

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

June 19, 2025

### Students Plug into Learning with Support of A+ Energy Grant

Students and teachers from Northcott Prairie School presented to the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) about how they used an A+ Energy Grant to create inclusive learning activities. By weaving together science, technology, energy, arts and mathematics (STEAM) and cross-curricular integration, a rich, inclusive and meaningful learning environment was created that was focussed on energy topics. Using hands-on, play-based activities, the students said they were encouraged to explore real-world applications of STEAM in fun ways that enhanced their learning. The school hosted an Energy Day and students participated in an art project that brought the topics to life. This project kept students engaged and demonstrated their critical thinking, collaboration skills, creativity, problem-solving and other important skills, all goals of RVS' Education Plan.

### Upgrades and Maintenance Projects for 2025/26 Support Well-Maintained Schools

To ensure RVS' facilities are well-maintained places where students and staff can thrive, the division prioritizes important maintenance and renewal as well as capital projects.

Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) provincial funding of \$2,834,000 will be used to complete washroom renovations and upgrades, upgrade or renovate roofs at various RVS facilities throughout the year, and mechanical and plumbing upgrades and maintenance. Air conditioning units will be added to some modular classrooms and flooring replacements, duct cleaning, lighting upgrades and painting, as well as other important maintenance projects are planned.

For Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) projects, \$3,896,439 in provincial funding is provided which will be used to complete important work at the Airdrie Community Learning Centre south building, including replacing the roof, stucco, mechanical equipment, lighting and flooring and repainting. Roofing replacements, washroom additions/upgrades and mechanical system upgrades at various schools will also be completed.

### Board Provided Third Quarter Financial Update

At the end of the third quarter, RVS is anticipating slightly higher revenues than budgeted by the end of the year, and at the same time, expenses are tracking lower than anticipated. This is helping to ensure strong financial stewardship of public education dollars. These savings reflect RVS' careful fiscal planning and efficient use of resources, especially as base grant funding has not kept pace with continuous enrolment growth and inflation. Operating reserves are expected to be 2.78 per cent, within the range mandated by the provincial government of between one and six per cent. RVS remains committed to using every dollar to support student learning across the division.

### Amendments Made to Appeals Committee Terms of Reference to Expedite Decisions

The Board supports parents' and guardians' right to ask questions or raise concerns about student matters, including appealing significant decisions affecting students. To keep communication open, concerns first go to the staff member most directly involved and follow the steps in Administrative Procedure 152 – Dispute Resolution. To ensure timely decisions are made, the Appeals Committee terms of reference have been amended to allow alternates to hear a dispute if one of the trustee members of the committee is unable to attend.

## **RVS Administrative Procedures to be Amended in Alignment with Government Legislation**

The Board was presented with an overview of how changes to the provincial Education Act and the Fairness and Safety in Sport Act, passed by the Alberta Legislature, will impact school divisions across the province.

- Bill 27: *Education Amendment Act, 2024*, will come into full force on September 1. Bill 27 requires consent for preferred pronoun use, human sexuality, gender identity or sexual orientation instruction and outside presenters – while also ensuring students have access to in-person learning during events like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bill 29: *Fairness and Safety in Sport Act*, requires female leagues be limited to biologically female athletes.
- Bill 51: *Education Amendment Act, 2025*, restricts school divisions from having the ability to disqualify or remove a trustee for breaching a board code of conduct. It will also give ownership of any new or replacement Kindergarten – Grade 12 school buildings or playgrounds to Alberta Infrastructure. These facilities will be leased back to school divisions.

RVS will be required to revise a number of Administrative Procedures as a result of these changes to the legislation. The revised Administrative Procedures will be finalized and posted to RVS' website over the summer.

## **Revisions to Board Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair and Board Policy 6 – Role of the Board Vice-Chair Approved**

The Board approved updates to Board Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair and Board Policy 6 – Role of the Board Vice-Chair to reflect current practice, to provide clarity and to bring the policies up to date. The amended policies will be posted to the website in the coming days.

## **Board Updates Committee Structure to Support Strong Governance and Future Planning**

As RVS prepares for some important changes this fall – a new Superintendent of Schools in September and trustee elections in October – the Board has reviewed how its committees are structured and operate. Board trustees serve on a variety of committees, both within the school division and in the broader community. To ensure these committees continue to support strong governance and reflect the Board's evolving responsibilities, the Board made selected changes to a few committees and representatives. The changes align with the Board's strategic direction and commitment to good governance.

## **Superintendent Transition Timeline Adjusted**

To support a smooth leadership transition and a strong and successful start to the 2025/26 school year, the Board has adjusted the official start date for the new incoming Superintendent. Ryan Reed will officially assume the role of Superintendent of Schools as of Aug. 18, 2025. At that time, Greg Luterbach will move to a transitional support role until his retirement on Aug. 31, 2025.

## **Board Thanks Superintendent Luterbach for His Service at Final Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees extended their deepest appreciation to Superintendent Greg Luterbach at his final public board meeting. Over the past nine years, Superintendent Luterbach has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership – marked by unwavering commitment to students, deep respect for staff and a steady hand through times of growth and change. His leadership has been grounded in integrity, humility and a people-first approach that has made a lasting and meaningful impact across RVS. Superintendent Luterbach leaves behind a legacy defined by care, conviction and kindness – one that will continue to positively influence the lives of students, staff and communities for years to come. The Board congratulates Superintendent Luterbach on an extraordinary career and a job incredibly well done and wishes him all the very best in the next chapter of his journey.

## **Gratitude and Best Wishes to RVS Staff for an Enjoyable Summer**

The Board of Trustees extended their heartfelt thanks to all RVS staff for the dedication, support and care they show students. The Board wishes staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.