



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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Vice-Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach  
Director of Finance Karyn Golem  
Director of Communications Angela Spanier  
Communications Officer Erlene Gococo

**RECORDER:**

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Todd Brand called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**IN CAMERA**

**#418-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

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

**CARRIED**

**OUT OF IN CAMERA**

**#419-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:39: a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

### **#420-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:**

The Board of Trustees approves the April 18, 2019, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:**

### **MECHANICAL ROOM UPGRADES (RFP Q-19-21 AWARD) – KATHYRN SCHOOL**

#### **#421-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees award RFP Q-19-21, for HVAC system and building system improvements at Kathryn School, pending final approval from Alberta Education, to MJS Mechanical in the amount of \$453,380.

**CARRIED**

### **HVAC UPGRADES (RFP Q-19-22 AWARD) – SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **#422-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees award RFP Q-19-22, for HVAC system upgrades at Springbank Community High School, pending final approval from Alberta Education, to MJS Mechanical in the amount of \$787,010.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

#### **#423-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 4, 2019, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: EVIDENCE-INFORMED LITERACY PRACTICES**

**Presenters:** Elbow Valley Elementary - Springbank Lindsay Adams - Principal  
Herons Crossing School - Airdrie Suzanne Martin - Principal  
Mitford School - Cochrane Nancy Dutchik - Principal

### **Project Description:**

In Rocky View Schools (RVS) Literacy is foundational for all learning, making sense of the world and communicating with others. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It involves building the knowledge, skills and abilities to enable individuals to think critically, communicate effectively and solve problems.

To support the RVS' Literacy Initiative, staff from Elbow Valley Elementary, Herons Crossing School and Mitford School have dedicated the last three years focusing on intentionally supporting and elevating literacy learning practices. This is accomplished by using data to garner insights that drive instruction,

explicit and targeted intervention strategies. Teachers also have partnered with organizations like Calgary Reads to help promote and foster literacy among students.

Their work is an excellent representative of much of the research-based and evidence-informed literacy practice occurring across the jurisdiction.

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

## **CHESTERMERE AREA DELEGATIONS**

### **Jacqueline Penn and Stephanie Armstrong:**

The delegates reviewed the three options proposed by Rocky View Schools and provided their preferred option. The presenters were not in favour of removing the French Immersion program from East Lake School (Option B) or reducing the boundary (Option C) as they felt both would have a negative impact on families and the community. They were in favour of the grade configuration change (Option A) because it allows peer groups to stay intact. The presentation was followed by clarifying questions from Trustees and comments of appreciation from Chair Todd Brand.

### **Kara Haug and Kim Mullens:**

The delegates proposed that the viability of the three options rests on multiple assumptions. They presented an alternate option of a multi-staged approach allowing for additional flexibility and a more limited change in the short term. The presentation was followed by clarifying questions from Trustees and comments of appreciation from Chair Todd Brand.

Chair Todd Brand recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Chair Todd Brand reconvened the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **AIRDRIE FRENCH IMMERSION ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENT FOR SOUTHPOINT:**

#### **#424-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees approves the re-designation of the attendance area for French Immersion students residing in Southpoint community to now attend the French Immersion Programs at A.E. Bowers Elementary School, Ecole Airdrie Middle School, and George McDougall High School.

**CARRIED**

### **BOARD MEETING DATES – 2019/2020:**

#### **#425-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the 2019/2020 Regular Board meeting schedule as outlined above.

**CARRIED**

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Todd Brand acknowledged that Vice Chair Gilbert is absent due to vacation.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:**

#### **#426-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:**

The Board of Trustees refers Board Policy 7 – Board Operations back to the Policy Committee for further consideration.

**DEFEATED/LOST**

#### **#427-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Board Policy 7 – Board Operations.

#### **#428-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND TO AMEND BOARD POLICY 7:**

Add the words “in writing” to the end of 7.11.

**CARRIED**

#### **VOTING ON MOTION #427-2019 AS AMENDED:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Board Policy – Board Operations as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **#429-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Board Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development.

**CARRIED**

#### **#430-2019 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:**

The Board of Trustees forego the annual Calgary Consumer Price Index salary adjustment (as provided for in Board Policy 27) for the budget year of 2019-2020.

**CARRIED**

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS** (submitted in writing)

### **Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Met with council chairs of affected attendance area schools in Chestermere; great opportunity for parents to hear other perspectives from different schools; and interviewed all Edwin Parr award nominees, saw great enthusiasm from these first year teachers

### **Patty Sproule, Ward Two Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Attended the first Southern Alberta Youth Council Forum in Chestermere – exclusively developed and hosted by youth; excellent series of event; and School play at Chestermere High was excellent

Apr 6 Attended Southern Alberta Youth Council Forum  
Apr 7 Attended Chestermere Volunteer Job Fair  
Apr 11 Participated in Board Budget and Planning Meetings

- Apr 11 Attended Chestermere/Strathmore All Candidates Forum
- Apr 18 Participated in Regular Board and Planning Meetings

**Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Attended George McDougall's Ride of the Mustang, inspiring event raising funds for a great cause, excellent job by the students

- Apr 4 Chaired Board & Planning meetings
- Apr 4 Attended Joint Board School Council meeting
- Apr 8 Participated in Board Policy Committee meeting
- Apr 8 Participated in Agenda Plan Committee meeting
- Apr 8 Attended Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting
- Apr 10 Attended Heloise Lorimer School Council meeting
- Apr 11 Chaired Board Budget Committee meeting
- Apr 11 Attended Herons Crossing School Council meeting
- Apr 15 Attended Ecole Edwards School Council meeting
- Apr 16 Attended George McDougall School Council meeting
- Apr 17 Attended Temporary Accommodation meeting at Windsong Heights School

**Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

- Mar 21 Attended the regular Board and Planning meetings at the Education Centre
- Mar 25 Attended the Crossfield and District Rec Board semi-annual funding meeting
- Mar 26 Attended the Rocky View East District Rec Board semi-annual funding meeting
- Mar 28 Attended the WGM school council meeting
- Apr 1 Represented RVS at a Transportation Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting & Open House
- Apr 2 Toured the new 314 Pure Cannabis Production Facility in Crossfield
- Apr 3-5 Attended the EDA 2019 Conference
- Apr 6 Attended the RVS Badminton Tournament at Airdrie High Schools
- Apr 10 Attended the Crossfield Chamber of Commerce monthly Meeting
- Apr 11 Attended a Budget Committee meeting
- Apr 11 Attended an RVS planning committee of the whole meeting
- Apr 12 Attended the Calgary Regional Skills Competition in Calgary to watch some of our RVS students compete
- Apr 15 Attended the Beiseker Community School Council meeting
- Apr 17 Attended the Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce AGM

**Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Met with the Sinneave Foundation who provide support to autistic students; exciting to hear about the good work they are doing

- Apr 4 Participated in Board Meeting
- Apr 4 Participated in Joint Board Meeting
- Apr 5 Attend Zone 5 ASBA meeting
- Apr 8 Volunteered at Springbank Middle School
- Apr 9 Attended Paul Davis Presentation at Springbank High School
- Apr 9 Attended Elbow Valley School Council
- Apr 11 Participated in Budget meeting and extra Board meeting
- Apr 12 Attended meeting with Rocky View Council committee
- Apr 16 Attended meeting with Sinneave Foundation staff
- Apr 17 Attended Banded Peak School Council Meeting
- Apr 17 Presented Banded Peak School Graded 5/6 classes
- Apr 17 Attended Bearspaw School Council Meeting

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CONFERENCES**

No Professional Development or Conferences were reported.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Todd Brand adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:59 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer