



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2021

The special meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 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 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Via in person and 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

M. Liguori, Superintendent
B. Billey, Associate Superintendent
C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Antymniuk, Division Principal
C. Langford-Pickering, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

112/2021 | Trustee Seutter moved: That the Board meet in camera (6:00 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

113/2021 | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That the Board revert to regular session (7:09 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board recessed at 7:09 p.m. and reconvened at 7:16 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 entered into, 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.

114/2021 | Vice-Chair Holowaychuk moved: That the Agenda be adopted, as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS

No comments, presentations and delegations were presented.

New Business

2021-22 RE-ENTRY PLAN

Superintendent Liguori presented to the Board four options for consideration and approval to support the Re-Entry Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for questions and clarification on the options presented.

115/2021 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees adopt option 1.

Trustee Irwin presented opening remarks.

Board Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Board Chair called the question.

In Favour: Trustee Irwin, Trustee Seutter, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk

Opposed: Board Chair Boymook, Trustee Footz, Trustee Gordon, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Stadnick, Trustee Wall

VOTE ON MOTION 115/2021 DEFEATED

116/2021 | Board Chair Boymook moved: That the Board of Trustees adopt option 2.

Board Chair presented opening remarks.

Board Chair opened the floor for comments.

Trustee Irwin requested to move in camera to seek legal opinion.

IN CAMERA SESSION

117/2021 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board meet in camera (8:12 p.m.).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair Boymook shared with the public that livestreaming will come to an end and a new link will appear on the website as part 2.

118/2021 | Trustee Hubick moved: That the Board revert to regular session (8:19 p.m.).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board reconvened at 8:19 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

Board Chair opened the floor for additional questions.

Board Chair Boymook requested that the Board move to in camera. Board Chair shared with the public that livestreaming will come to an end and a new link will appear on the website as part 3.

IN CAMERA SESSION

[119/2021](#) | Board Chair Boymook moved: That the Board meet in camera (8:24 p.m.).

In Favour: Board Chair Boymook, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee Footz, Trustee Gordon, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Stadnick, and Trustee Wall

Opposed: Trustee Seutter

CARRIED

[120/2021](#) | Trustee Stadnick moved: That the Board revert to regular session (8:27 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board reconvened at 8:27 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

Trustee Hubick proceeded with her questions for the Superintendent and asked that the Board revisit their decision at the January Regular Board Meeting on Jan. 20, 2022.

Point of Order called by Superintendent Liguori.

Trustee Stadnick recommended a change in the wording of the motion to include “That the Board revisit on or before Jan. 20, 2022”.

Point of Order called by Trustee Wall. Trustee Wall advised the Board that an amendment to the motion is required to include the time certain re-evaluation.

[121/2021 Amended Motion](#) | Trustee Wall moved: That the Board amend [Motion 116/2021](#), to include that the Board revisit on or before Jan. 20, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for additional questions.

Point of Clarification by Trustee Hubick.

Superintendent Liguori requested a recess.

The Board recessed at 8:51 p.m. and reconvened at 9:01 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

Board Chair Boymook thanked the virtual audience for their patience.

Superintendent Liguori provided clarification relative to option 2.

[122/2021 Substitute Motion](#) | Trustee Wall moved: That the Board require the wearing of masks for all students (Kindergarten to Grade 12), staff and visitors divisionwide – similar to last year.

Clarification regarding the voting of a substitute motion was provided by the Board Chair.

Trustee Wall spoke to the Substitute Motion.

Point of Clarification by Board Chair Boymook to include the wording “revisiting the decision on or before Jan. 22, 2022”.

Trustee Wall confirmed the additional wording.

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for additional questions.

Board Chair called the question for the Substitute Motion.

In Favour: Trustee Footz, Trustee Gordon, Trustee Stadnick, and Trustee Wall

Opposed: Board Chair Boymook, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Irwin, and Trustee Seutter

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION 112/2021 DEFEATED

Board Chair noted Option 4 was off the table.

Board Chair Boymook called the question for Option 2.

In Favour: Board Chair Boymook, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Irwin, Trustee Gordon, and Trustee Seutter

Opposed: Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee Footz, Trustee Stadnick, and Trustee Wall

VOTE ON MOTION 116/2021 CARRIED

Superintendent Liguori noted next steps.

Board Chair Boymook thanked the public for joining and watching the debate. Appreciation was expressed for the families who reached out to the trustees to share their views.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boymook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

Mark Liguori, Superintendent