



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2023

The special meeting of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, 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 9:01 a.m.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

T. Boymook, Board Chair  
C. Holowaychuk, Vice-Chair  
C. Allen  
R. Footz  
D. Irwin  
S. Miller  
J. Seutter  
J. Shotbolt  
R. Sorochan

## ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.

## IN-CAMERA SESSION

096/2023 | Trustee Seutter moved: That the Board meet in camera (9:01 a.m.).

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

097/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board revert to regular session (9:45 a.m.).

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

## TREATY 6 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board Chair Boymook 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 noted that there is one agenda item--Andrew School report.

Secretary-Treasurer Cole confirmed two delegations to the Board.

Board Chair Boymook called for a trustee to move that the agenda be adopted as amended to include the delegations.

098/2023 | Trustee Miller moved: That the agenda be adopted, as amended.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

## **COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS**

Board Chair referenced Board Policy 7: Board Operations, Section 10, Comments, Presentations, and Delegations at Board Meetings and advised the presenters that the meeting is a public meeting, the delegations will be recorded, and that each presenter has a maximum of five minutes.

Secretary-Treasurer Cole called upon the two delegates: Mayor Haight and Deputy Mayor Pickett to bring delegation to the Board in response to the recommendation to close Andrew School.

The Board heard a presentation from the Village of Andrew about the possible closure of Andrew School. Deputy Mayor Pickett asked the Board, if it votes in favour of closing the school, to allow the village to retain the fitness equipment, playground, pictures, banners, school technology and library contents. The Board thanked Deputy Mayor Pickett for taking the time to present her thoughts to trustees.

The Board heard a second presentation from the Village of Andrew about the possible closure of Andrew School. Mayor Haight asked the Board, if it votes in favour of closing the school, to provide the village with the original lease-transfer agreement between Elk Island Public Schools, the Village of Andrew and Lamont County. He also asked the Board to provide the village with the estimated demolition costs as it has financial implications for the village and residents. The Board thanked Mayor Haight for taking the time to present his concerns and requests to the Board.

## **New Business**

### **ANDREW SCHOOL**

Superintendent Liguori presented to the Board a recommendation to close Andrew School effective June 30, 2023.

099/2023 | Trustee Irwin moved: That the Board of Trustees approves the closure of Andrew School effective June 30, 2023.

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for questions.

*The Board recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.*

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for discussion regarding motion 099/2023.

**Vote on Motion 099/2023:** *CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*The Board recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m. with all trustees noted above in attendance.*

Superintendent Liguori proceeded to read the second recommendation to approve transportation Option B.

**100/2023** | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees approves transportation Option B which designates Kindergarten to Grade 6 students residing within the Village of Andrew to Mundare School. Students residing outside the Village of Andrew but inside the Andrew Elementary Boundary attendance area will follow the current Lamont Junior/Senior and Vegreville Junior/Senior attendance boundaries.

Board Chair Boymook opened the floor for questions.

Division Principal Antymniuk shared a tool that senior administration has used in extenuating circumstances to change the designated school for a student. Superintendent Liguori noted that should this accommodation be made, it cannot be changed until the student transitions between school levels.

Board Chair Boymook noted that with the additional information the Board may consider another round of questions.

Trustee Sorochan requested an amendment to **Motion 100/2023** to include waiving of school of choice fees for the K-6 students at Andrew School for one school year.

**101/2023** | Trustee Shotbolt moved: That the Board of Trustees approves transportation Option B which designates Kindergarten to Grade 6 students residing within the Village of Andrew to Mundare School. Students residing outside the Village of Andrew but inside the Andrew Elementary Boundary attendance area will follow the current Lamont Junior/Senior and Vegreville Junior/Senior attendance boundaries. **School of choice fees will be waived for the 2023-24 school year for the preregistered K-6 Andrew students.**

**102/2023** | **Vote on AMENDMENT: CARRIED**

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Footz, Trustee Shotbolt, Trustee Allen, Trustee Seutter, Board Chair Boymook, Trustee Miller, Trustee Irwin, Trustee Sorochan

OPPOSED: Vice-Chair Holowaychuk

Board Chair opened the floor to speak to the **amended Motion 101/2023**.

**Vote on amended Motion 101/2023: CARRIED**

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Footz, Trustee Shotbolt, Trustee Allen, Trustee Seutter, Board Chair Boymook, Trustee Miller, Trustee Irwin, Trustee Sorochan

OPPOSED: Vice-Chair Holowaychuk

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Boymook declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

---

Trina Boymook, Board Chair

---

Mark Liguori, Superintendent