



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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 4 Norma Lang
Ward 3 Fred Burley

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

TRUSTEE ABSENT:

Ward 2 Shelley Kinley

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1330-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the February 15, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1331-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:31 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1332-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:56 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Trustee Todd Brand read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA:

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROVIDER

#1333-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board change to benefit providers to ASEBP for all employee groups no later than September 1, 2025, and provides up to \$100,000 from the benefit reserve to fund the transition.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour
Shali Baziuk
Todd Brand
Fred Burley
Fiona Gilbert
Judi Hunter
Norma Lang

Opposed
Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1334-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the January 25, 2024, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: DISCOVERY TRAILS ONLINE SCHOOL – ONLINE LEARNING SUPPORTS

Teachers: Curtis Fong, Rachel Cobble, Melissa Putzi, Bob Rodgers

Project Description

Staff at Discovery Trails Online School, the division's Grade 1 – 9 online offering, have developed strategies to provide enhanced supports for students' social and emotional needs. Building strong relationships between staff and students a crucial part of supporting student wellbeing. Discovery Trails staff have reimagined what approaches might be most effective in the online environment. Staff will share how they have been able to engage with families to help build their capacity to provide social/emotional supports. Using the online platform has allowed staff to have greater interactions

with families and build closer professional relationships, which in turn benefits students by surrounding them with the supports they need.

This work supports the RVS Education Plan's goal of creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students by creating an environment where online learners are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe, and experience success.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2024/25 BOARD BUDGET PRIORITIES

#1335-2024 MOTION BY CHAIR FIONA GILBERT:

To advance the priorities and goals of the 2022-2026 strategic plan, the Board establish as the 2024/25 budget priorities:

- Provide direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy and literacy.
- Support student and staff wellness.
- Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure.
- Target an operating reserve balance at the end of 2024/25 fiscal year, excluding transportation, at 0.5% to 1%.

CARRIED

2024/25 SCHOOL FEE PARAMETERS

#1336-2024 MOTION BY CHAIR FIONA GILBERT:

The Board directs the Superintendent to advise school principals that for the 2024/25 school year school fees will be:

- No increases to any optional course fees by greater of \$5 or 3% except for optional courses fees related to food and construction materials which can increase by greater of \$5 or 10%.
- No school wide blanket optional course fee increase.
- No new alternative program fees for Programs of Choice like Building Futures, Mechanic Training Program, etc.

#1336A-2024 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

Strike from the 3rd bullet: "like Building Futures, Mechanics Training Program, etc."

CARRIED

VOTING ON #1336-2024 MOTION BY CHAIR FIONA GILBERT AS AMENDED:

The Board directs the Superintendent to advise school principals that for the 2024/25 school year school fees will be:

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- No school wide blanket optional course fee increase.
- No new alternative program fees for Programs of Choice.

CARRIED

2024/2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

#1337-2024 MOTION BY CHAIR FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2024/25 Budget Development Process as presented.

CARRIED

SCHOOL NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL IN LANGDON

#1338-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approve Horseshoe Crossing High School as the name for the new school in Langdon.

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

RVS has hosted 4 very successful open houses over the last several weeks related to the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces community engagement. Thank you to those involved behind the scenes in organizing and supporting the events, and to community members who attended and shared personal feedback. Online engagement continues through to March 17, 2024, with an opportunity for community members to present to the Board on March 12, 2024. Details are available at www.rvsengage.com.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOOL COUNCILS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the School Councils Committee Report as presented.

LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Labour Relations Committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board's consideration.

#1339-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees approve the revised Labour Relations Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Shali Baziuk

Todd Brand

Fred Burley

Fiona Gilbert

Judi Hunter

Norma Lang

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the two Planning Committee Reports as presented.

The Planning Committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board’s consideration.

#1340-2024 MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approve the revised Board Planning Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

Shali Baziuk
Todd Brand
Fred Burley
Fiona Gilbert
Judi Hunter
Norma Lang

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

- Jan 25 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
- Jan 28 Attend and present at Langdon Community Collaborative Meeting
- Jan 30 Attend ASBA Committee Meeting and School Councils Committee Meeting
- Jan 30 Attend Balancing Airdrie Student Engagement Session # 2
- Jan 31 Attend Policy Committee Meeting
- Jan 31 Attend Balancing Airdrie Student Engagement Session # 3
- Feb 1 Attend Budget Committee/Planning Meeting
- Feb 2 Attend Zone 5 Franco Sud Meeting and Edwin Parr Committee Meeting
- Feb 4 Attend meeting of BVAS Expansion Committee
- Feb 5 Attend meeting at Synergy
- Feb 7 Attend and present at Langdon Parent Council Meeting

Fred Burley, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Wish to commend staff for their work on the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Open Houses.

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

- Feb 1 Participated in Board Budget & Planning Committee meetings
- Feb 1 Attended Northcott Prairie Council meeting
- Feb 6 Participated in NSBA Planning Committee meeting
- Feb 13 Attended Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting
- Feb 14 Visited Ecole Airdrie Middle School and led a Lunch Box Talk

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Jan 25 Participated in the Board meeting
Jan 25-27 Ever Active Schools Shaping the Future Conference
Jan 30 WGM School Council Meeting
Jan 30 RVS School Councils Committee Meeting
Jan 31 Student Expulsion Hearing
Jan 31 BASS Space for Students Airdrie Engagement at WH Croxford
Feb 1 Budget and Planning Committee Meeting
Feb 2 TEBA BOD
Feb 6 Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Engagement at Bert Church High School
Feb 7 Crossfield Career Fair Planning Meeting
Feb 7 CES School Council Meeting
Feb 8 TEBA BOD
Feb 9 Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce meeting
Feb 13 TEBA BOD
Feb 14 DTOS School Council Meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Jan 25 Participated in Board Meeting
Jan 30 Attended ASBA committee meeting
Jan 30 Attend School Council's Committee meeting
Jan 30 Attended C.W. Perry Accommodation meeting
Jan 31 Attended Board Budget meeting
Jan 31 Participated in Expulsion Hearing
Jan 31 Attended Croxford Balancing Space meeting
Jan 31 Attended Springbank community event at Vivo
Feb 1 Attended Board Budget and Planning meeting
Feb 2 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
Feb 5 Attended Agenda Planning Meeting
Feb 6 Attended Youth Addiction Session
Feb 6 Attended Airdrie Accommodation meeting at Bert Church
Feb 7 Attended SMS School Council meeting
Feb 7 Attended Banded Peak School council meeting
Feb 8 Volunteered with Bearspaw Community
Feb 9 Volunteered with Bearspaw Community
Feb 10 Attended an Inclusion session
Feb 13 Participated in an ASBA committee meeting
Feb 13 Attended Elbow Valley School Council
Feb 14 Attended Springbank High School Council meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Jan 25 Chaired regular Board meeting
Jan 25 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
Jan 30 Attended Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces engagement
Jan 31 Attended Policy Committee meeting
Jan 31 Attended Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces engagement
Feb 1 Chaired Board Budget Committee meeting
Feb 1 Participated in Board Planning Committee meeting
Feb 2 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
Feb 5 Attended Board Chairs zoom call with Minister of Education
Feb 5 Participated in Agenda Planning Committee meeting

- Feb 5 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
- Feb 6 Shared greetings and hosted the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions at RVS Addictions Awareness PL session
- Feb 6 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
- Feb 7 Participated in Fireside School Kindergarten Open House
- Feb 7 Attended Fireside School Council meeting
- Feb 8 Attended Bow Valley High School Council meeting
- Feb 14 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer