

MINUTE BOOK**Special Board Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta held in the Centre for Education McCauley Chambers on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Trisha Estabrooks
Dawn Hancock
Marcia Hole

Julie Kusiek
Marsha Nelson

Sherri O’Keefe
Jan Sawyer
Saadiq Sumar

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Grace Cooke
Andrea Cooper

Karen Mills
Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis
Nancy Petersen
Cliff Richard

Darrel Robertson
Carrie Rosa
Ron Thompson
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Julie Kusiek

Recording Secretary: Catherine Angeles

The Board Chair called the meeting to order and called upon Vice-Chair Sawyer to provide a land acknowledgement.

Vice-Chair Sawyer said that this time of year when the trees are bursting, the rivers are flowing and the grass is turning green she is particularly grateful for this land on which she has settled. She is filled with peace during her walks in the river valley; it is her sanctuary. During those walks, she is awed to think about the thousands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux who have walked the same paths for centuries before her. This reminds her that our work in hearing the truths of those who were harmed by our settlement of these lands, as well as our work towards reconciliation, will never be complete. Vice-Chair Sawyer shares weekly walks with her nephew and is a listening ear for him as he explores what it means to him to share his Dad’s Dene blood that he says “make him stronger.” She is committed to be a listening ear as long as he wants to talk and she has ears that hear. She commits to humbly listen, learn and act in her journey of reconciliation.

A. Roll Call: 9:00 a.m.

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

MINUTE BOOK**B. Approval of the Agenda**

Trustee Hancock advised that she would like to add item D - Notices of Motion to the agenda.

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

**“That the agenda for the May 24, 2024, Board meeting be approved as amended.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

C. Reports**1. 2024-2025 Budget**

There was a short break in the meeting before the vote on the Recommendation was completed.

MOVED BY Trustee Hancock:

“That the 2024-2025 budget for Edmonton Public Schools as presented in Attachment IX be approved for submission to Alberta Education.”

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar the motion be amended:

“That the 2024-2025 budget for Edmonton Public Schools as presented in Attachment IX be approved **with the following amendment for submission to Alberta Education:**

- the Programming and Student Accommodation allocation be decreased from \$8.8M to \$7.9M so that Division Centres being established for the 2024-2025 school year where facility modifications are required do not have seclusion rooms.”**

The Board Chair called the question to the amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hole and Sumar

**OPPOSED: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Kusiek, Nelson, O’Keefe, and Sawyer
(DEFEATED)**

The Board Chair called the question on the original motion.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

There was a short break in the meeting.

2. 2022-2026 Four-Year Education Plan: Year Three Update

Board Chair Kusiek requested Administration update page 14 of the 2022-2026 Four-Year Education Plan: Year Three: **“Curriculum Learning Supports (CLS) support for the new curriculum implementations:”**.

MOVED BY Trustee O’Keefe:

**“That the Edmonton Public Schools’ 2022-2026 Four-Year Education Plan: Year Three be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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D. Notices of Motion

Trustee Hancock gave notice that she would be making the following motion:

That the Board approves in principle the following position statement to be presented at the Alberta School Board Associations' Spring General Meeting on June 3, 2024:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, "the Alberta School Board Association advocates that annually when Alberta inflation rates are rising, the Government of Alberta increases all Grant Funding Rates proportionately to mitigate the impacts of compounding inflationary operational costs; and in declining inflation, no annual adjustment is made to Grant Funding Rates."

E. Adjournment: 12:43 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Julie Kusiek, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director Board and
Superintendent Relations