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- Board Meeting #12 -

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Sue Huff
George Rice

Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker
Dean Power

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman, President

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President

A. **O Canada** 

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair advised that consultation is currently underway regarding Alberta Education's Setting the Direction for Special Education in Alberta Phase 2. Parents, staff and community members are invited to provide feedback on the Edmonton Public Schools draft district response by noon on March 16, 2009. There will be public meetings held on March 20 and 21, 2009. Further information can be obtained from the Alberta Education website.

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D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that McArthur and École Richard Secord Schools will be receiving an award from the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) for the work of staff in implementing and supporting quality inclusive education to students with developmental disabilities.

E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – February 24, 2009

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held February 24, 2009 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Improving Student Achievement

2. Improving Student Achievement at Belmont Elementary School

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement at Belmont Elementary School’ be received for information.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

G. Recognition

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Edwin Parr Teacher Award’ be received for information.”

Clare Cumberland, J. Percy Page School, was announced as the District’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The Administration undertook to provide the total number of applications received for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The Board Chair called the question.

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The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools

4. District Enrolment Outlook and Impact of ASAP Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘District Enrolment Outlook and Impact of ASAP Schools’ be received for information.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board took a short break at this point.

5. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2009-2010 Budget:

- CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
- Edmonton Public Teachers

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Mr. Mark Ramsankar, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the teachers’ brief.

The Board Chair advised that a report in response to the employee group presentations will be prepared and the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the verbal presentations from CUPE Local 474 and Edmonton Public Teachers be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Copies of the briefs were distributed to Trustees.

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6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”

Ms Madeline Rainey spoke with respect to the response to Trustee Request #177.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

7. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held March 3, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“1. That Report #2 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held March 3, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“2. That the appointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 3, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“1. That Report #8 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 3, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That the following designation for the period March 11, 2009 to August 31, 2011 be confirmed:**

Bonnie Zack – Director”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That submission of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Infrastructure Survey to the ASBA be confirmed.”**

Trustee Colburn requested that the District response to the ASBA Infrastructure Survey be provided to the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

The Board concurred with the request.

Trustee Gibeault suggested that the Board Chair, in her capacity as a member of the ASBA Infrastructure Committee, incorporate the Premier’s suggestion of borrowing when interest rates are low and labour is readily available to address infrastructure concerns.

The Board concurred with the suggestion.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Board Policy Review – DA.BP Fiscal Oversight and Management

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That new Board Policy DA.BP – Fiscal Oversight and Management and the rescission of Board Policy DIC.BP – Financial Reports and Statements be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That new Board Policy DA.BP – Fiscal Oversight and Management and the rescission of Board Policy DIC.BP – Financial Reports and Statements be considered for the first time.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Huff requested that information be provided regarding the pros and cons of having an outside person with a financial background being part of the Audit Committee.

The Board Chair sought concurrence of the Board Members which resulted in a tied vote. The request, therefore, did not receive concurrence.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That new Board Policy DA.BP – Fiscal Oversight and Management and the rescission of Board Policy DIC.BP – Financial Reports and Statements be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Board Policy Review – DJ.BP Purchasing

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That Board Policy DJ.BP – Purchasing be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That Board Policy DJ.BP – Purchasing be considered for the first time.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustee Fleming

The Motion was CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That Board Policy DJ.BP – Purchasing be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Board Policy Review – GDB.BP Terms and Conditions of Employment

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That revised Board Policy GDB.BP Terms and Conditions of Employment for Exempt Staff be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That revised Board Policy GDB.BP Terms and Conditions of Employment for Exempt Staff be considered for the first time.”**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”**

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustee Fleming

The Motion was CARRIED.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That revised Board Policy GDB.BP Terms and Conditions of Employment for Exempt Staff be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Board Policy – GBD.BP Vacations and Holidays

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That new Board Policy GBD.BP Vacations and Holidays be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That new Board Policy GBD.BP Vacations and Holidays be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That new Board Policy GBD.BP Vacations and Holidays be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Board Policy – GFA.BP Reduction of Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That revised Board Policy GFA.BP Reduction of Staff be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That revised Board Policy GFA.BP Reduction of Staff be considered for the first time.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Huff

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That revised Board Policy GFA.BP Reduction of Staff be considered for the second time.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Huff

The Motion was CARRIED.

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14. Board Policy – GGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That revised Board Policy GGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That revised Board Policy GGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That revised Board Policy GGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

15. Board Policy – GGC.BP Staff Performance

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That revised Board Policy GGC.BP Staff Performance be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That revised Board Policy GGC.BP Staff Performance be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “3. That revised Board Policy GGC.BP Staff Performance be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

J. Other Trustee Reports

Trustee Colburn reported that several weeks ago prior to an Oil Kings game at the Coliseum, he along with a member of the Edmonton Oil Kings, an executive from Schlumberger and a teacher from Victoria School made a presentation to acknowledge the introduction of the Read On Literacy Limited program to Edmonton Public Schools. This program has been in existence in Calgary for 10 years and encourages reading through sports-themed books. Schlumberger agreed to provide funding for an Alberta author to write a story directed at grade five students. The most recent book is entitled “Oil Kings Glory” written by Sigmund Brouwer. Approximately 6,500 copies of the book were distributed to grade five students in 154 district schools.

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Trustee Fleming reported that, on Saturday, he had attended the Advanced Placement conference at Strathcona School.

Trustee Huff reported that the District's Long Service Reception was held at the Winspear February 19, 2009. The majority of Trustees were in attendance for this event.

Trustee Huff reported that, on February 26, 2009, she attended the GETTCA conference and heard the key note presentation. Trustees Esslinger and Ripley were also in attendance for this address.

Trustee Huff reported that, on February 27, 2009, she attended the MLA luncheon at the ASBA Zone 23 meeting. Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault and Ripley were also in attendance.

Trustee Huff reported that, on February 28, 2009, she was a judge along with Trustees Gibeault and Rice at the junior high debate tournament at Vernon Barford School.

Trustee Huff reported that, on March 2, 2009, she attended the TAG on-line magazine launch at Highlands School. Trustees Esslinger and Shipka were also in attendance. TAG is an interactive online magazine using technology to showcase student writing and creativity from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Trustee Huff reported that, on March 4, 2009, she attended the High School Culinary Challenge Awards luncheon at the Shaw Conference Centre. Trustees Esslinger and Gibeault were also in attendance.

Trustee Huff reported that, on March 4, 2009, she and Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Rice, Gibeault and Ripley attended the District's Night of Music at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Trustee Huff reported that, on March 9, 2009, she attended the launch of Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week at the Stanley Milner Library. The Mayor proclaimed this week as Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. A working group has been formed to address this issue comprised of members from Safedmonton, the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton (PAAF), public libraries, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, Changing Together (a centre for immigrant women), Edmonton and Area Child and Social Services, Edmonton Police Services and Councillor Amarjeet Sohi and his assistant. She noted that there was no representative from the education community on the working group so she has volunteered to join the committee and will keep the Board updated on the committee's work.

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Trustee Esslinger reported that she and Trustees Ripley and Shipka attended the Parents as Partners event *1-2-3 Magic – Effective Discipline for Children 2-12* at the Crowne Plaza on February 25, 2009. There were over 450 parents in attendance.

Trustee Esslinger reported that she and Trustee Shipka attended the opening of the Custodial Staff Development Day held on February 27, 2009 at M.E. LaZerte School.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on March 6, 2009, she and Trustees Ripley and Gibeault attended the Bids for Kids Event for the PSAA.

Trustee Esslinger congratulated Queen Elizabeth School for winning the bronze award for the High School Culinary Challenge.

K. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Mohammed Accord, Executive Director Alberta Somali Community Centre, expressed his concern regarding an incident at Queen Elizabeth School that resulted in a number of student suspensions. The following individuals also spoke with respect to this incident: Mayran Kalah, Ladan Osman and Leyla Ladane.

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided as to whether consideration has been given to using SchoolZone or school bulletin boards as a method of distributing information on policy reviews.

The Board concurred with this request for information.

M. Notices of Motion – None.

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

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O. Adjournment: (9:50 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary