



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2021

The special meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, Sept. 2, 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 1:07 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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

H. Wall

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

M. Liguori, Superintendent
B. Billey, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
S. Stoddard, Associate Superintendent, Supports for Students
C. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Antymniuk, Division Principal
L. McNabb, Director, Communication Services
C. Langford-Pickering, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Boymook called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

AGENDA

Board Chair noted that all nine trustees confirmed Waiver of the Notice of Special Meeting. Board Chair called to accept the Agenda as presented.

134/2021 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Agenda be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH SEPTEMBER 30TH

Superintendent Liguori noted that the Federal government recently announced a federal holiday on September 30th for Truth and Reconciliation. For Elk Island Public Schools to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th an amendment to the 2021 – 2022 school year calendar must be approved by the Board. This day would be a non-instructional day for students and staff.

135/2021 | Trustee Footz moved: That the Board of Trustees amend the 2021 – 2022 school year calendar to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021. This day will be a non-instructional day for students and staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COVID 19 MEASURES

The Board Chair shared a recommendation to change the Division’s mandate for mandatory masking to occur throughout the Division.

136/2021 | Trustee Stadnick moved: That the Board of Trustees approve that any and all visitors to any EIPS school or EIPS Division site be masked and provide proof of vaccination, upon request.

Board Chair opened the floor for discussion.

137/2021 | Board Chair Boymook moved to amend **Motion 136/2021** to end the motion following “site be masked” and to strike out “and provide proof of vaccination, upon request.”

That the Board of Trustees approve that any and all visitors to any EIPS school or EIPS Division site be masked.

Board Chair opened the floor for discussion on the request for an amendment.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT:

In Favour: Board Chair Boymook, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee Footz, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Seutter

Opposed: Trustee Gordon, Trustee Irwin, Trustee Stadnick

CARRIED

Board Chair opened the floor for discussion on the amended **Motion 137/2021**.

VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION 137/2021: *CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

138/2021 | Trustee Hubick moved: That the Board of Trustees approve that mandatory masking occur with all students and staff, K-12, division wide, commencing end of day September 2, 2021. This will be in effect until further notice or decided upon on or before January 20, 2022.

139/2021 | Board Chair moved: That the Board meet in camera (1:40 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

140/2021 | Trustee Hubick moved: That the Board revert to regular session (2:06 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Chair opened the floor for questions.

141/2021 | Trustee Hubick withdrew **Motion 137/2021**.

142/2021 | Trustee Hubick moved: That the Board of Trustees temporarily suspend **Motion 116/2021**, option 2 and require mandatory face masking of all students and staff K through 12 commencing September 3, 2021.

Trustee Hubick provided opening remarks.

Board Chair opened the floor for questions.

VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION 142/2021: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Stadnick made a motion for the Board to consider.

143/2021 | Trustee Stadnick moved: That the Board of Trustees approve that all successful candidates in the 2021 Elk Island Public School's trustee election be fully vaccinated against COVID 19 by the time they are sworn in to office. Exceptions would only be for medical reasons as outlined by a physician.

Board Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Trustee Stadnick provided a closing statement.

VOTE ON THE MOTION 143/2021:

In Favour: Trustee Irwin, Trustee Stadnick

Opposed: Board Chair Boymook, Vice-Chair Holowaychuk, Trustee Footz, Trustee Gordon, Trustee Hubick, Trustee Seutter

DEFEATED

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Boymook declared the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

Mark Liguori, Superintendent