

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN  
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734  
HELD on MONDAY, February 23, 2015, 6:30 P.M.  
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue  
St. Albert, AB**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT** Trustees Crockett, Kaup, McEvoy, Proulx, Radford, and Shaw

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Trustee Caron

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

D. Keohane, superintendent, S. McGuinness, assistant superintendent, D. Quick, assistant superintendent, D. Schlag, secretary-treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Radford called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER** Trustee Kaup offered the opening prayer.

**IN CAMERA**

160/15 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 6: 32 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

161/15 Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 7:36 p.m.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

162/15 Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 12.1 Legal School Capital Project.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

163/15 Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on February 9, 2015 as circulated.  
**CARRIED (6/6)**

**COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**GOOD NEWS**

Trustee Radford shared the Good News report.

Trustee Shaw indicated that the 150th anniversary video was well received by the St. Albert City Council. Trustee Shaw also thanked and recognized St. Albert Parish for the opportunity presented to VJM students to seek volunteer opportunities through the parish.

Trustee Proulx mentioned that the Town of Legal Council thanked the District for sharing the video on the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

Trustee Radford commended the G.H. Primeau school community on their Shrove Tuesday celebration and preparations for Lent along with Notre Dame Elementary for their Ash Wednesday observance.

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Alberta School Councils' Association Award Nomination**

164/15

**Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Donni Marano, school council chair at Neil M. Ross Catholic School for an Alberta School Councils' Association Parent of Distinction Award.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Legal School Capital Project**

Trustee Proulx commented on her disappointment regarding the recent news story in the Edmonton Journal which presented the efforts of the Board in finding solutions to address "educational choice" as **poor**. Contrary to what the article implied, the Board has been cooperating and working closely with Alberta Education to bring forth a plan to address space utilization in the Legal community.

165/15

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct the Board Chair to write the Minister of Education to request that the plans made by Alberta Education's Capital Planning Department in December 2014, regarding the resourcing possibilities that would address the interests of Legal's three school districts, be expedited without further delay.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Report from the Chair**

Trustee Radford shared correspondence received highlighting a letter from the Education Minister's office confirming financial support to address the full scope of the modernization project at St. Albert Catholic High; a letter from St Albert Mayor, Nolan Crouse, inviting schools to attend Council Meetings now that the meeting start time is at 2:00 pm. The opportunity for political exposure is aligned with the grade six social studies curriculum. Also, a letter from the Canadian Diabetes Association was shared with the Board.

##### **Report from the Superintendent**

**Assistant superintendent McGuinness** presented a summary report on current Long Service recognition plan along with information collected from other school districts of similar size across the province. This is in response to Trustee Crockett's request for information to review the Long Service Award

program and the relevance of rewards to staff. Trustee Crockett indicated that a notice of motion would be coming forward at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**Secretary-treasurer Schlag** presented an update on transportation delivery, changes implemented that are increasing service delivery and ensuring the safety of all students as well as challenges in providing service across the District. Historic transportation fees were shared noting that increases have been kept to a minimum. The projected cost to deliver service this year is expected to be on budget.

Trustee Shaw inquired about the feasibility of using public transport for junior and senior high students as a long-term sustainable solution for transporting students in St. Albert.

166/15

**Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct administration to explore the possibility of public transportation for students in St. Albert in cooperation with St. Albert Public and the Francophone Board prior to the spring 2015 Joint Use meeting..

**CARRIED (5 in favor, 1 opposed-McEvoy)**

**Superintendent Keohane** shared correspondence received from Alberta Education's Field Services department commending the District on its *2014/2015-2016/2017 Three Year Education Plan and 2013/2014 Annual Education Results Report*.

167/15

**Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees receive the superintendent's report as information.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **BOARD COMMITMENTS**

168/15

**Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve the Board Commitments as presented and updated at this meeting.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA**

There were no questions.

#### **TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

There were no requests.

#### **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

169/15

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees extend the regular meeting until 9:45 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **IN CAMERA**

170/15

**Trustee Proulx:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 9:05 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

#### **OUT OF CAMERA**

171/15

**Trustee Shaw:**       **THAT** the Board of Trustees move  
Out of Camera at 9:36 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Trustee Kaup** offered the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

172/15

**Trustee Crockett:**   **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn  
the regular meeting at 9:38 p.m.

**CARRIED (6/6)**

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Secretary Treasurer

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Chair