



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM

Trustees	Nicole Buchanan, Chair Dianne Macaulay, Vice Chair Matt Gould, Trustee Bev Manning, Trustee Cathy Peacocke, Trustee Angela Sommers, Trustee (Not Present) Jim Watters, Trustee
Senior Administration	Chad Erickson, Superintendent of Schools Dan Lower, Deputy Superintendent Colin Cairney, Secretary-Treasurer Ron Eberts, Associate Superintendent Erin Black, Communications Specialist

1. Call to Order

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Notice of Recording

3. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the Board meet in private, the time being 10:49 a.m.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

4. Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 1:07 p.m.

5. Land Acknowledgement

The land recognition statement recognizing Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory was read by a group of Central Middle School students.

6. O Canada

O Canada was sung.

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Board Meeting April 9, 2025 be approved as presented.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the minutes for the Special Board Meeting for April 29, 2025 be approved as presented.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

8. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Chair

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting May 14, 2025 be approved as with the following addition:

- *Add 10.2 Administrative Reappointments and move all other items down by one.*

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

9. Recognition

10. Governance Agenda

10.1 Enrollment Summary Report

Deputy Superintendent Dan Lower presented the April 30, 2025 enrolment summary, which totaled 11,513 students attending Red Deer Public Schools.

10.2 Administrative Reappointments

Superintendent Chad Erickson provided information on School Administrative Reappointments.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Vice Chair

THAT the Board approve the School Administrative Reappointment contracts provided.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.3 Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools Report

The Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools plays an important role in providing opportunities that enhance and enrich learning for students in Red Deer Public Schools. Foundation Board

Chair Kristine Plastow shared information on the Foundation's successes as well as future directions for the Foundation.

10.4 Communications Report

Community Relations provided an update on the work they have been doing over the past year to ensure our stakeholders including students, staff, families, and the community at large are aware of the great happenings in our school's classrooms, Division and Board initiatives, as well as special announcements.

10.5 Education Plan Quarterly Update

Superintendent Chad Erickson presented the Education Plan Quarterly Report, which provides a comprehensive overview of the Division's progress and initiatives aligned with the Division Education Plan.

10.6 Facility Bookings

Secretary Treasurer Colin Cairney presented the Facility Rental Rates report with a recommendation to implement a moderate increase in the Multi-user Rental Rate, Daily Rate and Host and Caretaking fees for the Division, effective September 1, 2025.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Facility Rental Rate changes effective September 1, 2025.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Chair

THAT the Board Trustees review the Facility Rental Rates annually during the May board meeting.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Opposed: Trustee Gould

Carried

10.7 2025-26 Spring Budget

Secretary Treasurer Colin Cairney shared the Red Deer Public Schools - 2025/2026 Spring Budget totaling expenditures of \$139,859,549 along with background notes on the development of the budget.

The Division Audit Committee also reviewed the budget and has recommended its approval by the Board of Trustees. The report included the School and Transportation Fees.

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 2025/26 Spring Budget report with revenues of \$139,159,549 and expenses of \$139,859,549 resulting in a \$700,000 deficit budget.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 2025/2026 School and Transportation Fees as attached in the agenda.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.8 Three Year Education Plan

Associate Superintendent of Technology and Information Services Ron Eberts presented the draft Three-Year Division Education Plan (2025-2026 to 2027-2028), which sets the strategic direction for Red Deer Public Schools. The highest priority for the Division is the success of every student. The plan includes outcomes, strategies, and performance measures the Division and our schools will follow to achieve this. The plan is based on significant consultations with our stakeholders to reflect the needs and priorities for Red Deer Public Schools and our community.

For the upcoming school year we have organized our strategic work around the following Alberta Education Assurance Domains:

- Student Growth & Achievement;
- Teaching and Leading;
- Learning Supports; and
- Governance.

The fifth Alberta Education Assurance Domain, Local and Societal Context, encompasses all of the aforementioned areas.

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Division Three Year Education Plan (2025-2026 to 2027-2028) as presented.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.9 Locally Developed Courses

Deputy Superintendent Dan Lower presented the locally developed courses to be taught in Red Deer Public Schools in the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed locally developed courses for the period of September 1, 2025 until their respective expiry dates.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.10 PSBAA Report

Trustee Gould provided a verbal report.

10.11 Trustee Community Engagement Report

Board Chair Nicole Buchanan highlighted a number of activities Trustees were involved in during the month of April and the first part of May.

10.12 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chad Erickson highlighted a number of activities he was involved in during the month of April and the first part of May.

10.13 Board Chair's Report

Chair Buchanan had nothing to verbally report.

11. Celebrations

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration shared celebrations of events and activities taking place in the Division over the last month.

12. Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 3:10 p.m. with a motion to move into private.

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees move back into private.

For: Chair Buchanan, Vice Chair Macaulay, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Watters

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer