WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division was held in Drayton Valley on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:
Chair, Daryl Scott
Trustees, Heidi Hetherington, Penni Lougheed, Mae Tryon, Jackie Janes
Superintendent, Brad Volkman
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman
Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

ATA representative Mike Wheeler and CAAMSE representative Tammy Schoenthal joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

46/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:
5.5 Locally Developed Courses
8.5 Library"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

47/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20, 2025."**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

48/25 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the following minutes be adopted as presented;

- **Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 22, 2025."**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

49/25 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended revisions to the following policies:

Policy 7 - Board Operations."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

50/25 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended revisions to the following policies:

Policy 18 - Health Promoting Learning and Working Environments."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

51/25 **Moved by Penni Lougheed:**
"that the Board of Trustees grant final approval to the Frank Maddock High School field trip to the National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana in July 2025."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

52/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees grant approval in principle to the Rocky Christian School field trip to Belize May 9-16, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

53/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees grant approval in principle to the Frank Maddock High School field trip to Italy and Greece Spring Break 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

54/25 **Moved by Heidi Hetherington:**
"that the Board of Trustees approve the following locally developed courses for approval in Wild Rose School Division:

Portfolio Art 35-3, 35-5
Sculpting 15-5, 25-5, 35-5"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

- **Superintendent's Report: West Central High School Audio Visual System Update, Alberta Education & Infrastructure School Tour, New Curriculum, Vretta, Indigenous Education, Capital Projects, Superintendent Farewell Message**

- **First Student Corridor Bussing Update**

Kristopher Norton from First Student joined the meeting to provide an update to the corridor bussing concerns. Kristopher is the new location manager based out of the Rimbey office. The corridor is getting four new buses for next year. Staffing has been a huge issue, between mechanics and drivers, however they are actively recruiting to mitigate this. They have set up a third party vendor in Drayton Valley to expedite the maintenance of the buses in this area. First Student is committed to strengthening the relationships between parents, schools and drivers. They are working on keeping the buses on the road, drivers engaged and schools happy.

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance Report: Trustee Remuneration Report, Monthly Fiscal Report**
- **PSBAA Fee Increase**
  - **PSBAA is considering a 3% increase in fees, and are looking for support for this increase from their member boards.**
- **Board Anti-Racism Sessions**
  - **The Board discussed how valuable these sessions are and how it will be rolled out to the rest of the division. There has been an increase in student incidents involving racial slurs and terms, and Principals can use the support in dealing with these.**
- **Foundation Statements**
  - **This work will continue with the new board and superintendent.**

BOARD ITEMS

Committee / Trustee Reports

- **Trustee Lougheed shared that the corridor school councils are pleased with the information that was shared by the board and First Student as a result of the last board meeting.**
- **The trustees shared their highlights from the ASBA and PSBAA Spring Meetings. Trustee Lougheed also attended the Rural Caucus meeting.**
- **Trustee Scott and Hetherington attended the Chair and Vice Chair zone meeting where they discussed key messaging, which has been valuable in other divisions. This provides the same messaging for all trustees. The Board will discuss this further at a future G&P meeting. This could be a long term goal for the Zone as well.**
- **Trustee Scott brought up that one of his schools was running out of room due to the first year of the PreK program. The Board discussed options under the new combined ministry for some funding for space, possibly a modular classroom.**
- **Trustee Scott also asked about the bus hub and painting. It was previously painted by the high school students with approved designs, and the Board would like to see that happen again.**

ATA Representative Mike Wheeler and CAAMSE Representative Tammy Schoenthal left the meeting at 11:30 am.

Delegate Mike Lundstrom joined the meeting for the Disc Golf Field portion of the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

55/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees now (11:30 am) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- **Disc Golf Field**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

56/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees now (12:15 pm) meet in open session."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm
Meeting reconvened at 1:45 pm

ATA Representative Mike Wheeler and CAAMSE Representative Tammy Schoenthal rejoined the meeting at 1:45 pm.

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **AP 550 Appendix Community Use of School Facilities Fee Schedule**
  - **The Board reviewed the fee schedule for community use and they discussed when fees are charged and when they are waived and that the whole point is to keep it cost neutral.**
- **Collegiate Application**
  - **Although our application was denied this year, we will apply again next year for the FMHS shop renovation.**

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **French Immersion Program**

Corrina Ross, Nolan Duffin and Angela De Stefeno, representatives for Canadian Parents for French joined the meeting to share their concerns about the suspension of the grade 8 level of the french immersion program for the 2025-2026 school year. The Canadian Parents for French have provided many opportunities for the french immersion program students and are heavily invested in the continuation of the program. The discussion included the benefits of students being bilingual and the possibility of providing French Language Arts for the grade 8 students. More promotion for the program would improve enrollment, community support and provide opportunities to build the program. The DELF exam is an internationally recognized French language proficiency exam which previously WRSD students have been very successful in achieving high marks on. However not completing grade 8 will significantly impact students ability to write this exam. Alberta CPF suggested that collecting information on an exit survey which would be beneficial to help meet the needs of all the French immersion families.

CAAMSE Representative Tammy Schoenthal left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

BOARD ITEMS - CONTINUED

Correspondence

- **Letter from the Minister of Education - Transportation**

Committee / Trustee Reports

- **TBAC - Trustee Hetherington shared the highlights from the last TBAC meeting including outcome vs percentage reporting and school based policies. The committee had the opportunity to meet the new Superintendent, and overall it was a good meeting.**
- **Zone 4 ASBA Report was shared with everyone, and there is a school board innovation award that will have a deadline in September.**

ATA Representative Mike Wheeler left the meeting at 3:25 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

57/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees now (3:25 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- **HR Update**
- **Social Media Litigation**
- **ATA Strike Vote**
- **Library**
- **French Immersion Program**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

58/25 **Moved by Jackie Janes:**
"that the Board of Trustees now (5:00 pm) meet in open session."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **The government is increasing some grants by 2.32% and we are anticipating that this will help decrease our projected deficit for the 2025-2026 school year.**

59/25 **Moved by Mae Tryon:**
"that the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2025 be adjourned at (5:04 pm).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Daryl Scott
Chair

Ama Urbinsky
Associate Superintendent, Business & Finance