



Summary of Board Meeting #15 Tuesday, June 20, 2000

A. **O Canada** – Students from Strathearn School sang O Canada.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman reported on the media conference held yesterday regarding Amiskwaciy Academy. The Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning, announced that Edmonton Public Schools and the Government of Alberta have joined forces to open Amiskwaciy Academy for September 2000. Dr. Oberg announced that the province will provide \$12 million dollars in support of Amiskwaciy Academy, -- \$2 million per year for the next six years. The Honourable Mr. Dave Hancock, Minister of Justice and Mayor Bill Smith also attended and spoke to the importance of the work Amiskwaciy Academy will be doing and commended the board on its leadership in initiating the Academy. The district is committed to improving its success rate with respect to Aboriginal students as well as the significance of Amiskwaciy Academy as part of the district's programs of choice. Mr. Bernie Makokis, Director Tribal Chiefs Institute, spoke to the Aboriginal peoples' hopes for this school. He stated that the school will focus not only on student achievement but also on transmitting important cultural values to the students. The Board of Trustees is looking forward to opening Amiskwaciy Academy in the fall. Close to 300 students have expressed an interest in approaching their education from an Aboriginal perspective and are expected to attend the high school in September 2000. Amiskwaciy will be housed at a temporary site located at 10312 – 105 Street for the upcoming school year. Negotiations for a permanent site are currently underway.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Dosdall advised that on Thursday, June 15, 2000 at the YMCA 2000 Tribute to Women of Distinction Awards gala, Shirley Stiles, Assistant to the Superintendent, was the recipient of the award in the education category. This award is given for significant contribution or outstanding achievement in the field of education, for the educational advancement of Edmontonians.

Jennifer Lawley, principal of W.P. Wagner School and Karen Linden, principal of Oliver School, were among the nominees in this category.

Also, at the gala, Liv Lunde, an 18 year old Victoria High School student was the first winner of the YWCA's Women of Distinction Youth Award for women 18 and under. This new award is given for significant contribution or outstanding achievement in any accomplishment or volunteer capacity, showing the promise of a continuing, maturing and meaning contribution in Edmonton.

Kristie Papsdorf, student at W.P. Wagner, was also a nominee in this category.

Heather Raymond, currently on leave, was a nominee in the category Social Sciences, Social Services & Advocacy.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – May 23, 2000 – Approved as printed.
2. Board Meeting – May 30, 2000 – Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. Developing a Foundation of Literacy – Strathearn School – Received for information.

G. Recognitions:

4. Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation – Received for information.
5. Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence - Received for information.

H. Reports:

6. Report #18 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 30, 2000 and June 13, 2000)

Confirmed recommendations re:

- establishment of private corporation for the purpose of expanding Continuing Education Programming
- leadership appointment
- leadership appointment – Millwoods Christian School
- partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools for schools in Twin Brooks and the Lake District
- evaluation of the superintendent of schools

Report #19 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 20, 2000)

Approved the expulsion of Student Expulsion Case No. 1999-2000-1 from all district schools.

7. Curriculum Additions and Deletions
Approved recommendation.
8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Arabic Language Arts
Approved recommendation.
9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Hebrew Language Arts
Approved recommendation.
10. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – American Sign Language and Deaf Culture
Approved recommendation.
11. Qualifications for Secondary Language Arts and Mathematics Teachers
Approved recommendation.
12. Policy and Regulation Update: IH.BP Supervision of Elementary and Junior High Students During Lunch
Approved recommendation.
13. Revision to Board Policy AGA.BP – Recognition of Students, Staff and the Community
Approved recommendation.
14. Revision to Administrative Regulation II.AR – Recognition of Students
Received for information.
15. Spanish Academy – Received for information.
16. Students on the Internet – Received for information.
 - a) Trustee Gibeault suggested the item be a topic for a Key Communicators meeting.
 - b) Trustee Gibeault suggested providing the information to school in “camera-ready” format to be included in their newsletters.
17. Capital Budget and Design Report for Westminster School Modernization 1999/2000
Received for information.
18. Blueprints On-Line – Received for information.
19. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2000 to May 31, 2000 – Received for information.

20. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information - Received for information.

- Information regarding Trustee Request #225 was deferred to the September 12, 2000 board meeting.

21. Bereavement – Received with regret.

22. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – Summer 2000
Approved recommendation.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, thanked the board on behalf of the Executive and teachers for the giant step forward they had made with the establishment of Amiskwaciy Academy. He wished the board the best.

Mr. McNab, on behalf of the Local, wished everyone a relaxing and happy summer.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

The chairman requested that the superintendent communicate to staff the board's wish that all staff have a rewarding, relaxing and refreshing vacation and the board's thanks for the dedication and diligence they have shown through their work during this school year.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.