



Board Meeting Highlights



Date: May 16, 2019

100 per cent student achievement

- At the May 16, 2019, Board meeting, Trustees congratulated nine students for achieving a perfect score on a January 2019 diploma exam:
 - Two students from Chestermere High School
 - Two students from Cochrane High School
 - Two students from George McDougall High School
 - One student from Bow Valley High School
 - One student from Springbank Community High School
 - One student from W.H. Croxford High School
- The Board praised students for their strong work ethics, as well as for their ability to successfully balance academics with community and extracurricular involvement.
- Trustees also commented on students' post-secondary plans and acknowledged that their commitment, drive and ambition will serve them well in their future pursuits.
- The next 100 per cent achievement presentation will take place in fall 2019 for diploma exams written in June 2019.

Technology evergreening plan

- A continuation of RVS' evergreening plan saw the Board of Trustees authorize the use of \$600,000 from technology capital reserves to replace approximately 200 teacher-assigned, older MacBooks and 200 aging data projectors.
- Monies to fund the evergreen plan have been accumulated over the past six years; the current reserve amounts to \$1.25 million.

Transportation accountability report

- Trustees received RVS' annual Transportation Accountability Report, May 16, 2019.
- In 2018/19, RVS provided transportation for 12,646 students using 255 school buses, down from 280 buses in 2017/18, resulting in a savings of more than \$1 million.
- Over the past year, the major focus of the Transportation department continues to be safety and as such, RVS has hired a full-time safety coordinator.
- A continued challenge for the department and its contract bus drivers is student behaviour. In response, transportation coordinators have been conducting bus ride-a-longs, as well as meeting with bus drivers to speak to student management.
- Trustees also directed the Student Transportation Committee to investigate options to manage and improve student behaviour on buses; a report will be provided to the Board Planning Committee by the end of October 2019.

Extension of agreement with existing major transportation providers

- The Board of Trustees approved a 10-year extension with First Student and Southland Transportation to continue to provide student transportation services to RVS.

Tender award – Indus School and Westbrook School

- The Board of Trustees authorized RVS' Superintendent of Schools to award contracts for the Westbrook Replacement School and Indus School modernization projects.

Airdrie field turf

- The Board of Trustees agreed to indicate its support by letter to the City of Airdrie for the Airdrie Field Turf project.
- One proposed site for the turf installation is Ed Eggerer Athletic Park.
- As noted by trustees, the installation of turf would provide youth, students and the community of Airdrie with better athletic playing fields well into the future.