

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, held June 22, 2021.

Present: S. Heistad  
M. Hollman  
C. Leyson  
D. Lonsdale  
R. Maloughney  
K. Pasula and  
A. Watson, Trustees  
K. Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Ledene, Assoc. Sup't - Personnel  
R. Steeves, Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Heidt, Executive Assistant  
H. Sanderson, Communications

The meeting was held at St. Joseph High School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Division Principals, Jodi Smith and Ryan Sawula, led Trustees in prayer.

Trustee Maloughney read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus. Additions/deletions:

Remove: Item 3.4 Associate Superintendent's Approval of Contracts and bring forward to a Special Meeting.

Add: New Item 3.4. Transportation Capital Acquisition

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

21/06/22-01- Leyson

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF MAY 25, 2021  
BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

#### 3.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION CALLS TO ACTION

The Superintendent shared and highlighted the progress report provided to Trustees and expressed how RDCRS is extremely proud of the cultural pieces that have been in play over the past several years. What has been key to the division and the work already done was the ability to build the capacity of our staff to teach many of the lessons and the highlight of the year was the fact that the indigenous voice pulled the team together.

#### 3.2 NEW FUNDING FOR TARGETED INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS COVID-19 LEARNING DISRUPTIONS

Additional funding was made available for school divisions from the Provincial government in the amount of \$45M. The division is prepared with a literacy proposal and is awaiting the government to provide an avenue to apply for the funding.

#### 3.3 LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

A board motion is required for renewing/acquiring Locally Developed Courses (LDCOMS).

21/06/22-02- Hollman

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE RENEWING/ACQUIRING OF THE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Biology (Advanced) (2020) 35-3**  
**Calculus (Advanced) (2020) 35-5**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 15-3**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 15-5**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 25-3**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 25-5**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 35-3**  
**Chamber Ensemble (2021) 35-5**  
**ESL Expository English (2020) 15-5**  
**ESL Introduction Mathematics (2020) 15-5**  
**Film and Media Art (2021) 15-3**  
**Film and Media Art (2021) 15-5**  
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Film and Media Art (2021) 35-3  
Film and Media Art (2021) 35-5  
Forensic Studies (2021) 25-3  
Forensic Studies (2021) 35-3  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 15-3  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 15-5  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 25-3  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 25-5  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 35-3  
Instrumental Jazz (2021) 35-5  
Reading (2020) 15-3  
Reading (2020) 15-5  
Reading (2020) 25-3  
Reading (2020) 25-5  
Religions of the World (2021) 35-3  
Religions of the World (2021) 35-5  
Unified English Braille Code (2019) 15-5

**CARRIED.**

#### 3.4 TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL ACQUISITION

The Secretary-Treasurer requested additional capital funds for the Transportation Department for the upcoming school year which would allow for the purchase of five 2023 Blue Bird 77 passenger propane buses at the cost of approximately \$620,000.

21/06/22-03-Watson

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INCREASE THE BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR  
BUS PURCHASES FROM 500,000 TO  
620,000 FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL  
YEAR.**

**CARRIED.**

## 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 4.1 Board Chair Report

Highlighted in the report:

- The upcoming election for school board trustees will be held in October 2021 in conjunction with the municipal election. Anyone interested in putting their name forward for trustee can find information on the Division website.

### 4.2 Superintendent Report

Highlighted in the report:

- RDCRS is focused on dual credit and the partnerships we have and continue to experience growth in dual credit enrollment.

### 4.3 Financial Report

Highlighted in the report:

- We remain at a \$3.3M surplus to date and expect to be well under budget at the end of this fiscal year. Much of the reason for the surplus is due to the unexpected federal money that was received and Trustees thanked and acknowledged the federal government for the funds.

### 4.4 Schollie Data [2020-2021](#)

Mr. Sawula, Division Principal, spoke to the 2020-2021 Schollie data. Trustees felt that the Schollie data results were outstanding especially in a pandemic year like this.

### 4.5 St. Lorenzo Ruiz Design Team Update

Highlighted in the report:

- The build is currently running over budget due to cost increases in many areas (lumber, steel, etc).
- The Secretary-Treasurer reported that he was working with the IPD Team to seek cost reductions and call on Alberta Infrastructure given the situation in the marketplace to seek additional construction funding.

### 4.6 New Maryview Logo

- The Superintendent presented the new logo for Maryview School.

- 4.7 Trustee Reports and Updates
- 4.7.1 Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)  
Trustee Leyson gave a verbal report:
- June 7 & 8 was the Spring General Meeting.
- 4.7.2 Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA)  
Chair Pasula gave a verbal report:
- The Association has been working on a new structure for the board. A special meeting will be held in this regard on June 23.
- 4.7.3 Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards  
Trustee Heistad provided a written report.
- 4.7.4 Catholic Education Foundation  
Trustee Heistad gave a verbal report:
- Student scholarships and school funds have been selected and will be updated on the website.

- 4.8 Presentation - Division Mental Health Strategy  
Ryan Leden (Associate Superintendent of Personnel), Michelle Wright (Division Principal), Amanda Jackson (Intervention Lead Teacher), Jessica Frison (Registered Psychologist) and Christina McInenly (Cognitive Lead Teacher) presented how they are responding to staff and students' mental health.

Trustees acknowledged the team for ensuring that both staff and students' mental health remains a priority. The Superintendent also expressed her thanks to the board for their continued support of the MS2 team and asked that Trustees to continue to advocate the government for the funding of mental health.

Trustee Hollman led the group in closing prayer.

21/06/22-04-Watson

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECESS THE  
TIME BEING 8:30 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

21/06/22-05-Hollman

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE**

**CARRIED.**

21/06/22-06-Maloughney

**THAT THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN, THE  
TIME BEING 10:17 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

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(CHAIR)

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(SECRETARY-TREASURER)