



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach  
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul  
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd  
Communications Officer Ben Sherick

**RECORDER:**

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#748-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the January 7, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#749-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

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

**CARRIED**

**OUT OF IN CAMERA**

**#750-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

### **#751-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: ONLINE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

**TEACHER(S):** Katherine Marshall

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

French Immersion teacher Katherine Marshall has employed different strategies to engage students with their online learning this year. These strategies include making learning available to the students, special events and live experiments.

Any time students can engage with material in a novel way, it will lead to higher investment and engagement on the part of the student. These strategies have helped to create a rich and supportive environment to which the students wish to return.

Katherine said it is often difficult for teachers to hunt for information while teaching, but she is surrounded by a team including colleagues at École Airdrie Middle School, colleagues at other French Immersion schools, and her online team leads that have helped her achieve success this year. She is certain other teachers would be more than happy to use the materials or the contacts she has developed to provide engaging lessons, and she would be happy to share ideas, resources or contacts with other schools/educators.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$200,000**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the information item as presented.

### **AT HOME LEARNING UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the At Home Learning Update as presented.

### **FEBRUARY LEARNING MODE UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the February Learning Mode Update as presented.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board appreciates the many holidays greetings received leading up to the break, both digitally and by mail, from various provincial and municipal partners, other school divisions and many stakeholders and staff.

The Board extends best wishes to all RVS staff for a fabulous 2021 filled with hope, happiness, and good health.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

At the December 10<sup>th</sup> Board Planning Committee meeting, administration reviewed with the Board the requirements of the Municipal Government Act to establish Joint Use Agreements with each municipality. The committee received a report from the ASBA Committee on the work of ASBA Zone 5, and Trustees Forrest and Bowen shared their presentation and experience from a recent opportunity to present to a Gr 6 class on Local Government.

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

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

Nov 26 Regular Board and Planning Meetings  
Nov 30 Sarah Thompson Council Meeting  
Dec 03 Board Planning Meeting  
Dec 10 Regular Board and Planning Meetings  
Dec 16 Chestermere High School Homecoming

### **Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Wished to commend all the schools who were able to put together Christmas celebrations to share with their communities online and to thank all the staff for their efforts to make these possible.

Dec 10 Participated in the regular Board and Planning meetings at the Education Centre  
Dec 16 Enjoyed watching the Kathryn School Christmas Concert online  
Dec 18 Enjoyed watching the Beiseker Community School Christmas Concert online

### **Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

Dec 2 Attended Springbank Middle School Council Meeting  
Dec 3 Attended regular Board meeting  
Dec 4 Attended ASBA Zone 5 Meeting  
Jan 6 Attended Springbank Middle School Council Meeting

### **Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

Dec 10 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings  
Dec 14 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting  
Dec 15 Participated in online training of new RVS Whistleblower software platform  
Jan 5 Attended Mitford School Council meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer