



**Summary of Board Meeting #15  
Tuesday, September 10, 2002**

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. The chairman welcomed everyone to the first board meeting of the 2002-2003 school year.
2. The chairman introduced the members of the Edmonton Public Teachers Executive.
3. The chairman noted that tomorrow the world will remember the victims and survivors of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Over the past year, Canada has made, and continues to make, important contributions to the global effort against terrorism. As part of this effort, Canadian soldiers have endured hardship and lost their lives as they work to make the world a safer place for all of us.

He noted that Edmonton Public Schools also has a role to play in preventing violence in our society. One of the district priorities is to achieve high standards of citizenship, conduct, safety and well-being of students and staff. Through the district's character education programs and by instilling a sense of citizenship and community responsibility in our students, we are helping them to develop the attitudes and skills they will need to solve the world's problems in a co-operative, constructive and peaceful way.

A moment of silence was observed out of respect for the lives lost on September 11 and in the ensuing struggle against terrorism.

4. The chairman acknowledged the members of superintendent's council.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #14 – June 18, 2002
2. Board Meeting – August 27, 2002
3. Board Meeting – September 3, 2002

Approved as printed.

**F. Focus on Student Achievement**

4. Central Services Support for Teaching and Learning: Part I

Received for information.

**G. Recognition:**

5. Karen Andrews, 2002 YWCA Women of Distinction Award

Received for information.

**H. Reports:**

6. Report #13 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held September 3, 2002)

Approved recommendations re:

- Change of spokesperson for custodial negotiations
- Teacher certificated resignations
- Teacher certificated resignations and retirements

7. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 2002 Summer Recess

Received for information.

8. Response to Delegation Re: Random Selection Process

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Woodrow requested that a legal opinion be provided with respect to the district accepting Catholic students.
- c) Trustee Odynski suggested that school council chairs or their designates be given opportunity to participate in the consultative process.

9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions

Approved recommendation.

10. Aboriginal Art Project 2002: “Clothing as Identity”

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Nicholson requested that a letter of appreciation to Edmonton Police Services for sponsorship of the Aboriginal Art Project 2002 be prepared for the chairman’s signature.

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Odynski requested that a listing of the names of the Aboriginal Advisory committee and a brief biography of each be provided.

12. Monograph: “Involvement in Site-Based Decision Making: Sharing our Experiences”

Received for information.

13. Provincial Early Childhood Development Initiative: Region 10 Plan

Received for information.

14. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2002

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided regarding any studies on the efficacy of balanced literacy programs versus meaningfully applied phonics (MAP).

15. Results from the Audit of the HLAT Writing Task: 2002

Received for information.

16. 2002 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey Results

17. 2002 Community Survey Results

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Gibeault requested that consideration be given to surveying high school students regarding their satisfaction with the board of trustees.
- c) Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided from surveys that were administered during years with labour disruptions with respect to the satisfaction with trustees (e.g. 1979 and 1990).
- d) Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided with respect to the examples given in the community survey question concerning exclusive supply agreements.
- e) Trustee Woodrow requested that the decline in parent satisfaction with the usefulness of the information in their child's report card be examined.

The superintendent indicated that he would seek the input of members of superintendent's council.

Trustee Hansen suggested that the survey question with respect to parent satisfaction with their child's report card may yield different results if it is broken down by division.

18. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2002 to May 31, 2002

Received for information.

19. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

20. Bereavement

Received with regret.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Odynski advised that she had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Edmonton Police Foundation at which time she had the opportunity to tour the Zebra Centre which is a family-friendly intake centre for families whose children are being investigated for neglect or abuse. She commended the work of Principal Mary Michailides for playing a very strong role in getting this intake centre established.
2. Trustee Odynski advised that she had participated in a focus group on June 25<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the YWCA which was called One Woman-One Vote. The purpose of this meeting was to get input from women in the city holding elected positions. The purpose of One Woman-One Vote Committee is to assist women in becoming active participants in shaping the public agenda by increasing their participation in the election process and by seeking elected office. She will provide a report to the board secretary for trustee information. She also noted that further information could be obtained from YWCA for students involved in student councils or if there are other women interested in this. The YWCA is looking to partner with other organizations interested in this topic. She also noted that she had attended a breakfast meeting that was held prior to the Federal PC Convention that was held in Edmonton that brought women from across the country to examine this same issue.

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

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

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding whether the district has a heritage management plan for historical buildings.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2002 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.**