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- **Board Meeting #4** -

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, December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Leslie Cleary  
David Colburn  
Sarah Hoffman

Michael Janz  
Heather MacKenzie

Catherine Ripley  
Ken Shipka  
Christopher Spencer

**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

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Johner was absent. All other Trustees were present.

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

The Board Chair advised that, yesterday, he was present at Boyle Street Community Services where sixty George H. Luck School students distributed backpacks for the homeless. He commended the students, staff and parents for their continued efforts over the past four years in this regard.

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

### **E. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 30, 2010

Trustee Janz left at this point in the meeting.

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 30, 2010 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

Trustee Janz returned at this point in the meeting.

### **F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

The following individuals voiced their concerns regarding WiFi safety in schools:

- Ms Carmelle Boston
- Ms Gina Shimoda (Ms Shimoda also provided information to the Board on this subject)
- Ms Hakima Hankaoui
- Ms Jennifer Kelley
- Ms Dimitria Fields
- Ms Hoda Jawad
- Mr. Bill Fraser

Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, thanked the Board for its words of support for teachers at the last board meeting during the discussion of the results review. He also wished the Board the best during the holidays.

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**G. Reports**

2. Motion re Moratorium Committee

**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

**“That the Board create a committee to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures and that this committee work to keep schools open by recommending initiatives to the Board that will address these issues and impacts over the period of the moratorium.”**

**Trustee Ripley proposed the following friendly amendment.**

**“That the motion be amended by adding the following statement: That the Board create a committee to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures and that this committee work to keep schools open by recommending initiatives to the Board that will address these issues and impacts over the period of the moratorium. *That the Committee report back to Board with the proposed terms of reference and a plan and budget by the end of February.*”**

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

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the motion be amended to read: That the Board create a committee to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures and that this committee work to keep schools open, *strong and sustainable* by recommending initiatives to the Board that will address these issues and impacts over the period of the moratorium. That the Committee report back to Board with the proposed terms of reference and a plan and budget by the end of February.”**

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

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Ripley and Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, MacKenzie and Spencer**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the motion be amended to read: That the Board create a committee to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures and that this committee work to keep schools *and optimal education opportunities* open by recommending initiatives to the Board that will address these issues and impacts over the period of the moratorium. That the Committee report back to Board with the proposed terms of reference and a plan and budget by the end of February.”**

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

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Ripley and Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, MacKenzie and Spencer**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the following Motion as Amended: *That the Board create a committee to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures and that this committee work to keep schools open by recommending initiatives to the Board that will address these issues and impacts over the period of the moratorium. That the Committee report back to Board with the proposed terms of reference and a plan and budget by the end of February.***

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

3. Linkages Committee Draft Terms of Reference

**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

**“That the Linkages Committee Draft Terms of Reference be approved in principle.”**

Trustee Shipka referred to page 3 of the report and suggested the following change to the second bullet of the Beliefs: Providing coordinated services and support for vulnerable children, youth and families will assist them in achieving their full potential as *educated, healthy, functioning individuals, family members, and citizens of our communities.*

The Board concurred with the suggestion.

Trustee MacKenzie, the Board’s representative on the Linkages Committee, undertook to bring the suggestion forward for the Linkages Committee’s consideration.

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Trustee Shipka raised the following questions:

- Page 3 – Are there examples of performance measurements for collaboration?
- Page 4 – Are there measures to assess improved satisfaction of those accessing cross-sector services?

Trustee MacKenzie undertook to ask the questions at the next Linkages Committee meeting and report back.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

4. Presentation – Creative Alberta

The Board heard a presentation by Dr. Hayley Simons regarding Creative Alberta.

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation – Creative Alberta’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The Board took a short break at this point.

5. Excellence in Teaching Award Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Excellence in Teaching Award Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Responses to Board Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

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

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Trustee Hoffman referred to the response to TT#19 and requested that information be provided regarding the optimal enrolment numbers for each school on the sector review list.

Trustee MacKenzie referred to the response to TT#12 and requested that information be provided on the best practices in other jurisdictions as well as information about what was being done in the District prior to the more recent initiatives regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified and questioning/queer (LGBTQ) youth.

Trustee Shipka referred to the response to TT#20 and asked what the lease revenue is from Capilano and Fulton Place Schools

Trustee Hoffman referred to the response to TT#15 and requested that a further breakdown regarding the total cost for the closure of Hardisty School including parent and community costs be provided.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

7. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports – None.

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

Trustee Janz requested that information be provided regarding the possibility and impact of the District going pesticide free for our green spaces.

Trustee Hoffman requested that information be provided regarding what supports and programs are in place at the school and District level to address bullying. What is the uptake of these programs? How many students reported incidences of bullying in each grade level in the current school year and the prior three school years?

Trustee Spencer requested that information be provided regarding a breakdown of the costs involved to date in conducting sector reviews including consultant fees.

Trustee Shipka requested that information be provided regarding the Calgary Board of Education's adoption of two standard school calendars including the reasons that the CBE adopted the two calendars and whether they have evidence that the modified calendars have improved student achievement.

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Trustee Shipka requested that information be provided regarding the benefits and drawbacks to the District adopting two standard calendars similar to the Calgary Board of Education.

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided identifying annual reports delivered at public board monitoring district work and outcomes. Also, what processes are currently in place to inform our public of these reports?

**I. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board examine its practices and policies with the view to reducing in-camera discussions and increase transparency of decision making.*

**J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**K. Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary