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- **Board Meeting #17** -

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, May 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett

Jenise Bidulock
Ron MacNeil

Dean Power
Betty Tams

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President

A. **O Canada** 

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all Trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged the following individuals who were in attendance at the board meeting with respect to the naming of schools:

- Linda Alloway, daughter of Elizabeth Finch, and her husband Brian Alloway
- Bud and Betty Squair, great-niece and great-nephew of Florence Hallock
- Dr. Don Massey and his wife Barbara Massey
- Esther Starkman and her husband Howard Starkman
- Kandis Bright, daughter of Johnny Bright
- Mrs. Lorna McPherson and her son John McPherson, wife and son of Blair McPherson
- Laurie Barnstable, principal Elizabeth Finch School
- Dean Michailides, principal Florence Hallock School
- Jennifer Allen, principal Dr. Donald Massey School
- Greg Kushnir, principal Esther Starkman School
- Scott Millar, principal Johnny Bright School
- Kathy Goudreau, principal A. Blair McPherson School

The Board Chair also acknowledged the partnership between Edmonton Public Schools and the Provincial Government and thanked the Planning and Communications Departments for co-ordinating last week's dedication ceremonies.

1. Report #13 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held February 3, March 3 and March 17, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “1. That Report #13 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held February 3, March 3 and March 17, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That the following names for an Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement (ASAP) School be confirmed:

**Esther Starkman
Johnny Bright
A. Blair McPherson**

**Florence Hallock
Dr. Donald Massey
Elizabeth Finch”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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The Board Chair advised that, in April of this year, the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards Program recognized 134 creative and innovative teachers as award semi-finalists for their exceptional work in Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms. The semi-finalists were selected from 365 eligible nominees from across the province. These awards recognize outstanding teaching ability and classroom leadership in schools across Alberta. Twenty-six outstanding district teachers and principals nominated by parents, the public and their peers were selected as semi-finalists.

She advised that the 2009 Award recipients have been announced and that the following four award recipients are teachers from Edmonton Public Schools:

- Diane Fischer, Harry Ainlay
- Anu Kurup, Avonmore
- Jenny Li-Mitra, Ross Sheppard
- Marcie Syme, George P. Nicholson School

The Board Chair advised that, on June 9, 2009, the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association will be recognized by the City of Edmonton at the 58th Annual Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and will be presented with the Award of Distinction. This award recognizes the tremendous support the ECBEA provides to district students and schools.

The Association is a valued partner in the commitment to excellence and to providing students with outstanding educational experiences. This partnership has garnered support for the district and, more broadly, for public education. The ECBEA is an exemplary organization and is a worthy inductee into the City's Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent noted that Battle River School Division Board Chair Cheryl Smith and Dr. Larry Payne, Superintendent Battle River School Division were in attendance at the board meeting.

The Superintendent congratulated the President-Elect of Edmonton Public Teachers Ed Butler who was attending the meeting. He also expressed appreciation to current President Mark Ramsankar for his work and the partnership between the District and its teachers.

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E. Minutes

2. Board Meeting #16 – May 12, 2009

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held May 12, 2009 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Improving Student Achievement

3. Improving Student Achievement Through a Partnership with Edmonton Police Services – School Resource Officer Program

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement Through a Partnership with Edmonton Police Services – School Resource Officer Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition

4. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Skye Hyndman

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Skye Hyndman’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools

11. Framework for Involvement in Site-Based Decision Making

MOVED BY Trustee Huff:

“That the report entitled ‘Framework for Involvement in Site-Based Decision Making’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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9. Plan for Special Education 2009-2010

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Plan for Special Education 2009-2010’ be received for information.”

The Board heard from Ms Kathryn Burke, Executive Director Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta, and Ms Wendy Suave.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board took a short break at this point.

5. Locally Developed Courses - Additions

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“1. That the following locally developed course, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:

International Connections and Perspectives 25

2. That the following new locally developed courses, acquired from other school jurisdictions during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:

Creative Writing and Publishing 15^a

Creative Writing and Publishing 25^a

Creative Writing and Publishing 35^a

3. That the following new locally developed courses, acquired from other school jurisdictions during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2010:

English for Academic Success 35^a

^a Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. 2009-2010 Non-Resident Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That the following amounts which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their special needs resident students be approved:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Category of Student</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Level 5	Communication, ELL Foreign Born Refugee, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Learning Disability, Literacy, Mild Cognitive Disability, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Hearing, Multiple, Visual Disability, Non-verbal Learning Disability, Strategies	12,125
Level 6	Moderate Cognitive, Physical, or Medical Disability	13,539
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioural, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability	23,572
Level 8	Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability	33,017
All	Transportation	Cost

2. That the following amounts which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into to provide programming for students who are Canadian citizens who are not residents of Alberta be approved:

<u>Allocation Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Level 1 Kindergarten	3,763
Level 1	6,977
Level 2	7,159

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Level 3	8,563
Level 4	8,609
Level 5	12,675
Level 6	14,089
Level 7	24,122
Level 8	33,567
Transportation	Cost

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the report entitled ‘Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) Information Update

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) Information Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Leasing Summary for 2008-2009

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2008-2009’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Financial Reporting Profile

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Financial Reporting Profile’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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13. 2008-2009 Interim Financial Statement

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2008-2009 Interim Financial Statement’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Huff, Rice and Ripley

OPPOSED: Trustee Shipka

The Motion was CARRIED.

The Board Chair called the question on receiving the report for information.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

14. Introduction of the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson :

“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

15. Responses to Board Requests for Information

Deferred to the June 9, 2009 Board Meeting.

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I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

14. Report #14 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 19, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “1. That Report #14 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 19, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That the designations of the following individuals as principal to the District for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2012 be confirmed:

Lil Rueck
Ron Thompson”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That the following designation for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed:

Kevin Stevenson – Director EPS Metro Continuing Education.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “4. That the following designation for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2012 be confirmed:

Ron MacNeil – Assistant Superintendent”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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17. Motion re Geothermal Heating

Deferred to the June 9, 2009 board meeting.

18. Issues, Budget and Bylaws Bulletin for the 2009 ASBA Spring General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

- “1. That Board support for the following motions at the Alberta School Boards Association Spring General Meeting as outlined in the ASBA Issues, Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2009 be approved:**

- **Motion 1B/SGM-09 – ASBA Budget 2009-2010**
- **Motion 2A/SGM09 – Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Bylaw No. 7(1) – Board of Directors – Powers and Duties**
- **Motion 3P/SGM09: Full-Time Kindergarten for Children at Risk**

- 2. That Board support for the following motion at the Alberta School Boards Association Spring General Meeting as outlined in the ASBA Issues, Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2009 Addendum 1 be approved:**

- **Motion 4D/GGM09 - School Act Amendment to Provide for Board Meeting Attendance via Videoconference.**

- 3. That Board support for the proposed revisions to ASBA’s Policy and Directives for Action Statements as an accurate reflection of existing policy and directive for action statements be approved.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

J. Other Trustee Reports

Trustee Huff provided a report from the May 22, 2009 ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting. She provided information from the meeting to the Board Secretary for Trustees.

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Trustee Huff provided the following to the Board Secretary for Trustees to access:

- DVD of the MLA Luncheon a number of Trustees attended
- *We Can Do Better Toward an Alberta Poverty Reduction Strategy for Children and Families* from the Edmonton Social Planning Council
- Information from the Roots of Empathy Program

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 14, 2009, she attended a meeting of the Sexual Exploitation Working Group that she joined as an educational representative. The group has pamphlets that will be available for schools that might be interested.

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 14, 2009, she attended the Meadowlark Film Festival with Dr. Donna Barrett. The documentaries were made by Grade 5 and 6 students.

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 19, 2009, she attended the Ross Sheppard School graduation ceremony.

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 20, 2009, she attended the Bus Driver Appreciation Day with Trustees Colburn and Shipka.

Trustee Huff reported that, on May 21, 2009, she attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Youngstown School. The Minister of Education, MLA Heather Klimchuk and Councillor Karen Leibovici were also in attendance.

Trustee Huff reported that, today, she attended the Roots of Empathy Celebration with Assistant Superintendent Bruce Coggles.

Trustee Colburn reported that he had visited Westglen School on behalf of Trustee Huff to celebrate Westglen's leadership for creating a Power Hour in the District between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Earth Day. The initiative came about from 12 Grade 6 students who participate in the Earth Patrol and resulted in a reduction of over 1500 kilowatt hours in the District (140 kilograms of carbon dioxide). It would have required the planting of 194 trees to achieve this outcome. The students wanted the Board to know that their objective for next year is that more schools participate in Power Hour but not just on Earth Day; more students and teachers will be aware and show they care; more people will record their results properly and less energy will be used in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Trustee Ripley reported that she brought greetings on behalf of the Board to a National Second Languages Conference that took place in Edmonton last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The event was organized by the District's Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education in partnership with the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers. One of the speakers was Senator Claudette Tardif. The Senator expressed appreciation for the Board's support for second language education.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 13, 2009, she and the Superintendent attended the Skills Canada luncheon.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 23, 2009, she and the Superintendent attended the signing ceremony with the Spanish Government, the University of Alberta and Edmonton Public Schools.

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 24, 2009, she and Trustee Rice attended the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association First Annual Awards event. They awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships. The Honourable Norman Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta was also in attendance.

K. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None.

M. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion

That the Board establish a task force to review and make recommendations on special needs education in order to enhance the education and outcomes for all special needs students. The terms of reference would be developed by the task force and approved by the Board.

Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That the Board create an additional monthly meeting to allow Trustees an opportunity for in-depth discussion on any topics of interest to the Board. The terms of reference for the meeting would be determined by the Planning and Policy Committee and brought to Board for approval.

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Trustee Esslinger served notice of the following motion:

That the Board host a symposium for high school representatives to have a facilitated discussion on student voice in the District and that the symposium would not exceed a cost of \$3,000. The symposium would take place in the fall of 2009.

N. **Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

O. **Adjournment:** (9:35 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary