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- **Board Meeting #13** -

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, April 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Leslie Cleary  
David Colburn  
Sarah Hoffman

Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner  
Heather MacKenzie

Catherine Ripley  
Ken Shipka

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Bruce Coggles  
David Fraser

Mark Liguori  
Ron MacNeil  
Jamie Pallett

Tanni Parker  
Brian Smith  
Tash Taylor

**Board Chair:** David Colburn

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

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**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Ed Butler, President  
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President

B. **Roll Call:** (9:00 a.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all Trustees were present and that Trustee MacKenzie was participating via SKYPE. She also advised that Trustee Janz would be joining the meeting shortly and that Trustee Spencer was absent. All other Trustees were present.

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### **C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair advised that the next board meeting would be held on May 8, 2012 and noted the following events that would be taking place later in April:

- Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Several years ago, the Board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The Board encourages schools to participate.
- Support Staff Appreciation Week is April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with April 25<sup>th</sup> designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the district. On this day, schools and central service decision units will have the opportunity to recognize the important contributions of all support staff for the excellent work that they do in supporting the success of all students and staff.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> is the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, the Edmonton Public School Board on April 27, 1998 proclaimed every April 28<sup>th</sup> as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The Board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible throughout the year.

The Board Chair also reported on the following recent events:

- The Board hosted a very successful education forum on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The forum was well attended. The questions and answers were thoughtful and intelligent and the Board very much appreciated the participation of candidates, students and the excellent work undertaken by the Communications department in planning this event. All Trustees attended this event.
- Plans were made at a Metro Chairs' meeting held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, to hold an all-Metro boards meeting at the ASBA Spring Annual General Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place Sunday, June 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Genoa Room at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer (formerly the Capri Centre).

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

Trustee Janz joined the meeting at this point.

The Superintendent advised that Homesteader School, both a Leader in Me School and an Apple School, has made it to the finals of the *Majesta Trees of Knowledge* competition and is in the running to win a \$20,000 outdoor classroom. The school's project, "7 Habits Leadership Garden" was selected as one of the 10 finalists from across Canada. Homesteader is the only school in Alberta chosen for this competition.

The Superintendent reported on the activities of a number of district schools that have been engaging in community based action to raise funds for children in other parts of the world. In the last three years alone, EPSB students, parents, staff and community members, have contributed \$170,618 to UNICEF. In a congratulatory letter from UNICEF Canada, the District was recognized for its generous contributions to "enable UNICEF to continue [their] work as a global leader in developing sustainable, innovative programs and advocating for change that saves and improves millions of children's lives." He expressed pride in the efforts of so many people across the District for this significant contribution.

The Superintendent advised that twenty Edmonton Public Schools teachers were identified as semi-finalists in the Excellence in Teaching Awards program. The semi-finalists included 19 teachers and one principal. He expressed pride in the work of all of the nominees and now, in particular, the semi-finalists. The semi-finalists will be recognized by the Board at a special ceremony on April 26th.

The Superintendent advised that he has confirmed the following principals who have successfully completed two years as first-time designated principals: Auriana Burns, Nick Diederichs, Cynthia Drumond, Chet Gosavi, Debra Gresko-Mielke, Carrie Grossman-Sharp, Fred Hines, John Holmes, Karen Keats Whelan, David Kowalchuk, Camille Loken, Kathleen Marzolf, Paige MacKenzie, Christine Pichlyk, Tracy Poulin and Joanne Wynn. He introduced those principals who were in attendance.

The Board Chair offered the Board's congratulations.

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### **E. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #12 – March 13, 2012

Trustee Ripley noted a correction to the vote on page 8 – she voted in opposition to the deferral motion.

Trustee MacKenzie noted a correction to the vote on page 12 - Trustee MacKenzie was absent for the vote; however, her name was recorded as being in favour of it.

**MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held March 13, 2012 be approved as amended.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

### **G. Reports**

2. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 3, 2012)

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“1. That Report #8 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 3, 2012 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“2. That the Board approve the allocation of up to \$7,000 from the Board Initiatives Fund for the acquisition of an outside consultant to facilitate a stakeholder mapping process.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“3. That David Fraser and Darrel Robertson be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with the Alberta Teachers’ Association (Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37).” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “4. That the Board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.**
  
- 5. That the following objectives for the collective bargaining agreement between the District and Alberta Teachers’ Association (Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37) be approved:**
  - To achieve a revised collective agreement in collective bargaining that:**
    - continues to enable the District to recruit and retain the quality and nature of teachers needed to provide quality learning experiences to achieve students’ success;**
    - ensures and enables that the costs of the collective agreement remain within the existing, projected and actual future financial circumstances of the District;**
    - enables efficient and effective operations consistent with the legislated mandate, priorities, goals and financial circumstances of the District;**
    - has a length of term consistent with the above.**
  
  - To achieve the revision of the collective agreement with no work stoppage.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 3. Continuation of Edmonton Public Schools Foundation

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the District continue to provide an allocation to support the friendraising and fundraising efforts of the EPS Foundation.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the motion regarding the continuation of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation be referred back to the Administration for consideration of Trustees’ discussion regarding the specific timeframe and amount for the allocation and be brought forward to a future board meeting for consideration.”**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Deferral motion.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Johner, Shipka, Colburn, Hoffman, MacKenzie**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Janz and Ripley**

**The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.**

### 4. Staff Group Presentations re 2012-2013 Budget

- CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
- Exempt Staff
- Edmonton Public Teachers

The Board Chair advised that CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff) will make its presentation at the May 8, 2012 board meeting and that CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff) will confirm whether or not they will make a presentation this year.

Ms Carol Chapman, president CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Ms Kris Uusikorpi, a member of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, made a verbal presentation on behalf of the district’s exempt staff.

Mr. Ed Butler, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

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The Board Chair thanked the staff group representatives for their input and advised that a report in response to the presentations will be prepared. A copy of the presentations as well as the report in response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2012-2013 school year.

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the verbal presentations be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Copies of the staff group presentations were distributed to Trustees.

There was a short break at this point.

5. Motion re Plan for District Space Post Moratorium

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“Planning in the District shall continue to emphasize the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities and experiences for all children and supporting neighbourhood schools to serve children and communities. The Board shall continue to advocate at the municipal level for urban renewal through new family-friendly housing and at the provincial level for adequate maintenance and infrastructure funding.**

**Leading up to the expiration of the Moratorium in November 2012, the Administration shall work with stakeholders, including students, parents, community members, tenants and other levels of government, to bring forward recommendations in December 2012 to take effect September 2013 for consolidation, expansions, right-sizing schools, space sharing with other districts, or replacement schools, including the possibility of school closure, using the following criteria:**

- a. **Consider schools that are located in the same city neighbourhood as, or less than 700 meters from another EPSB school and where there is comfortably enough space to bring together students in one facility while continuing to offer the existing range of grades and programming options.**

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- b. Consider schools which do not offer regular programming and which have an enrolment of less than 100 students.
- c. Consider schools which draw from an attendance area where there are less than 80 EPSB students residing at the elementary or junior high levels.

The Administration shall also conduct programming fit reviews at schools where a regular or alternative programming stream has enrollment of less than 80 students.

This work shall be informed by the District Priorities, with an emphasis on equity and healthy transportation, as well as the work of the Moratorium Committee, previous public consultation processes, and the recommendations included in the Elevate report to support strong schools and strong communities.”

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

“That the motion be deferred until the mandate of the School Closure Moratorium expires.”

**The Board Chair** called the question on the Deferral Motion.

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Hoffman and MacKenzie

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

**Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly amendment:**

“That the first paragraph be amended to read: *Planning in the District shall continue to emphasize the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities for all children and supporting neighbourhood schools to serve children and communities.*”

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

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**Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly amendment:**

**“That the first paragraph be amended to read: Planning in the District shall continue to emphasize the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities for all children and supporting neighbourhood schools to serve children and communities. The Board shall continue to *support the School Closure Moratorium recommendations.*”**

**The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the motion be amended by adding the following: *d. That the Administration consider the District’s most immediate pressures educationally, financially, operationally, and in terms of facilities, structurally.*”**

**The Board Chair the question on the Amendment:**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary and Ripley**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, MacKenzie, Janz, Johner and Shipka**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the motion be amended to read: *That the Board have a thorough conversation with the Administration on next steps for the District at the conclusion of the moratorium. This conversation will occur no later than the next scheduled Trustees’ Fall Retreat and will include detailed information from the Planning Department on space issues within Edmonton Public Schools.*”**

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Trustee Cleary challenged Trustee Colburn's amendment on the basis that it was substitute motion.

**The Board Chair called the question on the Board Chair's ruling that the motion was an amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Colburn**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley and Shipka**

**The Board Chair advised that the Board had determined the amendment was a substitute motion.**

Trustee Hoffman challenged the Board Chair's ruling that the substitute motion was in order.

**The Board Chair called the question on the Board Chair's ruling that the substitute motion was in order.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Colburn**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley and Shipka**

**The Board Chair advised that the Board had ruled that the substitute motion was out of order.**

**The Board Chair called a one-hour recess at this point in the meeting.**

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The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Trustee Spencer was absent. All other Trustees were present. Trustee MacKenzie participated in the meeting via SKYPE.

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The Board set the discussion of the report “Motion re Plan for District Space Post Moratorium” aside temporarily to deal with the following time-specific item.

9. Distribution of Funds

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the Board approve the distribution of funds Option 1.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Motion re Plan for District Space Post Moratorium (Continued)

**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

**“That the motion be amended to add the following: *d. Taking into consideration the socio-economic wellbeing of children in the communities under review and the relative need of student populations for stability.*”**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, and MacKenzie**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Johner, Ripley and Shipka**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

**“That the motion be amended to add the following: *d. Taking into consideration the likelihood that a building, if closed, might still be occupied by other services and to continue to serve the community.*”**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee MacKenzie**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**The Board Chair** called the question on the Motion as Amended as follows: *Planning in the District shall continue to emphasize the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities for all children and supporting neighbourhood schools to serve children and communities. The Board shall continue to support the School Closure Moratorium recommendations.*

*Leading up to the expiration of the Moratorium in November 2012, the Administration shall work with stakeholders, including students, parents, community members, tenants and other levels of government, to bring forward recommendations in December 2012 to take effect September 2013 for consolidation, expansions, right-sizing schools, space sharing with other districts, or replacement schools, including the possibility of school closure, using the following criteria:*

- a. Consider schools that are located in the same city neighbourhood as, or less than 700 meters from another EPSB school and where there is comfortably enough space to bring together students in one facility while continuing to offer the existing range of grades and programming options.*
- b. Consider schools which do not offer regular programming and which have an enrolment of less than 100 students.*
- c. Consider schools which draw from an attendance area where there are less than 80 EPSB students residing at the elementary or junior high levels.*

*The Administration shall also conduct programming fit reviews at schools where a regular or alternative programming stream has enrollment of less than 80 students.*

*This work shall be informed by the District Priorities, with an emphasis on equity and healthy transportation, as well as the work of the Moratorium Committee, previous public consultation processes, and the recommendations included in the Elevate report to support strong schools and strong communities.*

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Colburn, Hoffman and MacKenzie

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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The Board Chair requested that the Board deal with time-specific item #10.

10. Board Policy IA.BP – Inclusive Education

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “1. That the new Board Policy IA.BP Inclusive Education be considered for the first time.”**

**Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly Amendment:**

**“That the following bullets under the *Philosophical Foundation Statement* be amended to read:**

- **welcomes, respects, accepts and supports *children and their parents/guardians*;**
- **provide welcoming acceptance and belonging for all *children and their parents/guardians*;**

**The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Motion as Amended.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “2. That the new Board Policy IA.BP Inclusive Education be considered for the second time.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Motion re Student Advisory Committee

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the Administration create a Student Advisory Council to meet with the Board and Administration at least twice a year to provide student perspective on education issues.”**

**Trustee Hoffman offered the following friendly Amendment:**

**“That the Administration create a Student Advisory Council to meet with the Board and Administration at least twice a year to provide student perspectives on education issues.**

**The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.**

**Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly Amendment:**

**“That the Administration create a Student Advisory Council to meet with the Board and Administration at least twice a year to provide student perspectives on educational issues.**

**The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Motion as Amended.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Jan, Johner, MacKenzie and Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary and Ripley**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

There was a short break at this point.

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7. Motion re Financial Literacy

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the Board advocate to the Minister of Education that financial literacy be integrated into the Alberta curriculum from K to 12 as soon as possible and that funding be provided to school boards to support professional development for teachers and other educators involved in financial literacy instruction.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the motion be amended to read: *That the Board advocate through the ASBA to the Minister of Education that financial literacy be integrated into the Alberta curriculum from K to 12 as soon as possible and that funding be provided to school boards to support professional development for teachers and other educators involved in financial literacy instruction.*”**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary and MacKenzie**

**The Amendment was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:**

**“That the report be deferred to the May 8, 2012 board meeting.”**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Deferral Motion.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Hoffman, Janz, MacKenzie and Ripley**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Johner and Shipka**

**The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.**

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8. Locally Developed Courses - Renewals

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the locally developed courses currently in use in the District be renewed for the period extending from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015.”**

Trustee Johner requested that information be provided regarding the ICT Foundations course.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Revised JA.BP – Parent and Community Involvement

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“1. That revised policy JA.BP – Parent and Community Involvement be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“2. That revised policy JA.BP – Parent and Community Involvement be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. JAC.BP – Funding and Endorsement Requests from External Organizations

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“1. That new policy JAC.BP – Funding and Endorsement Requests from External Organizations be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“2. That new policy JAC.BP – Funding and Endorsement Requests from External Organizations be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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13. Proposed Issues for the ASBA 2012 Policy Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the following proposed ASBA policy positions for submission to ASBA Zone 2/3 be approved:**

- 1. That investment in early education is critical to students reaching their full potential, and urges the province to mandate fully-funded half-day kindergarten and, for children with socio-economic vulnerabilities, mandate fully-funded full-day kindergarten to equalize their opportunity to reach their full potential.**
  
- 2. That all member school boards are committed to establishing and maintaining a safe, inclusive, equitable, and welcoming learning and teaching environment for all members of the school community, including sexual orientation and gender minority students, employees and families. Research has shown that sexual minority youth experience more bullying, harassment, alienation, and suicide ideation than do their heterosexual peers and therefore, boards are encouraged to counter pervasive cultural biases against sexual minorities through proactive and specific policy, and regulation to ensure that all sexual orientation and gender identity minority individuals are welcomed, respected, accepted and supported in all of their schools.”**

**Trustee Hoffman offered the following friendly amendment:**

***“That item 1 be amended to read: That investment in early education is critical to students reaching their full potential, and urges the province to mandate fully-funded half-day kindergarten and, for children with socio-economic vulnerabilities, fully-funded full-day kindergarten to equalize their opportunity to reach their full potential.”***

**The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

*“That the recommendation be amended to add the following: 3. That the Alberta School Boards Association urge Alberta Education to move the school calendar start and end dates back one month to commence school in early August and end in late May so as to enable the winter recess to fall between the two high school semesters.”*

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Johner, MacKenzie and Shipka

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz and Ripley

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Motion as Amended.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

14. Feedback on Proposed ASBA Key Issues Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the Board recommend to the ASBA Board of Directors that the proposed structure for the Key Issues Approach include:**

- 1. A consultation and vetting process with school boards to determine the breadth of perspectives and, where possible the prevailing/majority view on an identified key issue;**
- 2. Referral of the key issue to the policy development process, as appropriate, with a draft policy being brought to the next available ASBA general meeting for consideration of the Association membership.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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15. Health and Wellness of Staff and Students Annual Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Health and Wellness of Staff and Students Annual Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break at this point.

16. English Language Learners Annual Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the report entitled ‘English Language Learners Annual Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

17. Aboriginal Education Annual Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Education Annual Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

18. High School Modified Calendar Analysis (Response to Trustee Request #150)
19. Map of Schools That Have Reached or Surpassed Their Capacity (Response to Trustee Request #155)
20. JUA Report (Response to Trustee Request #161)
21. Financial Literacy Education – Feasibility Report (Response to Trustee Request #163)
22. Federal and Provincial Funding for ELL (Response to Trustee Request #164)
23. 2012 New School Openings (Response to Trustee Request #171)
24. Barriers to Schools Choosing a Modified Calendar (Response to Trustee Request #169)

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the following reports be received for information:**

- **High School Modified Calendar Analysis (Response to Trustee Request #150)**
- **Map of Schools That Have Reached or Surpassed Their Capacity (Response to Trustee Request #155)**

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- **JUA Report (Response to Trustee Request #161)**
- **Financial Literacy Education – Feasibility Report (Response to Trustee Request #163)**
- **Federal and Provincial Funding for ELL (Response to Trustee Request #164)**
- **2012 New School Openings (Response to Trustee Request #171)**
- **Barriers to Schools Choosing a Modified Calendar (Response to Trustee Request #169)”**

Trustee Cleary left at this point for the duration of the meeting.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Trustee Cleary was absent for this vote.**

### **H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Ripley, the Board’s representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, provided a reminder to the Board about the *Ready to Shine Fashion Show* taking place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is rumoured that Jamie Sale and David Pelletier will be supporting this event by attending a special VIP event (tickets are \$100) and the fashion show itself. Also, Kingsway Garden Mall has undertaken a “Hang a Garment” event to support the Foundation. For three weekends, people have been able to hang paper cutout fashions on a clothesline at Guest Services. If someone purchases a complete outfit for \$20, Kingsway has generously agreed to match this donation. There is one weekend left for this initiative, and she urged people to stop by on Saturday or Sunday and support the Foundation by buying a fashion cut-out. She noted that district students are manning the clothesline this weekend and she would appreciate seeing a Trustee or two. She thanked Kingsway again for their tremendous support.

Trustee Colburn, the Board’s representative on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board of Directors, did not have a report at this time.

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Trustee Hoffman, the Board's alternate representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported on the ASBA Zone 23 general meeting held March 23, 2012. She commented on the two PD sessions that were held. One session was presented by the Manager of the CFSA – Child and Family Service Region 6 Crisis Unit. She noted she had a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was used if Trustees were interested. The other session was presented by a Rotary Club from Northern Alberta on the “Don't Meth with Us” program being used in schools. They are looking for a Rotary Club in the Edmonton area to partner with regarding this program.

Trustee MacKenzie, the Board's representative on the Public School Boards Council (PSBC), did not have a report at this time. She noted she and Trustee Ripley would be attending the upcoming meeting this weekend.

**I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives** – None.

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Johner requested that information be provided about the Guidance and Counselling initiative and the reasons for its discontinuation. What strategies and activities does the District incorporate now to provide similar supports? She also requested that a feasibility report be provided on the district re-implementing this initiative.

Trustee Ripley requested that information be provided on three to five educational opportunities that could be considered for students if the District had an extra \$5 million to invest.

**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

*That schools serving high school students only have a one-week break for the week around Remembrance Day and start school up to one week earlier in late August for the 2013-2014 school year.*

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

The Board Chair thanked his colleagues and staff for their participation in the day-long board meeting.

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The Board Chair acknowledged the efforts of Mrs. Anne Sherwood noting that this is her last board meeting after serving nineteen years as Board Secretary. Mrs. Sherwood will be moving to another position in the district. He thanked her on behalf of the Board and presented her with a token of the Board's appreciation.

**M. Adjournment (5:40 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary