



## Summary of Board Meeting Monday, April 17, 2000

- A. **O Canada** – District Video
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is International Earth Day. Many district schools will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Week --- everything ranging from eco-tours, earth day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens to pitch in and clean-up drives.

The Community Relations trustee sub-committee had identified Earth Day and Week as a possible initiative for the board to promote within the district and he encouraged schools to recognize it. While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, keeping our school grounds and our communities beautiful and free of litter is something we should be aware of all year long.

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

- E. **Reports:**

- 1. **Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting April 11, 2000)**

Approved recommendations re:

- Appointment of principal banker
- submission to the ASBA

- 2. **Board Review of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2000-2001 Budget:**

- a) Discussion of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2000-2001 Proposed Budget:

- **Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews**
- **Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews**

The administration undertook to make the following changes on page 665, DU #304 of the Budget Summaries Manual as per Trustee Fleming's suggestions:

*By December 2000, in cooperation with the Capital Health Authority, Edmonton Public Schools will approach the Optometrist, Ophthalmologist and Audiologist Associations to determine their interest and willingness to assist in the provision of vision and hearing testing of our Grade 1 students and by March 1, 2001 recommendations from that consultation will be developed and piloted.*

*By December 2000, the administrations of Capital Health and Edmonton Public Schools in consultation with parents and staff will develop other options with regard to the provision of speech and language services for students and by March 1, 2001 recommendations from that consultation will be developed and a pilot project examined.*

- b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2000-2001 Budget
- c) Consideration of Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2000-2001 Budget

The administration will bring forward recommendations with respect to the following trustee initiative put forward by Trustees Bonko, Dean and Hansen (page 664, DU #304): *By January 2001, investigate the establishment of district sites were Integrated Occupational Program (I.O.P.) courses will be available.*

3. Motion Re: Transportation Policy

The motion was deferred to the next regularly scheduled board meeting (April 25, 2000) and the administration was asked to consult with trustees regarding their concerns and questions about this matter and to bring forward a report.

Some of the questions, concerns and requests raised regarding the impact of this recommendation were as follows:

- How many students in the French Immersion program are in the Weinlos School catchment area? (Trustee Hansen)
- How many students in the program do not reside in the catchment area and would this policy apply to them? (Trustee Hansen)
- Concern that this would introduce another fee rate. (Trustee Sulyma)
- Provide information regarding any other anomalous situations such as this in the district. (Trustee Nicholson)

4. Student Transportation Fees for 2000-2001 – Approved recommendations.

5. Carrier Contracts 2000-2001 – Approved recommendations.

6. 2000-2001 Non-Resident and International Students - Approved recommendations.

7. By-Law No. 296 – Board Funded Capital Expenditures - Approved recommendation.
8. Approval of the 2000-2001 Expenditures Budget - Approved recommendation.

The chairman asked decision unit administrators and principals to convey the board's appreciation to their staff for their efforts.

**F. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

**G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, commended trustees for their continued efforts in advocating for adequate funding of public education.

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

Trustee Fleming requested an update on the implementation of the district's non-smoking policy.

**I. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Sulyma served notice of the following motion:

*That the chairman of the board write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, and the Minister of Learning indicating our concern over Bill 11.*

Rationale:

- *Government health care costs are increasing and with higher premiums our costs for staff will increase and consequently these additional costs would take dollars from the classrooms.*
- *There tends to be a trend of off-loading more publicly insured services to the private domain such as ASEBP where premiums are increasing.*
- *The decision to ignore research and other evidence regarding public policy that is consistent with good governance will have great implications for health services and have direct and indirect effects on the classrooms.*

**J. Meeting Dates:**

Date	Time	Meeting Type
April 25, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

**K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.**

