



**Summary of Board Meeting #15
Held Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

A. Roll Call: (6:10 p.m.)

The Board Secretary advised that Trustee Cleary would be participating later in the meeting via telephone; Trustee MacKenzie was participating in the meeting via Skype and that all other Trustees were present.

B. Ta Kanata (O Canada) 

Ms Susan Sinclair, teacher from Amiskwaciy, sang Ta Kanata (O Canada in Cree).

C. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day

1. National Aboriginal Day

Received for information.

D. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair advised that Former Board Chair and Ward A Trustee Bev Esslinger served as the Board's representative on the Alberta School Boards' Association Board of Directors for three years.

The ASBA recently honoured Ms Esslinger with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Association. He offered congratulations, on behalf of the Board, to Ms Esslinger on receiving this honour. The plaque and a letter of congratulations will be forwarded to her.

2. The Board Chair congratulated Ms Carol Chapman for her election as President of CUPE Local 3550 representing the district's support staff.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that yesterday, he and Trustees Spencer and Ripley as well as Ms Taylor and Ms Parker participated in a conference call regarding a special project for inclusion.

F. Minutes:

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Approved as printed.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- i. Ms Gina Shimoda spoke about her concerns regarding WiFi citing the upgrade of WiFi on May 31, 2011 by the World Health Organization as a Class 2B carcinogen. She provided information to the Administration with respect to this.
- ii. Mr. Bill Fraser expressed concern regarding WiFi.
- iii. Ms Jennifer Kelly expressed concern regarding WiFi.
- iv. Ms Renn Bhattacharya expressed concern regarding WiFi.
- v. Ms Janet Elliott spoke about the report from the Special Needs Task Force and the report regarding inclusive education.
- vi. Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, thanked the Board for the collaborative working relationship over the past year and wished Trustees a good summer.

H. Reports

3. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 31, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

7. Inclusive Education

Received for information.

13. Review of Board Policy HJ.BP – Guidance and Counselling Services
14. Review of Board Policy HIBD.BP – School Learning Resource Centres
15. Review of Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips
16. Review of Board Policy INB.BP – Instructional Fees
17. Review of Board Policy HD.BP – Instructional Time
18. Review of Board Policy IED.BP – Student Attendance

a) Reports 13 to 18 were deferred to the September 13, 2011 board meeting.

b) Board Policy HIBD.BP – School Learning Resource Centres (report #14) was referred to the Policy Review Committee prior to being brought to the September 13, 2011 board meeting.

8. Special Needs Task Force: Recommendation Report

a) The Board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Kathryn Burke
- Ms Lori Fankhanel
- Ms Kelly Carter
- Ms Susan Maybroda

b) Approved recommendation

4. Motion re External Member for Audit Committee

Approved recommendation.

5. Motion re Annual Reports on the Work of the District

The following amended motion was approved: That the Administration deliver annual progress reports to the Board, at public board, in the following areas: Aboriginal education, special education, diversity and equity (including ELL *and children living in poverty*), literacy, and health and well being. These reports will include data and analysis to identify progress *and challenges*. The scheduling of these reports will be determined by the Administration. These reports will begin in the 2011/2012 school year.

6. Motion re Annual Staff and Student Satisfaction Survey

This report was deferred to the September 13, 2011 board meeting.

9. Motion re Withdrawal from the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta

The following deferral motion was approved: *That, before a decision is made to leave the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), the Board first identify both the value of a membership in the PSBAA and its specific concerns relative to how the Association could better support metro boards and then discuss possible solutions with the PSBAA Executive and/or Council.*

10. Approval of 2011-2012 Proposed Budget

a) The following motion was approved: *That the Board commit to reducing its Board expenditures by 6.2% in the areas of professional development and the contingency fund for the 2011-12 school year and that the specific areas of reduction be discussed at a Board retreat in the late summer or fall with the final decisions to be brought to public board thereafter.*

b) Approved the recommendation.

11. Racism Free Edmonton

Approved recommendation

12. 2011-2012 Non-Resident Fees

Approved recommendation

19. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

20. Bereavement

Received with regret.

21. Policy Review Committee Summary of Progress to Date

This report was deferred to the September 13, 2011 board meeting.

22. Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee Update

Received for information.

Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the June 14, 2011 board meeting.

23. Delegation of Authority – 2011 Summer Recess

Approved recommendation.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

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| 1. | Trustee
Ripley | Provide information on what plans are in place to handle the educational needs of the increasing numbers of children living in newer subdivisions. For example, is the demand within current catchment areas expected to exceed the capacity of the school(s) currently designated for those catchment areas, within what timeframe, and what is the plan to deal with that? Comment with respect to potential impacts on staffing, programming, transportation, and any other relevant areas. |
| 2. | Trustee
Shipka | Provide an estimated cost benefit projection of adopting a school calendar similar to that of Foothills, Wildrose and Elk Island school districts whereby by slight extensions to the school day and the elimination of early dismissal Thursdays would afford additional profession development days for instructors and E.A.s. |
| 3. | Trustee
Spencer | Provide an analysis of the <i>Education Act</i> for the Trustee Retreat. |
| 4. | Trustee
Colburn | Provide information regarding the best practices for a student advisory committee that would dialogue with the Board on a regular basis. |

J. Notices of Motion – None.

**K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Organizational Board Meeting**

L. Duration of Meeting: 6:10 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.