



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting #9 Held Tuesday, March 13, 2007

A. O Canada :  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: Trustee Hansen was absent.

C. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – February 27, 2007 – Approved as printed.
2. Board Meeting – March 6, 2007 – Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Steele Heights – A School in the “Learning and Technologies” AISI Project
Received for information.

G. Recognition:

4. Edwin Parr Teacher Award
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Mr. Dean Walls, Hillcrest School, was selected as the district’s nominee for the 2007 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

H. Reports:

5. Report #9 of the Conference Committee Meeting (From the Meetings Held February 27, 2007 and March 6, 2007)
 - a) Approved recommendations re:
 - Proposed changes in salary schedules, benefits and working conditions for exempt staff and lunchroom aides.
 - The appointment of Trustees Esslinger, Fleming and Keiver to the ad hoc trustee committee. The committee comprised of the three trustees and board secretary will review the criteria and process for determining and providing honoraria to trustees for committee work and will bring recommendations forward to board on this matter prior to April 30, 2007.
 - Appointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants as the auditors for the district for the fiscal year September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
 - b) Recommendations #9 to #13 regarding proposed changes in trustee remuneration were referred to the conference committee.
6. Response to Delegation re Sports Programs in Schools
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) The response to the delegation will be prepared for the April 10, 2007 board meeting.
7. Board Policy ACA.BP – Respectful Learning and Working Environments
 - a) Approved first and second consideration.
 - b) Third consideration and final approval of the board policy is scheduled for the April 10, 2007 board meeting.
8. Trustee Aboriginal Education Task Force: Second Interim Report

Received for information.

12. Delegation – “Mill Creek is Growing”

- a) Heard presentation by the delegation.
- b) The delegation requested that the board vote against the recommendation to close Mill Creek School on March 22nd for the reasons provided in their presentation and asked that they be given the time and opportunity to continue collaborating and that in the mean time, the students be left at Mill Creek School.
- c) The board chair advised that the information the group provided will be considered by the board in its deliberation of this matter at the March 22, 2007 special board meeting.

13. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2007-2008 Budget:

- Edmonton Public Teachers
 - CUPE Local 784 – Maintenance Staff
 - CUPE Local 474 – Custodial Staff
- a) Received verbal report for information.
 - b) A report in response to staff group presentations will be prepared for the April 10, 2007 board meeting.
 - c) A copy of the presentations and the response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2007-2008 school year.

9. District Rates for 2007-2008

Received for information.

10. Update on Balwin and Holyrood Modernizations

11. Update on Lillian Osborne High School

Received for information.

14. Response to Trustee Request for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding the results of the Provincial High School Completion Symposium held at the Shaw Conference Centre September 24 and 25, 2006.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• Community Relations Activities

1. Trustee Gibson advised that he had attended an APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta) luncheon on behalf of the board on February 28th.
2. Trustee Gibson advised that he had presented on behalf of the district at the March 1st annual stakeholders celebration for 2007 for *Careers the Next Generation*. He commended Michelle Georgieff, student Victoria School, who was a special guest speaker at the event for her excellent presentation.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Mr. Roland Provost, a parent of a child attending Newton School, read a letter from Gerry Hofs, Chair of the Newton School Northeast Learning Academy Committee, who requested that the committee be allowed to make a presentation at the special board meeting held March 22, 2007.
2. Ms Kathy Paradis, a community member and parent representing High Park School, requested that their group be allowed to make a presentation at the special board meeting held March 22, 2007.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, March 22, 2007 Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

The following motion was approved: *That the request of High Park and Newton Community representatives to make presentations at the March 22, 2007 board meeting in accordance with Board Policy JAB.BP be approved and that the opportunity to make a presentation be communicated to representatives of Mount Pleasant Community.*

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.
10:30 – 10:35 p.m.**