



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020, virtually via Zoom Cloud Meetings and Central Services, Sherwood Park, Alberta. The Board of Trustees meeting convened with Board Chair Trina Boymook calling the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Via video conference:

T. Boymook, Board Chair
C. Holowaychuk, Vice-Chair
R. Footz
S. Gordon
A. Hubick
D. Irwin
J. Seutter
H. Stadnick
H. Wall

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Via video conference:

M. Liguori, Superintendent
S. Stoddard, Associate Superintendent
B. Billey, Associate Superintendent
C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer
L. McNabb, Director, Communication Services
C. Langford-Pickering, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

213/2020 | Trustee Wall moved: That the Board meet in camera (9:03 a.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

214/2020 | Trustee Footz moved: That the Board revert to regular session (9:29 a.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board recessed at 9:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

TREATY 6 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board Chair Boymook called the meeting to order and acknowledged with respect the history, spirituality, and culture and languages of the First Nations people with whom Treaty 6 was signed, the territory wherein EIPS resides. We acknowledge our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

AGENDA

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

215/2020 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Agenda be adopted, as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Boymook called for confirmation of the Nov. 26, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

216/2020 | Trustee Seutter moved: That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of Nov. 26, 2020 Board Meeting, as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR REPORT

Board Chair Boymook presented the Chair's report.

217/2020 | Board Chair Boymook moved: That the Board of Trustees receive the Chair's report for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Liguori expressed gratitude to all staff, students and parents as the year ends for the work and support provided to and by our families. The support is paramount to the success of all students. Wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

218/2020 | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That the Board of Trustees receive the Superintendent's report for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS

No comments, presentations and delegations were presented.

Association and Local Reports

ASBA ZONE 2/3 REPORT

Trustee Wall presented to the Board the report from the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting held on Dec. 4, 2020.

219/2020 | Trustee Wall moved: That the Board of Trustees receive the report from the representative of the ASBA Zone 2/3 for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATA LOCAL REPORT

Board Chair Boymook welcomed ATA representative D. Zielke. Representative Zielke presented the Local ATA report to the Board.

220/2020 | Trustee Stadnick moved: That the Board of Trustees receive the report from the representative of the ATA Local #28 for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair expressed gratitude and commended the staff for their efforts during the shift to online learning and asked the ATA Local Representative to extend to their members the Board's appreciation.

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.

BYLAW 008/2020 - THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Returning Officer Baranec presented to the Board for approval the Election bylaw No. 008/2020 which outlines the rules and procedures for the conduct of school trustee elections. Bylaw No. 008/2020 was read in its entirety in accordance with the *Board Procedures Regulation 82/2019*, section 6, Readings of bylaws.

221/2020 | Trustee Gordon moved: That bylaw No. 008/2020 which relates to the rules and procedures for the conduct of School Trustee Elections of The Board of Trustees of Elk Island Public Schools be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

222/2020 | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That bylaw No. 008/2020 which relates to the rules and procedures for the conduct of School Trustee Elections of The Board of Trustees of Elk Island Public Schools be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

223/2020 | Trustee Seutter moved: That bylaw No. 008/2020 which relates to the rules and procedures for the conduct of School Trustee Elections of The Board of Trustees of Elk Island Public Schools be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JUNIOR HIGH HONOURS SYSTEM PROGRAM

Associate Superintendent Stoddard presented to the Board for approval a recommendation to establish a Junior High Honours System Program for the 2021-22 school year.

224/2020 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees direct administration to establish a Junior High Honours System Program for the 2021-22 school year, modelled after the Junior High Honours pilot project and offered at Sherwood Heights, F.R. Haythorne and Ardrossan Junior/Senior in grades 8 and 9.

In favour: Board Chair Boymook, Trustee R. Footz, Trustee S. Gordon, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee D. Irwin, Trustee J. Seutter, and Trustee H. Wall

Opposed: Trustee A. Hubick and Trustee H. Stadnick

CARRIED

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Liguori presented to the Board for approval the recommendation to suspend Provincial Achievement Tests for the 2020-21 school year. The rationale for administration's decision was shared with the Board -- pandemic had considerable effects on the continuity of student learning.

The Board commended administration for making the decision and recognizing the pressures placed on staff and students during the pandemic.

225/2020 | Trustee Stadnick moved: That the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation that the administration of grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests be suspended for the 2020-21 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Reports

POLICY COMMITTEE

Trustee Footz presented a report from the Policy Committee meeting held on Dec. 8, 2020, for information.

226/2020 | Trustee Footz moved: That the Board of Trustees receive for information the report from the Policy Committee meeting held on Dec. 8, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports for Information

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK REPORT

Associate Superintendent Stoddard presented the Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week report for information. The Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is an annual event to promote awareness and understanding of bullying and its consequences in the school community.

227/2020 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees receive for information the Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2020

Director Lewis presented the Unaudited Financial Report for the period Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2020, for information.

228/2020 | Trustee Seutter moved: That the Board of Trustees receive for information the Unaudited Financial Report for the period Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2020 for Elk Island Public Schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustees' Report, Notices of Motion and Request for Information

Reports by trustees were presented and holiday greetings were extended.

Board Chair Boymook extended condolences to the friends and family of Lynn Patterson, former EIPS Trustee. Lynn Patterson was a member of the EIPS Board for 19 years and was a strong advocate for quality education for all students.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boymook declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

Mark Liguori, Superintendent