



# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board Meeting #4 Held Tuesday, December 12, 2006

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

### B. Roll Call: Trustee Gibson was absent.

### C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair advised that 8 district teachers have been awarded *2006 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence*.

Receiving a *Certificate of Excellence* is Mary-Ellen Perley Waugh from McNally School. Ms. Perley Waugh teaches grades 10 to 12 English language arts, world literature and creative writing.

The *Certificates of Achievement* award recipients are:

- David Case of McNally School
- Robert Dmytruk of Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts and who is also the district's art consultant
- Shane Grundy of Meyokumin School
- Linette Smith of Eastglen School
- Christopher Heard of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy
- Joan Simpson of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy; and
- Frances Soanes also of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy.

This year, 17 teachers received the Certificate of Excellence and 54 received the Certificate of Achievement.

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

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 28, 2006 – Approved as printed.

## **F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

### 2. Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction – AISI Project Update

Received for information.

## **G. Reports:**

### 3. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (from the Meeting Held November 22, 2006)

- a) Approved audited financial statements for forwarding to the Minister of Education.
- b) Trustee Fleming referred to page 7(a) of the audited financial statements regarding the \$61,764,400 estimated liability for non-school buildings. This is the estimated cost if the district were to remove hazardous materials, such as asbestos, from all of the district's non-school buildings. He wished to stress; however, that in the meantime, any hazardous material currently in those buildings is being properly encapsulated until such time as it is removed.

### 4. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (from the Meeting Held December 12, 2006)

Approved revisions to the *Principles of Board Operation* (Section B – Board Policy Manual) as well as the amendment to retain the following statement: *Channels of communication should be kept as free and open as possible between members of the board and the administration.*

### 5. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2005-06

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Esslinger referred to page 38 of the report and asked that Sherbrooke School be removed from the list of schools identified as surplus to district needs.

### 6. FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource Policy Review

- a) Approved first and second consideration.
- b) Third consideration and final approval of revised Board Policy FECA.BP is scheduled for January 16, 2006 board meeting.

7. Busing Fees for Challenge Students

Approved recommendation.

8. Securing Provincial Government Commitment for Facility Needs Resulting from Sustainability Reviews

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees indicated a preference to meet with elected officials in January 2007 rather than the proposed plan for the administration to meet with government staff members.

9. Infrastructure Issues Resulting from “Sustainability Review” Process

Received for information.

10. Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget

a) Received for information.

b) Discussion of Trustee Gibson’s initiative *To engage community partners in support of improving high school completion* was deferred to the next board meeting.

11. Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public School Students

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Fleming asked what feedback Purchasing provides when schools forward contracts with food/beverage vendors.

c) Trustee Colburn suggested a presentation by schools regarding the work being done in the schools with respect to healthy lifestyles.

12. Alternative Programs Update

Received for information.

13. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Deferred to January 16, 2007 board meeting.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**  
• **Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.**