



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Vice-Chair, Ward 1 Shali Baziuk

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 10:01 a.m.

#889-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees ratifies the decision to proceed with today's public Board meeting as a virtual meeting in response to the COVID-19 health measures and restrictions currently in place in Alberta.

CARRIED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#890-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the September 9, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#891-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the June 17, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

#892-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the August 26, 2021, Special Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SCHOOL START-UP UPDATE

The Board of Trustees received the verbal School Start-up Update as information.

ALTERATIONS TO THE 2021/22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

#893-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board of Trustees amends the 2021/22 School Calendar by making September 30, 2021, a non-instructional day (holiday) and that the day be treated like other statutory holidays for all staff this school year.

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

A great big welcome and welcome back to the 26,000+ students and 2,500+ staff of Rocky View Schools on behalf of the Board of Trustees. We wish you all the best for a positive and rewarding school year where everyone learns, belongs, and succeeds.

Thank you to the Learning Branch of RVS for organizing a division wide professional learning day on August 31 for all staff and appreciate the invitation to trustees to participate. With the wonders of technology, it was great that all staff could be together virtually for a morning engaged in learning provided by Saa'kokoto, a Blackfoot Elder who currently lives in Calgary.

Chair Gilbert acknowledged the many parents and community members who have taken the time over the past few weeks to provide thoughtful and respectful feedback to the Board regarding RVS' Return to School plan. We acknowledge the concerns and often fear shared by our community members, and the Board is incredibly grateful to our families and staff for your care and compassion as we work together in support of our children and students.

Chair Gilbert shared that a letter had been received by the Minister of Education in response to RVS' Apr. 13 letter regarding our decision not to pilot the new draft K-6 curriculum. In the letter she acknowledges that each school authority must determine what is in its school community's best interest and that she welcomes feedback through a variety of forums and looks forward to receiving input from RVS.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Audit committee reviewed a revised draft committee Terms of Reference which the committee is bringing forward for the Board's consideration today.

#894-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board Planning Committee met on June 17, 2021 and received reports from the Audit and School Councils Committees as well as an update from administration on the Cochrane Track and Field Society Project. The committee had generative discussion on possible actions and next steps around reconciliation and school names in RVS and reviewed draft new terms of reference for the committee.

#895-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Planning Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:

Aug 26 Participated in a Special Board Meeting
Aug 31 Attended the RVS Welcome Back Virtual Gathering
Sep 04 Participated in a Round Table Discussion with the Board and Superintendent
Sep 09 Participated in the RVS Regular Board and Planning Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: Thank you Superintendent Luterbach and the Learning Department for the invitation to attend the Aug 31 in-service PL event. The event was very meaningful to participate in.

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Aug 24 Chaired Planning Committee meeting
Aug 26 Chaired Special Board meeting
Aug 30 Participated on ASBA Superintendent Evaluation and Contracts task force
Aug 31 Attended RVS' division wide virtual Welcome Back and professional learning
Aug 31 Participated in Board Agenda Planning Committee
Sep 2 Participated in Orientation Committee meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

IN CAMERA

#896-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 10:51 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#897-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 11:29 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:29 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer