ministers Evans, Minister Oulette and Minister Danyluk
- February 9 – Attended Advocacy meeting at the Education Centre to prepare agendas for upcoming Municipal meetings.
- February 9 – Attended Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting
- February 10 – Traveled to Edmonton to deliver letters to Premier Stelmach, Minister Hancock and Minister Snellgrove. Met with Minister of Education Hancock, Director Strategic Planning Pat Cox and Deputy Chief of Staff Carol Haley.
- February 14 - Attended Three Year Plan Community Engagement meeting
- February 15 – Attended Calendar Committee meeting
- February 16 – Attended Bert Church High School Council meeting
- February 17 – Guest Judge at Ecole Airdrie Middle Talent Show “Falcon Idol”
- February 23 – Attended the Support Staff Professional Learning day and brought greetings on behalf of the Board
- February 24 – Participated in a Budget Conference call with Minister of Education Dave Hancock
- March 1 – Attended RJ Hawkey School Council meeting
- March 2 – Attended Calendar Committee meeting

- March 2 – Attended Nose Creek School Council meeting
- March 3 - Attended Planning Committee and Regular Board meetings
- March 3 – Advocacy Lunch meeting with the Canadian Rockies Board of Trustees
- March 3 – Advocacy meeting with the City of Airdrie

NEW BUSINESS

AIRDRIE INFRASTRUCTURE

#51-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SYLVIA EGGERER:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to review the Contingency Plan for Nose Creek Elementary School and George McDougall High School and report to the Board at the March 17, 2011, Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

2011/2012 BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT

H. Clease requested an update on Alberta Education's budget announcement. D. Couture reviewed the budget announced on February 24, 2011, and its preliminary effects on Rocky View Schools.

IN CAMERA

#52-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE :

That the meeting move in-camera at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#53-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SYLVIA EGGERER :

That the meeting move out of in-camera at 4:41 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN-CAMERA

#54-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees directs Chair Bruce Pettigrew to discuss the capital bundle proposal with Premier Ed Stelmach.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#55-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:
That the Board meeting be adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER