



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021

The special meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, in the Boardroom, Central Services, Sherwood Park, Alberta. The Board of Trustees meeting convened with Board Chair Trina Boymook calling the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Via video conference:

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

M. Liguori, Superintendent
B. Billey, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
S. Stoddard, Associate Superintendent, Supports for Students
C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer
C. Langford-Pickering, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.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 a motion to accept the Agenda as presented.

Trustee Hubick requested an addition to the agenda to include the approval of funding to hire three full-time Family School Liaison Workers. Item was added as item 2.

044/2021 | Trustee Seutter moved: That the Agenda be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

Mark Liguori, Superintendent

New Business

MODULAR CLASSROOM PROGRAM REQUEST TO ALBERTA EDUCATION

On March 17, 2021, Elk Island Public Schools was advised that an additional \$60 million would be directed to the Modular Classroom Program in Budget 2021 which increased the total available funding to \$85 million. Alberta Education provided school jurisdictions the opportunity to make changes to their 2021-22 modular classroom program submission to Alberta Education by March 31, 2021. The recommendation to include two additional modular units was presented to the Board for approval.

045/2021 | Trustee Hubick moved: That the Board of Trustees direct administration to request funding to relocate six modular classrooms, four to SouthPointe School and two to Ardrossan Junior-Senior High. Of the six modular units to be relocated, two will be relocated from Pine Street Elementary and four from École Campbelltown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON WORKERS

Following budget discussions with the Board, Superintendent Liguori presented a recommendation to approve funding for three full-time Family School Liaison Workers for the months of April 1 to June 30, 2021. Rationale to reconnect with disconnected students and families due to shift to out-of-school learning.

046/2021 | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of three full-time Family School Liaison Workers to connect with students and families who have been disconnected from out of school learning as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. As part of our pandemic recovery program starting April 1 and ending June 30, 2021.

Point of Clarification called by Trustee Hubick: that the use of “To Be Allocated” dollars be added to the motion put forward.

Requested amendment to Motion 046/2021: Approve the use of To Be Allocated funds to cover the hiring of three full-time equivalent (FTE) for Family School Liaison Workers from April 1 to June 30, 2021 to connect with students and families who have been disconnected from out of school learning as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. As part of our pandemic recovery program starting April 1 and ending June 30, 2021.

Point of Order called by Trustee Wall

Board Chair asked Vice-Chair Holowaychuk if a friendly amendment can be moved. Vice-Chair Holowaychuk agreed.

046/2021 Amended Motion | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That the Board of Trustees approve the use of To Be Allocated funds to cover the cost of hiring three full-time equivalent Family School Liaison Workers from April 1 to June 30, 2021, to connect with Elk Island Public Schools students and families who have been disconnected from out-of-school learning or in-school learning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vote on amended Motion 046/2021: *CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boymook declared the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

Mark Liguori, Superintendent