



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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert  
Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter, Zoom  
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, *Absent*

**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 Ashley Maroukian

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Laurie Copeland joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#1519-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the April 17, 2025 Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#1520-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:**

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

**CARRIED**

**OUT OF IN CAMERA**

**#1521-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Laurie Copeland left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

### **#1522-2025 MOTION BY CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 3, 2025, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: LEARNING SUPPORTS – STUDENT AQUATICS**

**Presenters:** Karen Duffy, Elizabeth McClelland, Janice Mountain, Tabatha Brownell, Kelsey Mountain, Harman Paintal, Leanne Love

This year, Learning Supports has launched inclusive student aquatics programming that takes place each Tuesday at Genesis Place in Airdrie. During this time, students in Grades 1-12 are supported by learning assistants, a physiotherapist, occupational therapist and speech language pathologist so they can take part in activities that support goals identified in their Student Success Plans (SSP). Student aquatics promotes social and functional communication, motor skills, personal growth, independence and community living.

While participating in the aquatic activities, students are learning water safety and strengthening their motor function and skills. By visiting a public community setting, they are gaining confidence, independence and experience at the pool, on the bus and transitioning between the two locations. They are also growing their connections with peers and adults by using their social and functional communication skills.

Student aquatics provides an inclusive learning environment in Airdrie, which is one of the desired outcomes of RVS' Education Plan. Learning Supports is eager to grow student aquatics to other communities in RVS and is seeking out partnerships in Cochrane and Chestermere.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

School Finance Team Lead Cindy Stuart joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.  
Trustee Judi Hunter joined the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

### **SCHOOL FEES 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR:**

#### **#1523-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees approves the schedule of school fees and directs the Superintendent to publish the list on school websites no later than June 30, 2025.

**CARRIED**

  
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**COMMUNITY USE FEES:****#1524-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees approves the proposed community use fees for the 2025/26 fiscal year in Appendix A as presented.

**CARRIED**

School Finance Team Lead Cindy Stuart left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

**CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

On April 8, the Board was informed by the Minister of Education of proposed amendments to the Education Act through Bill 51. Rocky View Schools is reviewing the proposed amendments to understand the potential impact if passed and is awaiting further information and clarity from the government.

On April 15, the Board received official notice from Ministers of Infrastructure and Education of school project approvals (Planning Funding) for new Gr. 10-12 school in West Chestermere (Chelsea), and new K-9 school in SE Airdrie (Lanark) awarded as part of Budget 2025.

Also on April 15, the Board received approval from the Minister of Education to use Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal dollars towards the cost of constructing a connector link for the 2 modular classrooms added to Cochrane High School.

Today marks the final day of classes before Rocky View Schools' Spring Break. The Board of Trustees extends its warmest wishes to RVS students, families and school staff for a well-deserved break that offers the chance to relax and recharge. Whether heading out of town, staying close to home, or just taking it easy, have a great Spring Break!

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS****TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

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

**#1525-2025 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees approve the proposed transportation fees for 2025/26 as presented in Appendix A.

**CARRIED**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS** (submitted in writing)**Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Shout out to Chestermere Lake Middle, I attended the Mean Girls junior musical last night and it was incredible. There were over 50 students participating in the production. Shout out to East Lake School for their incredible awards for their Science Fair as well as the Top Elementary School out of 100 schools. And way to go to all the public schools who were able to compete.

  
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**Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Thank you to the staff and community members for the career exploration that I attended at Langdon School. It was very well attended, and they received a lot of great feedback.

- April 3 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
- April 3 Attend Pajamas Spring Concert at Sarah Thompson School
- April 4 Attend Zone 5 – ASBA Meeting at Golden Hills School Division
- April 7 Tour with Chestermere Area Representatives – Horseshoe Crossing High School, Strathmore High School and George Freeman School
- April 8 Attend Edwin Parr Committee Interviews and selection of Edwin Zone 5 nominee
- April 9 Attend Policy Committee Meeting
- April 9 Attend Showcase of Learning at Langdon School
- April 14 Attend and present at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting
- April 15 Attend Career Exploration morning at Langdon School

**Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Trustee Burley, Trustee Lang and I were able to represent the Board at the Airdrie Home and Lifestyle show. It was great to be out there and be able to engage with the community members. Huge shout out to the Comms team for their support with helping us with the event

**Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

- April 3 Attended Board and Board planning committee meetings
- April 7 Attended a Transportation committee meeting at the Education Centre
- April 8 Attended a Kathryn School Council meeting
- April 8 Attended an info session about ASEBP benefit rate setting and premium adjustments
- April 8 Participated in an LRC meeting to craft a response to an ASEBP survey
- April 10 Attended a TEBA 61 meeting
- April 10 Participated in a Board budget committee meeting and a board planning committee meeting
- April 10 Attended a Crossfield Chamber meeting
- April 12 Represented RVS at the Airdrie Home and Garden Show table
- April 13 Represented RVS at the Airdrie Home and Garden Show table
- April 14 Attended a meeting at Beiseker Community School
- April 16 Attended an ASEBP strategy session
- April 16 Attended the BCS school council meeting

**Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

- April 3 Participated in Board Meeting
- April 4 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 Meeting
- April 5 Participated in Agenda Planning meeting
- April 5 Participated in Transportation Committee Meeting
- April 8 Attended Elbow Valley Council meeting
- April 9 Participated in Calaway/Board meeting
- April 10 Attended Board Budget and planning meeting
- April 16 Attended Teacher Qualifications Committee meeting

**Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

- April 3 Chaired public Board meeting
- April 3 Participated in Board Planning Committee
- April 4 Attended ASBA Zone 5 monthly meeting



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April 7	Participated in Student Transportation Committee
April 7	Participated in Agenda Planning Committee
April 7	Attended Cochrane High School Council
April 8	Attended ASEBP Employer Rate presentation
April 8	Attended Mitford School Council
April 9	Attended Policy Committee
April 9	Attended Glenbow School Council
April 10	Chaired Board Budget Committee
April 14	Participated in Trustee Compensation Ad Hoc Committee
April 16	Attended Elizabeth Barrett School Council

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was no notice of motion to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

  
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