

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREATER ST. ALBERT ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 734
HELD on MONDAY, January 26, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue
St. Albert, AB**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT

D. Quick, assistant superintendent

CALL TO ORDER **Trustee Radford** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

IN CAMERA

130/15 **Trustee Shaw:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In
Camera at 6: 35 p.m.

CARRIED (6/6)

Trustee Proulx joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

131/15 **Trustee Kaup:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees move
Out of Camera at 7:28 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

132/15 **Trustee Crockett:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve
the agenda as presented.

CARRIED (7/7)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

133/15 **Trustee McEvoy:** **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve
the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on
January 12, 2015 as circulated.

CARRIED (7/7)

COMMITTEE AND EVENT REPORTS

There were no reports.

GOOD NEWS

Trustee Radford shared the Good News report and
commented on a fabulous Time Capsule event held at G. H.
Primeau earlier in the day; thank you to the student, staff and
dignitaries that participated.

Trustee Kaup highlighted that MCHS has 13 students already participating in the Norquest English dual credit course and the interest from Alberta Education in showcasing the school’s “Pack Day’s” as an option for flexible programming.

Trustee Caron provided further information on the St. Joe’s College opportunity for dual credit courses for high school students.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

ACTION ITEMS

Transportation Tenders

Secretary-treasurer, D. Schlag proposed the following schedule for issuing a Request for Quotation on the District’s transportation services.

ACTION	TARGET DATE
RFQ Approval by Board of Trustees	January 26, 2015
RFQ Posted to GSACRD website & APC	January 28, 2015
Letters to all Current Contractors advising of RFQ Opportunity	January 28, 2015
RFQ Closing Date	February 25, 2015 - Noon
Evaluation of Proposals	February 26 – March 4, 2015
Contractor Recommendation to Board of Trustees	March 9, 2015
Appointment of Contractors by	March 13, 2015
2015-16 Transportation Fees for Board Approval	March 23, 2015
Updated Forms available on Website	April 2, 2015
Three Year Term begins	September 1, 2015

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Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees approve for release, three “Request for Quotations for Transportation Services”, one in each ward, as follows: St. Albert (RFQ 15-002), Morinville (RFQ 15-003), and Legal (RFQ 15-004), according to the timeline above.

CARRIED (7/7)

Audit Services Appointment & Approval

Secretary-treasurer, D. Schlag presented a short list of respondents to the Audit Services proposal to provide services to the District for the next five years.

135/15

Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees accept the proposal from Meyers, Norris & Penny, to act as the District’s Auditor for the next five year term, 2014-15 to 2018-19, and direct Administration to advise the successful firm of the decision by February 12, 2015.

and

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of the firm, Meyer’s, Norris & Penny, as auditors for Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

CARRIED (5 in favor, 2 opposed; Caron, McEvoy)

**Review of Provincial Regulations to Support the
*Education Act***

136/15

Superintendent, D. Keohane indicated that a response to new provincial regulations is due by January 31, 2015. There are 16 new provincial regulations that have been developed.

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees direct the superintendent to seek clarification from the Department of Education with respect to the rationale for specific private schools being exempted from the requirements of all other schools funded by public tax dollars within the province. And furthermore, should it be determined that the exempted schools are funded through public dollars, that a submission to Alberta Education by January 31st be made that assures the inclusion of the same accountability related requirements for all private schools that are publicly funded within the province.

and

THAT the Board of Trustees direct the superintendent to make a submission to Alberta Education by January 31st that supports the ACSTA's submission regarding recommended changes to the Establishment of Separate School Districts Regulation, Board Procedures Regulation, and Student Transportation Regulation.

CARRIED (7/7)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from the Chair

Trustee Radford requested that we keep the St. Albert Public District, the City of St. Albert, and all residents in our prayers knowing what a difficult time this has been for many as we lay Constable Wynn to rest.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Keohane shared the K-6 survey results on the reporting process and highlighted key areas of feedback. Superintendent Keohane also presented the next phase of the Shaping Our Future dialogue around improving experiences for youth in our St. Albert High Schools. The community is being asked to share their thoughts through an online forum regarding two approaches to address opportunities identified last spring in the first phase of consultation.

Assistant superintendent McGuinness presented the current Field Trip Activity Report.

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

CARRIED (7/7)

BOARD COMMITMENTS

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

CARRIED (7/7)

CLARIFICATION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Carryl Bennett-Brown inquired about timing for a Trustee sponsored dinner with the ATA. An inquiry was also made as to when the 2015-2016 School Calendar will be posted.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Crockett requested that information on Long Service Awards from at least three similar sized districts be included in the report that was deferred and is still to be presented.

Trustee Proulx asked for clarification on the recorded vote process for this Board (before or after a vote is taken).

IN CAMERA

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Trustee Shaw: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move In Camera at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

OUT OF CAMERA

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Trustee Kaup: **THAT** the Board of Trustees move Out of Camera at 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Crockett offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

141/15

Trustee McEvoy: **THAT** the Board of Trustees adjourn the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

CARRIED (7/7)

Secretary Treasurer

Chair