



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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

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**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

**RECORDER:**

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**#711-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees ratifies the decision to proceed with public board meetings as virtual meetings through to the end of December 2020 in response to the COVID-19 health measures and restrictions currently in place in Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#712-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the November 19, 2020, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#713-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:36 a.m.

**CARRIED**

## **OUT OF IN CAMERA**

### **#714-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:52 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

### **#715-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 5, 2020, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **STUDENT SHOWCASE: MENTAL HEALTH OUT LOUD ART CONTEST**

**Teachers:** Jodi Neetz  
Allison Salazar

**Presenter:** Mackenzie Cox, former W.H. Croxford student

At Rocky View Schools (RVS), we believe that a child's mental wellness is critical to their growth and learning development. This past spring, Gr. 9 – 12 students were invited to participate in the Mental Health Out Loud Art Contest aimed at reducing stigma around mental illness and encouraging people to maintain their own mental health and support others. Students were asked to submit an original piece of art that represented their vision and experience of mental health and mental illness. The winning artwork is made into posters in the fall and distributed throughout Rocky View County communities to help promote awareness and normalize mental illness.

Through the contest, students explore personal resiliency skills and analyze the dimensions of health and their interrelatedness, the impact of the determinants of health and the dynamic nature of balance in life. Choosing to participate in the contest by taking the initiative and time to create pieces that visualize the impact of mental illness is a statement of the importance of mental health. The artwork sends clear messages about how students feel about mental health.

Grade 12 W.H. Croxford High student Mackenzie Cox was announced the official winner, with her entry "There is Hope."

Student Quote: "Being given a label/diagnosis can sometimes force us to accept that there is no hope left for us to fight back against the stigmas associated with those labels. But even when our brain tells us there is no hope our hearts can. There is hope even when your brain tells you there isn't. "

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT**

#### **#716-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees approves the 2019/20 Annual Education Results Report as presented and directs administration to make any technical edits to reflect the final approved audited financial statements on page 29 of the report and then submit the report to Alberta Education by Nov. 30, 2020.

**CARRIED**

### **FOUR YEAR PLAN YEAR 2 APPROVAL**

#### **#717-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees approves RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan, Innovators by Design – YEAR 2, as presented and directs administration to forward it to Alberta Education by Nov. 30, 2020.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Board members attended the Alberta School Boards Association's 2020 Fall General Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. It was held virtually via Zoom and the assembly included trustees, superintendents, and secretary treasurers from all 61 publicly elected school boards from across Alberta. Members were updated on the advocacy efforts of ASBA and had opportunity to discuss and debate various educational topics and policies including PUF, shared services and programs, language learning, diploma exams, and hold harmless legislation and funding.

On behalf of the Board, a special thank you to RVS Psychologist Crystal Dittrick and Stepping Stones for Mental Health Coordinator Jodi Neetz for sharing their time and expertise with school council members at the Joint Board School Council meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Their presentation on supporting youth mental health was very appreciated by the Board and all those in attendance.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **SCHOOL COUNCILS COMMITTEE FROM TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Joint Board/School Council meeting was held virtually November 12, 2020. The committee thanked Jodi Neetz and Crystal Dittrick for presenting on youth mental health and wellness as well as thanked Superintendent Luterbach for providing remarks. The topics of school operations and Board updates, Board advocacy and ASCA advocacy were discussed. School councils were reminded they can submit proposed advocacy resolutions to the ASCA until January 15, 2021. The Committee will be reviewing ASCA AGM attendance funding support at their next meeting.

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

The Planning Committee met on November 5th where committee members had a high-level review of the AERR and 4YP – Year 2 documents and recommended they be brought to the Board for consideration. The Board received an update from administration on the Airdrie High School Site Assembly Committee as well as changes to AHS contact tracing protocols and plans for the Joint Board School Council meeting were finalized.

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

### **Patty Sproule, Ward 2 Trustee:**

Nov 10           Chestermere High School Council Meeting  
Nov 12           Joint Board/Council Meeting  
Nov 16           ASBA FGM  
Nov 16           Indus School Council Meeting  
Nov 17           ASBA FGM  
Nov 18           Langdon School Council Meeting  
Nov 19           Regular Board and Planning Meetings

### **Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Chaired the Advocacy Committee meeting which met on November 12, 2020 for the first time this school year. The Committee will be reviewing the approach and strategy of the advocacy committee and coordinating advocacy efforts across the division.

Nov 10           Attended the Ralph McCall School Council  
Nov 12           Participated in an Advocacy Committee Meeting  
Nov 12           Attended the Joint Board/School Council Meeting  
Nov 17           Attended the R.J. Hawkey School Council  
Nov 17           Attended the Meadowbrook School Council  
Nov 18           Attended the Bert Church School Council  
Nov 19           Attended the Regular Board and Planning Meeting

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

Nov 5            Attended the RVS Board and Planning meetings at the Ed Centre  
Nov 7            Participated in the Crossfield Christmas Market where Crossfield Elementary School Fundraising Society was selling photos with the Grinch and WGM Fundraising Society was selling photos with Santa  
Nov 10           Delivered a report at the Kathryn School Council monthly meeting  
Nov 10           Watched the joint WGM / CES / Crossfield Legion Remembrance Day video  
Nov 10           Watched the Beiseker Community School Remembrance Day video  
Nov 12           Attended the RVS Joint School Council Meeting via Zoom  
Nov 16           Participated in the ASBA Annual General Meeting via Zoom with the Board at the Ed Centre  
Nov 17           Participated in the ASBA AGM  
Nov 17           Participated in the RVS Audit Committee Meeting via Zoom  
Nov 17           Delivered a report to the BCS monthly school council meeting  
Nov 18           Participated in a TEBA 61 data gathering meeting via Zoom

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

Nov 5            Attended Board Meeting  
Nov 6            Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting  
Nov 10           Elbow Valley School council meeting

Nov 12 Participated in joint Board/School Council meeting  
Nov 16 Participated in ASBA FGM meeting  
Nov 17 Participated in Audit Committee meeting  
Nov 18 Attended Bearspaw School Council Meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Fiona Gilbert declared a potential conflict of interest and turned the position of chair over to Trustee Shali Baziuk. Trustee Fiona Gilbert left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

### **#718-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to report at the November 26, 2020 Board Meeting on the costs and options to reimburse parents/guardians for any outstanding insurance claims from recent school related travel cancelations.

**DEFEATED**

Trustee Fiona Gilbert returned to the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Trustee Shali Baziuk turned the position of Chair over to Trustee Fiona Gilbert.

### **#719-2020 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:**

The Board of Trustees write to the Minister of Education, requesting a province wide reduction in the number of instructional hours required for the 2020-21 academic year in order to provide boards with the option of a delayed return to school after Winter break.

**DEFEATED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer