



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand, Zoom
Ward 4 Norma Lang

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Abby Fooks

CALL TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1510-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the April 3, 2025 Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1511-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:32 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA


#1512-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:58 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

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


Chair/Treasurer Initials

Trustee Shali Baziuk read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1513-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: CHESTERMERE HIGH SCHOOL, FINE ARTS ACADEMY

Teachers: Jessica Ploughman, Christine Fulthorpe

Presenters: Danica Bec (Grade 12), Natalia Davis (Grade 12), Ashveen Toor (Grade 12)

To teach fine arts at Chestermere High School, staff have implemented an academy model to allow students to collectively create, build and present the school's annual spring musical production. The academy is a collaboration between performing arts, music and fine arts teachers and also touches on other disciplines including fashion and cosmetology.

Students enter the academy with their personal area of interest at the forefront, participating in either performing arts as a drama performer, pit band as an ensemble musician or technical theatre in a variety of behind-the-scenes roles. The academy emphasizes inclusion and engagement, and students collaborate closely to mount the musical production. Students in the academy are currently hard at work preparing for their upcoming musical, Grease, which will take place May 26-June 1.

This collaborative approach to fine arts helps students develop critical thinking, problem solving and personal growth, all of which helps them to become future-ready – one of the goals of RVS' Education Plan.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

DELEGATION – NYKOL KROEKER AND COLLEEN SMITH

The delegation shared their concerns about the effects with the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces and the rezoning of grade 10 students away from WH Croxford.

Assistant Director of Schools Earl Castiglione and Area Director of Schools Sandy McDuffe joined the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chair Fiona Gilbert left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert returned to the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY – CAREER EDUCATION UPDATE:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Strategic Plan Update – Connecting with our Community – Career Education Update as presented.


Chair/Treasurer Initials

Assistant Director of Schools Earl Castiglione and Area Director of Schools Sandy McDuffe left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

ELECTION BOUNDARY BYLAW REVISION:

#1514-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees gives first reading to Bylaw 2025-01 read in full this 3rd day of April, 2025.

CARRIED

ELECTION BOUNDARY BYLAW REVISION:

#1515-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board of Trustees gives second reading to Bylaw 2025-01 - A Bylaw of Rocky View School Division in the Province of Alberta, to perform minor revisions to Bylaw 2024-01 read in part this 3rd day of April 2025.

CARRIED

ELECTION BOUNDARY BYLAW REVISION:

#1516-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees considers third reading of Bylaw 2025-01 this 3rd day of April 2025.

CARRIED

ELECTION BOUNDARY BYLAW REVISION:

#1517-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees gives third reading to Bylaw 2025-01 - A Bylaw of Rocky View School Division in the Province of Alberta, to perform minor revisions to Bylaw 2024-01 read in part this 3rd day of April 2025.

CARRIED

DELEGATION OF FINAL DECISION ON OUT OF ATTENDANCE AREA APPEALS:

#1518-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees delegates final decision-making authority on out of attendance area appeals for the 2025/26 school year to the Superintendent of Schools only.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote:

In Favour

Fiona Gilbert
Judi Hunter
Shelley Kinley
Shali Baziuk

Opposed

Melyssa Bowen
Norma Lang
Todd Brand
Fred Burley

DEFEATED


Chair/Treasurer Initials

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has recently received the highly anticipated funding profile that provides the preliminary projected operational funding that is expected from Alberta Education for the 2025/2026 school year. This key piece of information is used by RVS finance, senior executive and the Board in drafting, finalizing and ultimately approving the 2025/2026 divisional budget for submission to the province by the end of May. A 2.5 per cent increase in the overall allocation is projected mostly due to enrolment growth and select grants receiving small increases. The Board appreciates government's continued investment in K – 12 education to address some of the pressures being felt across the system, however, the increases do not go far enough to tackle the challenges being felt in our schools. With rising inflation and increasing core costs of school division operations, budget and service pressures will continue to be felt across the division for this coming year. The Board is committed to maximizing every dollar of funding received to best serve the learning and working needs of our students and staff.

Chair Gilbert and Superintendent Luterbach attended the ASBA Board Chairs engagement with Education Ministry officials on March 27. It was a valuable opportunity to hear from the Minister of Education and connect with Alberta Education senior staff and school boards from around the province. Some of the important topics discussed included: funding, capital planning and projects, upcoming changes to legislation, as well as challenges and opportunities for school divisions.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOOL COUNCILS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the School Councils Committee - Supporting School Councils Update as information.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

March 20 Attended Regular Board and Planning Meeting
March 21 Attended Expulsion Hearing
March 24 Attended School Council Committee Meeting – zoom
March 24 Attended and present at Horseshoe Crossing Parent Council Meeting
March 28 Attended ASBA Committee Meeting – zoom

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

March 20 Participated in Board & Planning meetings
March 27 Attended Windsong Heights Council meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

March 19-20 Participated in TEBA – ATA mediation
March 20 Attended some of the RVS Board of Trustees meeting
March 24 Participated in the school councils committee meeting
March 24 Attended the ASBA collective bargaining PL opportunity
March 25 Presented to a multi grade career explorations class at WG Murdoch school
March 25 Attended the WG Murdoch parent council meeting
March 26 Attended the Beiseker Community School Parent council meeting
March 27 Participated in a TEBA bargaining meeting
March 28 Participated in a TEBA Board of Director meeting
March 31 Participated in TEBA BOD meeting


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April 1 Attended a technical briefing on the mediator's recommendation for TEBA –
ATA settlement
April 2 Attended an Audit and Risk meeting of ASEBP
April 2 Attended a CES parent council meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

March 20 Participated in Board Meeting
March 21 Participated in Expulsion Committee Meeting
March 21 Participated in Agenda Planning meeting
March 24 Participated in School Councils Committee
Meeting
March 24 Attended Professional Development session
March 27 Attended Westbrook School council meeting
March 28 Attended ASBA committee meeting
April 2 Attended SMS School Council meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

March 20 Chaired public Board meeting
March 20 Attended CCA School Council meeting
March 21 Participated in Student Expulsion Hearing
March 21 Participated in Agenda Planning
March 24 Attended ASBA Lunch & Learn – Collective Bargaining
March 24 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
March 27 Participated in Board Chairs engagement with AB Ed
March 31 Chaired Advocacy Committee
April 1 Attended TEBA briefing
April 1 Participated in Ad Hoc Trustee Compensation Review Committee
April 1 Attended Mitford School Council
April 2 Attended Fireside School Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer


Chair/Treasurer Initials

