



**Summary of Board Meeting #18**  
**Held Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

**A. Roll Call** – Trustee Fleming was absent.

**B. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day** – Received for information.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair** – None.

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

1. The Superintendent advised that six district teachers will be recognized with an Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta (APPEGA) Teacher Award. The award recognizes exceptional elementary, junior high and senior high school teachers their superior teaching skills and ability to inspire learning in math and science. The teachers' schools will receive a \$2,000 prize to further teaching in those areas. The teachers will receive their awards at a ceremony to be held in September.
2. The Superintendent advised that a number of principals, representing a cross section of schools across the district, were in attendance at the board meeting to answer questions Trustees might have during the review of the budget.

**E. Minutes**

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Approved as printed.

## **F. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:**

### 2. Multicultural Task Force: Recommendation Report

a) The recommendations were approved as amended:

- The last sentence of the policy was amended to read: *The Board understands that change occurs over time and believes that the provision of an annual report at a public board meeting on progress related to each of the strategic directions identified in this policy will ensure accountability and demonstrate the District's commitment to supporting our diverse community.*
- Recommendation #6 was amended to read: *That the Board approve an annual Board celebration of multiculturalism.*

### 8. Motion re Special Needs Education Task Force

a) The Board heard from the following individuals:

- Ms Judy Craig, President Board of Directors Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta Edmonton Chapter
- Kathryn Burke, Chair of the Academy at King Edward Parent Council and Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
- Ms Lori Fankhanel
- Ms Madeline Rainey
- Ms Bev Oscar

b) Ms Rainey also provided the Board Secretary with an addendum (with additional signatures) to the petition she presented to Board earlier in the spring.

c) The recommendation was defeated.

### 3. Board Review of 2009-2010 Plans and Expenditures Budget

a) Received for information.

b) A recommendation requesting the approval of the proposed 2009-2010 expenditure budget will come before the Board before September 1, 2009.

c) A correction was noted on page 684 of the budget summaries that the heading of the page should read 2009-2010 Proposed Operating Budget.

5. External Member on Audit Committee

a) The following motion was approved: *That the Board of Trustees continue the current Audit Committee structure until the Task Force on Finances for Trustees and Superintendents is finished. Review any recommendations the Task Force may have regarding Audit Committees.*

b) Received for information.

4. Edmonton Public Schools' Three Year Education Plan 2009-2012

a) The following corrections were noted:

- Page 10 – The issue and concern were reversed
- Page 17 – The Chair is the Chair of Safe and Caring Communities
- Page 40-41 – The names of the new ASAP schools will be included

b) Approved recommendation.

6. Responses to Board Requests for Information

Received for information.

**G. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:**

7. Motion re Geothermal Heating

The recommendation was defeated.

9. Motion re Additional Monthly Trustee Meeting

**The motion was referred to the next Trustee Retreat.**

10. Motion re High School Representatives Symposium

**Approved recommendation.**

11. Delegation of Authority – 2009 Summer Recess

Approved recommendation.

**H. Other Trustee Reports – None.**

## **I. Comments form the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers, noted that this was his last board meeting as president of the Local. He noted that during the past four years the District and Local have worked very well together. He noted that at the recent Executive meeting the site-based decision making report was presented. It is held as an exemplar of how school districts and their staff can work together. He encouraged the continuation of the collaborative approach. He thanked the Board for its support over the years.

Trustee Gibson requested that Mr. Ramsankar's complete comments be recorded in the board meeting minutes.

The Board concurred with this request.

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

1. Trustee Huff requested that the Board be informed of any communications to the staff regarding the District's response to Bill 44 and that the Board be kept informed of any impact or repercussions felt at the school level.

The Board concurred with the request.

2. Trustee Huff requested that information be provided to the Trustee Retreat regarding a breakdown of the Board's budget and recommendations of where to reduce costs.

The Board did not concur with this request going forward.

In accordance with the Board's procedures, this request will be treated as a notice of motion and brought forward to the next board meeting for consideration.

## **K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board consider the modification of ward boundaries as per the potential realignment presented by the Administration in the June 9, 2009 Responses to Board Requests for Information report.*

Trustee Rice served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board of Trustees/District establish a leadership recognition program that would recognize district leaders in all designated leadership positions throughout the district. This program would include all staff groups. There would be three levels of recognition -- gold, silver and bronze. Nomination criteria would be kept as streamlined as possible but include a statement of support from the immediate supervisor. Evidence of results achieved in the areas of responsibility and would include evidence of positive supportive attitude survey results where applicable. Timeline -- develop detailed plan for presentation to the Board by mid-October 2009. Implementation in the 2009-2010 school year with the first round of recognition ceremonies to take place in October/November 2010.*

Trustee Gibson requested that an item be placed on a public board meeting agenda in the fall to discuss the content and timing of budget and results review.

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** August – Date TBA

Organizational Board  
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**M. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.