



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023-- in the Boardroom at the Central Services Office in Sherwood Park, Alberta. The Board of Trustees meeting convened with Board Chair Cathy Allen, calling the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Allen, Board Chair
S. Miller, Vice-Chair
T. Boymook
R. Footz
C. Holowaychuk
D. Irwin
J. Shotbolt
R. Sorochan

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

R. Marshall, Acting Superintendent
R. Johnson, Associate Superintendent – Human Resources
C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer
L. McNabb, Director, Communications Services
C. Langford-Pickering, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

226/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board meet in camera (9:01 a.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

227/2023 | Trustee Boymook moved: That the Board revert to the regular session (10:05 a.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

TREATY 6 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board Chair Cathy Allen called the meeting to order and we acknowledged with respect the history and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 6 was entered into and the land upon which Elk Island Public Schools reside. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples. We commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

Board Chair Allen welcomed all in attendance in person and on-line.

AGENDA

Board Chair Allen called for additions or deletions to the Agenda.

228/2023 | Trustee Sorochan moved: That the Agenda be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Allen called for confirmation of the Nov. 30, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

229/2023 | Trustee Boymook moved: That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the Nov. 30, 2023 Board Meeting, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR REPORT

Board Chair Allen presented the Chair's Report.

230/2023 | Board Chair Allen moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the Chair's Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Acting Superintendent Marshall presented the Superintendent's Report.

231/2023 | Trustee Holowaychuk moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the Superintendent Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS

No comments, presentations or delegations were presented.

Association/Employee Groups

ASBA ZONE 2/3 REPORT

Board Chair Allen invited Trustee Shotbolt to present the ASBA Zone 2/3 report.

232/2023 | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the report from the representative of the ASBA Zone 2/3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATA LOCAL NO. 28 REPORT

Board Chair Allen welcomed and invited the ATA representative, D. Zielke, to present the ATA Local No. 28 Report.

233/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the report from the representative of the ATA Local No. 28.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board extended Christmas wishes to the ATA Local No. 28 group.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS GROUP (ERG) REPORT

Board Chair Allen welcomed ERG representative, M. Miller, to present the ERG Report.

234/2023 | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the report from the representative of the ERG.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair Allen extended Christmas wishes to the ERG.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

No business arising from the previous meeting.

New Business

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN CAMERA

No business arising from in camera.

BOARD POLICY 5: ROLE OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Trustee Footz presented to the Board the proposed amendments to Board Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair for approval.

235/2023 | Trustee Boymook moved: That the Board of Trustees approves amendments to Board Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD POLICY 11: BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Trustee Footz presented to the Board the proposed amendments to Board Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority for approval.

236/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees approves amendments to Board Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MNP LLP AUDIT REAPPOINTMENT

Vice-Chair Miller presented to the Board the report to reappoint MNP LLP as auditors for the year ended Aug. 31, 2024.

237/2023 | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees approves the reappointment of MNP LLP auditors for the year ended Aug. 31, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM SPORT FOR LIFE

Acting Superintendent Marshall presented to the Board a recommendation to designate the Sport for Life program as an alternative program.

238/2023 | Trustee Holowaychuk moved: That the Board of Trustees approves the Sport for Life program at Clover Bar Junior High School be designated an EIPS Alternative Program effective for the 2024-25 school year, as presented.

Trustee Sorochan suggested a friendly amendment to Motion 238/2023 to replace “...effective for the 2024-25 school year,…” which suggests designating it for a one year period, with “..., effective **starting the** 2024-25 school year,…” . Amended motion to read,

“That the Board of Trustees approves the Sport for Life program at Clover Bar Junior High School be designated an EIPS Alternative Program effective starting the 2024-25 school year, as presented.”

Trustee Holowaychuk accepted the amended motion.

Board Chair Allen asked, if there were any disagreements with the amended motion being a friendly amendment? Seeing none, the amendment was accepted.

Board Chair Allen opened the floor for questions.

The Board extended an acknowledgement to the Sport for Life staff who have worked hard to get the program up and running, and the Division for providing choices in public education.

Board Chair Allen raised the question.

VOTE ON MOTION 238/2023 | CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

239/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees approves amendments to Board Policy 18: Alternative Programs, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Reports

POLICY COMMITTEE

Trustee Footz presented a report for information from the Policy Committee meeting held on Dec. 5, 2023.

240/2023 | Trustee Footz moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the report from the Policy Committee meeting held on Dec. 5, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports for Information

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES 2023-24 (SECOND SEMESTER)

Acting Superintendent Marshall presented to the Board for information the new Locally Developed Courses offered in the second semester of the 2023-24 school year—developing personal value 15, 25 and 25.

The Board noted the program is a great course, which will be offered at Next Step, and should be accessible at more sites. Trustees are looking forward to hearing the outcomes.

Board Chair Allen noted there is much value in Locally Developed Courses--one school division’s work, and all jurisdictions benefit.

241/2023 | Trustee Boymook moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information a report on Locally Developed Courses for the second semester of the 2023-24 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK 2023

Acting Superintendent Marshall presented to the Board for information the Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week activities.

The Board noted this is ongoing work, and staff do a tremendous amount of work around the topic daily--not just during the mandated week.

A recommendation was made to provide a standardized form to collect the data from schools for next year.

Trustee Boymook made reference to a required amendment to Attachment 1 for Bev Facey Community High's activities.

Trustee Sorochan called Point of Order – the amendment was already made to the report and re-uploaded to the appropriate websites.

242/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPT. 1, 2023 TO NOV. 30, 2023

Director Lewis presented to the Board for information the Unaudited Financial Report for the first quarter-- Sept. 1, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2023.

243/2023 | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees receives for information the Unaudited Financial Report for the period Sept. 1, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2023, for Elk Island Public Schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Notices of Motion and Requests for Information

No notices of motion or requests for information were presented.

Trustee Footz extended a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Kwanzaa, or whatever path you follow, may you find peace and joy in your association with your family and friends. May there be peace coming to the people of Ukraine, Gaza and anywhere else on this planet.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Cathy Allen, Board Chair

Ryan Marshall, Acting Superintendent