



Summary of Board Meeting #8 Tuesday, February 28, 2006

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Hansen was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that, last March 8th, at the request of CUPE Local 3550, the board approved district recognition of March 8th as International Women's Day. The theme of this year's International Women's Day on March 8th is *Women in decision-making meeting challenges, creating change*.

D. **Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #7 – February 14, 2006 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Ottewell School – Focus on the Eight Expectations - Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held February 14 and 21, 2006)

Approved recommendations re:

- Principal appointment
- Appointment of external auditor

Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 28, 2006)

Approved recommendation for the board chair to seek written approval of the Minister of Education in accordance with Section 113 of the *School Act* to appoint Candidate #3 to the position of Superintendent of Schools.

4. Aboriginal Task Force Update

Received for information.

5. School Zone

Received for information.

6. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2006-2007 Budget:

- Edmonton Public Teachers
- CUPE Local 3550 (support staff)
- CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff)

a) Verbal reports were received for information.

b) Presentations and responses to presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2006-2007 school year.

7. Response to Trustee Request for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibeault suggested, re TT#160, that information be provided for trustees to advocate for funding in a more concrete way: quantitative information re funding shortfalls, reasonable wait times and recommendations to improve ESHIP

8. Bereavement

Received with regret.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Fleming noted that he, Trustees Esslinger, Keiver and Williams had attended the ASBA Zone 23 hosted MLA luncheon last Friday. The luncheon was well attended with 160 participants. He noted that the Minister of Education spoke and stressed the importance of trusteeship.
2. Trustee Gibeault noted that he and Trustee Esslinger had attended the opening session of the Legislature on February 26, 2006. He noted that the board has to use every opportunity to advocate for public education both operationally and with respect to capital expenses.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Chris Ross, a school bus driver who started last October, expressed concern with respect to low wages, recruitment of bus drivers and the extensive paperwork for bus route changes when he, as the bus driver, can best determine the shortest route.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That, in light of the surplus recently announced by the provincial government, the board write a letter to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure asking that funding be provided to address the serious backlog of infrastructure projects within the district.

L. Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2006 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.