



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the The Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division, held September 5, 2023.

Present: S. Heistad  
M. Hollman  
M. LaGrange  
C. Leyson  
D. Lonsdale  
K. Pasula  
A. Watson, Trustees  
L. Latka, Secretary Treasurer  
K. Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools  
M. St. Pierre, Executive Assistant

Board Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Pasula read the opening prayer aloud.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09/05/23-01-Heistad

**THAT THE AGENDA BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

09/05/23-02-Leyson

**THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO CAMERA AT 6:01 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

09/05/23-03- Heistad

**THAT THE BOARD MOVE OUT OF CAMERA AT 9:16 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

09/05/23-04-Pasula

**TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE SITUATION THAT HAS TRANSPIRED DUE A SOCIAL MEDIA STORY INCLUDING WHETHER THE BOARD CAN MOVE BEYOND A RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER THROUGH CONCILIATORY MEASURES (CODE OF CONDUCT, APPENDIX A, PARAGRAPH 2) AND INTO AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (CODE OF CONDUCT, APPENDIX A, PARAGRAPH 3 FORWARD), AND IF AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT CAN BE COMMENCED, WILL IT SURVIVE GIVEN THAT THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND IN A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, 6:00 .PM-9:15 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

Recorded vote requested  
by Chair Watson

In Favour: Pasula, Hollman,  
Heistad, Lonsdale, Leyson,  
LaGrange

Opposed: Watson

09/05/23-05-Watson

**WHEREAS THE CHAIR IS THE OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON FOR THE BOARD, AND WHEREAS I CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE UPHOLD THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON THE MATTER OF TRUSTEE LAGRANGE'S OFFENSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POST, THEREFORE I ASK THE BOARD TO ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION AS CHAIR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. I WILL REMAIN AS TRUSTEE UNTIL REMOVED FROM OFFICE, OR UNTIL THE END OF MY ELECTED TERM.**

**CARRIED.**

Recorded vote requested  
by Chair Watson

In Favour: Pasula, Hollman,  
Heistad, Lonsdale, Watson,  
LaGrange

Opposed: Leyson

09/05/23-06-Leyson

**I ASK THE BOARD TO ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION AS VICE-CHAIR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. I WILL REMAIN AS TRUSTEE UNTIL REMOVED FROM OFFICE OR UNTIL THE END OF MY ELECTED TERM.**

**CARRIED.**

The meeting was turned over to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Watson nominated Trustee Hollman for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Hollman accepted the nomination.

Superintendent Finnigan called a second time for nominations.

There were no further nominations for the position of Board Chair.

23/08/25-07-Watson

**THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF BOARD CHAIR CEASE.**

**CARRIED.**

The Superintendent declared Trustee Hollman elected Board Chair.

Board Chair Hollman assumed the Chair.

Board Chair Hollman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Trustee Watson nominated Trustee Lonsdale for Vice-Chair.

Trustee Lonsdale accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called a second time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

There were no further nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

23/08/25-08-Leyson

**THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR CEASE.**

**CARRIED.**

The Board Chair declared that Trustee Lonsdale was acclaimed for the position of Vice-Chair.

09/05/23-09-Watson

**THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IMMEDIATELY WRITE TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ASKING HIM TO DISMISS TRUSTEE LAGRANGE.**

**CARRIED.**

Recorded vote requested  
by Trustee Watson  
In Favour: Leyson, Heistad,  
Lonsdale, Watson  
Opposed: Pasula, Hollman,  
LaGrange

Trustee Leyson read the closing prayer aloud.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m. by Board Chair Hollman.

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(CHAIR)

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(SUPERINTENDENT)