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- **Board Meeting #13** -

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 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Leslie Cleary  
David Colburn  
Sarah Hoffman

Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner  
Heather MacKenzie  
(via SKYPE)

Catherine Ripley  
Ken Shipka  
Christopher Spencer

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Bruce Coggles

David Fraser  
Ron MacNeil

Ron MacNeil  
Tanni Parker

**Board Chair:** Dave Colburn

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Ed Butler, President

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee MacKenzie was participating via SKYPE. All other all Trustees were present.

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

The Board Chair advised that he, Trustees Hoffman and Ripley and the Superintendent attended a full day debriefing session on the new Education Act on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the invitation of the Minister of Education.

Minister Hancock provided an introduction to the *Education Act* with the assistance of Keray Henke, Deputy Minister, who facilitated discussion sessions. Participants had an opportunity to gain greater understanding of the new *Act* by discussing the three broad themes identified as the major policy shifts for the new *Act* in greater detail.

- Board engaging partners
- Educational opportunities
- Governance of education

The Board Chair advised that May 17<sup>th</sup> is an *International Day Against Homophobia*. An *International Day Against Homophobia* belongs to no one individual. It's about all people hoping for a prejudice-free world that can provide a place at the table for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation. Inspired by all world theme-days, the day set aside to fight homophobia needs to be appropriated by all of those actively involved in civil society: gay and lesbian community organizations, those organizations focusing on other types of sexual diversity, unions, employers, private businesses, governments, public administration, professional associations, and all individuals seeking equity and equality.

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

The Superintendent introduced the group of principals who would be formally confirmed later in the evening.

### **E. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #12 – April 26, 2011

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held April 26, 2011 be approved as printed.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

Mr. Dale Hudjik, President Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Edmonton Schools (ARTES), urged the Board not to reduce the number of staff in schools in the upcoming budget.

Mr. Lou Arab, Communications Representative Canadian Union of Public Employees in Edmonton and the father of two district students, urged the Board to support the upcoming proposed amendment to Board Policy JG.BP – Community Use of District Buildings regarding publicly-traded companies providing day care and early education. Mr. Arab noted the District's three CUPE Locals could not be in attendance at the board meeting this evening and he was speaking on behalf of CUPE.

Ms Punnu Bhatia, Director Ellerslie Daycare & Out of School Care operating at Ellerslie School and Johnny Bright School expressed her concerns regarding the impact of Edleun on her business and urged the Board to review her submission requesting expansion of her daycare.

Mr. Imy Bhatti, President Ellerslie Community League and a parent who uses Ellerslie Daycare & Out of School Care, urged the Board to support Ms Bhatia's request to expand her business.

The Board Chair advised that, as per the Board's practice, Ms Bhatia's request would be responded to at the next board meeting.

### **G. Reports**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- "1. That Report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 3, 2011 be received and considered."**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “2. That the following principal designations to the District, effective September 1, 2011, be confirmed:**

<b>Kim Backs</b>	<b>Chris Morris</b>
<b>Raelene Finlayson</b>	<b>Lil Rueck</b>
<b>Brenda Giourmetakis</b>	<b>Pat Sachse-Brown</b>
<b>Heather Kennedy</b>	<b>Marilyn Schmitke</b>
<b>Dolores Kowalchuk</b>	<b>Elizabeth Shen</b>
<b>Rob McPhee</b>	<b>Ron Thompson”</b>
<b>Bruce Miller</b>	

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “3. That the Board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.**

- 4. That the following objectives for the collective bargaining agreement between the District and CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) be approved:**

- To achieve a revised collective agreement in collective bargaining that:
  - enables the District to recruit and retain the quality of employees needed to operate the District;**
  - reflects financial circumstances, both existing and projected;**
  - enables efficient and effective operations consistent with the legislated mandate, the mission and the financial circumstances of the District;**
  - has a length of term consistent with the above.****
- To achieve the revision of the collective agreement with no work stoppage.**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “5. That the Board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.**
  
- 6. That the following objectives for the collective bargaining agreement between the District and CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) be approved:**
  - To achieve a revised collective agreement in collective bargaining that:**
    - enables the District to recruit and retain the quality of employees needed to operate the District;
    - reflects financial circumstances, both existing and projected;
    - enables efficient and effective operations consistent with the legislated mandate, the mission and the financial circumstances of the District;
    - has a length of term consistent with the above.
  
  - To achieve the revision of the collective agreement with no work stoppage.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “7. That the Board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.**
  
- 8. That the following objectives for the collective bargaining agreement between the District and CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff) be approved:**
  - To achieve a revised collective agreement in collective bargaining that:**
    - enables the District to recruit and retain the quality of employees needed to operate the District;
    - reflects financial circumstances, both existing and projected;

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- enables efficient and effective operations consistent with the legislated mandate, the mission and the financial circumstances of the District;
- has a length of term consistent with the above.
- To achieve the revision of the collective agreement with no work stoppage.”

**The Board Chair** called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

“That the report entitled ‘District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015’ be received for information.”

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustees MacKenzie and Shipka

The Motion was CARRIED.

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

“That the *District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015* be amended by deleting any reference to new school construction and adding language that will identify the urgent need for funding to maintain and upgrade our aging schools in mature neighbourhoods.”

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn and MacKenzie

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

The Board set this item aside temporarily at 7:15 p.m. to deal with the following time-specific item.

5. Delegation - Edleun

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**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Edleun’ be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

3. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015 (Continued)

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the *District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015* be approved for submission to Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015 be amended to reflect the revised priorities with preservation priorities higher than new construction and adding language that will identify the urgent need for funding to maintain and upgrade our aging schools in mature neighbourhoods.”**

**Trustee Hoffman asked that the question be called on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Ripley**

**The Amendment was CARRIED.**

**The Board Chair called the vote on the Recommendation as Amended.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Shipka and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustees MacKenzie and Ripley**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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10. Delegation - Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth (SAAIRCY) Sub-committee on Refugee Transportation Loans

**MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation - Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth (SAAIRCY) Sub-committee on Refugee Transportation Loans’ be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Presentation – Canadian Cancer Society

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation – Canadian Cancer Society’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Janz requested that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be provided to Trustees.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

12. Presentation – YMCA

The Board heard from Mr. Doug Schindel, Chair Board of Directors, YMCA of Edmonton; and Mr. Franco Savoia, President and CEO, YMCAs of Edmonton and Wood Buffalo.

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation – YMCA’ be received for information.”**

Mr. Schindel provided information to the Trustees regarding the YMCA Welcome Village.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The Board took a break at this point.



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4. Motion re Regular Board Meeting Agenda Item

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the Board add the following item to its Public Board agenda on a regular basis: *Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-2014 Priorities.*”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the Board add the following item to its Public Board agenda on a monthly basis: *Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-2014 Priorities* and that a maximum of 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for Trustee questions be allotted for this item.”**

**Trustee Hoffman asked that the question be called on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hoffman, Janz, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Johner and Ripley**

**The Amendment was CARRIED.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation as Amended.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

14. Status of the Vision 2020 Cohort

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Status of the Vision 2020 Cohort’ be received for information.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Review of Board Policy JG.BP – Community Use of District Buildings

The Board heard from the following individuals with respect to this item:

- Mr. Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Public Interest Alberta
- Ms Margot Young, CUPE National

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

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

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Ripley**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That paragraph three of the policy be amended to read: Members of the community *excluding publicly-traded companies providing day care and early education* can access space through the following methods: ...”**

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

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Ripley and Shipka**

**The Amendment was CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“1. That revised Board Policy JG.BP - Community Use of District Buildings be considered for the first time.”**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Ripley

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:**

**“2. That revised Board Policy JG.BP - Community Use of District Buildings be considered for the second time.”**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Ripley

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

7. Motion re Membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association

**MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:**

**“That EPSB become a district supporter of school council membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association for a one-year free trial period as proposed by the Alberta School Council Association Executive Director, after which, the Board will survey school councils to determine their support for the ASCA membership, and the exact cost of the district supported membership before making any long term commitment.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Janz and Ripley

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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8. Motion re Public Board Meeting Times

The Board heard from Ms Tina Jardine with respect to this item.

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That public board meeting times be amended to run from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for the 2011-2012 school year, to be reviewed in spring 2012. Further, that the agenda item *Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives* be added to a time specific 5:00 p.m. in addition to the current placement near the beginning of the agenda.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn and Janz**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

9. Report from the Board Evaluation Committee

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the Board Self-Evaluation Questionnaire be approved for 2010-2011.”**

**Trustee Janz left at this point in the meeting.**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

**Trustee MacKenzie left at this point for the duration of the meeting.**

Trustee Janz returned to the meeting at this point.

13. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### 15. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 16. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Ripley, the Board’s Representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, noted the second *Ready for Life* breakfast Foundation fundraiser will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

Trustee Colburn, the Board’s Representative on the Alberta School Boards Association Board of Directors, reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be taking place the evening of May 12<sup>th</sup> and all day May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Johner, the Board’s representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported that, at the April 29, 2011 ASBA Zone 23 meeting, she and Trustee Colburn brought forward the Directive for Action approved by the Board at the April 13, 2011 board meeting asking the ASBA to develop a policy advisory to assist school boards in supporting the specialized health, safety, and learning needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, and two-spirit (LGBTT) students, families and employees in Alberta schools. She noted that other policy items will be brought to the May 27<sup>th</sup> ASBA Zone 23 meeting and she will provide Trustees with detailed information regarding the items that will be considered at the fall AGM following this meeting. She also reminded Trustees that the Edwin Parr Awards Banquet for Zone 23 will be held on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Executive Inn in Nisku. She advised that she will be unable to attend. All Trustees are encouraged to attend this event.

Trustee Johner, Chair of the Special Needs Task Force, reported that the Advisory Committee met on May 4<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that a Task Force Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Trustee Spencer, the Board’s liaison on the Public School Boards’ Council, reported that the PSBAA Spring General Assembly will take place June 3 to 5, 2011.

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Trustee Cleary, the Board's alternate representative on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee, reported on the following items from the May 5, 2011 Linkages Committee meeting:

- Leveraging Collaboration – Building Strategic Coalitions between boards was approved and will be shared with all organizations belonging to Linkages and will then be sent to the Minister of Education with the hope that he, in turn, will share with his colleagues.
- It was announced that the new Linkages Coordinator beginning in September will be Barbara Morgan McDermid. She will be replacing Niki Wosnack.
- Councillor Kim Krushell, Linkages Co-Chair, will be stepping down. Ms Louise Charach was elected as the new Co-Chair.
- An information presentation on *Commit to Kids* was presented by Senior Sergeant Howard Kuncu. This program, developed for use by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection in Winnipeg, is designed to help prevent child sexual abuse. This program is easily implemented in school districts and any other organizations serving children. She will be providing this information to the Superintendent later this week.

Trustee Cleary advised that she has provided the Board Secretary with the Linkages 2011-2012 meeting dates for Trustee information.

Trustee Ripley noted that all Trustees should have received a tee-shirt with the words *High School Completion Lasts a Lifetime*. She received her tee-shirt when she attended a “flash mob” at Edmonton City Centre East on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The “flash mob” was part of a partnership between Edmonton Public Schools and Alberta Education in celebration of Education Week (May 2-6, 2011). Minister of Education, Dave Hancock and Parliamentary Assistant Janice Sarich participated in the “flash mob” dancing with approximately 100 students from Lillian Osborne, Victoria, J. Percy Page and Florence Hallock schools. The event was choreographed by a teacher at Lillian Osborne School. She commended Mary Michailides, a principal with the District who is currently on secondment with Alberta Education, who is leading the work on high school completion.

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Trustee Hoffman, Chair School Closure Moratorium Committee, reported that, on April 19, 2011, the Committee held its first public meeting to talk about urban sprawl and regional growth patterns affecting the District. The Committee held its second public meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss pressures the District faces with its aging infrastructure and the impact on PO&M. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Committee approved the April 19<sup>th</sup> public meeting notes, and to demonstrate the Board's commitment to open and transparent practices she will be requesting a waiver of notice of motion (under the agenda item *Notices of Motion*) with respect to posting the April 19<sup>th</sup> public meeting notes as well as all subsequent public meeting notes upon approval by the Committee Chair on the District website.

Trustee Hoffman, the Board's Representative on the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee's mandate is to find ways to identify the scope and reduce the extent of bullying in district schools. To this extent, the Committee deemed it important to first define the meaning of bullying and violence in the EPSB context. At the last meeting, the Committee agreed on a draft definition of the terms and is now ready to seek public feedback on this.

She advised that the members of the committee are:

- Sarah Hoffman, Trustee Representative
- Matthew Schmidt, junior high school student, John D. Bracco School
- Vincent Brulotte, high school student, Jasper Place School
- Sara Hiebert, elementary school parent
- Donna Blundell, Society for Safe and Caring Schools
- Sherry Melney, Consulting Services
- Kirsten Street, staff member, Bannerman School
- Curtis Malin, staff member, Donnan School

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

Trustee Janz requested that information be provided regarding how much the District currently spends on non-essential pesticides with "non-essential" as defined by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Trustee Janz requested that information be provided regarding what suggestions the District would put forward for an idling bylaw in order to improve the air quality around district schools.

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### **J. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion:

*That the April 19, 2011 public meeting notes of the School Closure Moratorium Committee be posted on the district website and that all subsequent public meeting notes be posted online upon approval by the committee chair.*

The Board unanimously concurred with waiving notice of motion.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion:

*To complete the work of the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee by May 31, 2011, approval be granted to proceed with seeking public input on the following definitions:*

***Violence:*** *The actual or threatened use of physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, social, and cyber power, intimidation or harassment by an individual or group. Literature says: bullying is the most frequent form of violence in schools.*

***Bullying:*** *A direct or indirect, physical or non-physical, form of violence that include three important factors:*

- a) *The relationship has an imbalance of power.*
  - b) *Action is deliberate, unjustified and the attention is unwanted. It is mean and hurtful.*
  - c) *Action is repetitive.*
1. *Physical: Any hurtful or unwanted physical contact.*
  2. *Non-physical: Verbal, cyber, rumours, exclusion, discrimination (racial, homo-negativity, classist, inappropriate sexual language, cultural, religious, diversity, ability, gender)*
  3. *Direct: Physical or non-physical presence by both parties.*
  4. *Indirect: Physical or non-physical presence by both parties is not necessary.*



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The Board unanimously concurred with waiving notice of motion.

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That, in order to monitor outcomes and improve student success, a series of annual reports on the work of the District be delivered by Administration to the Board. The subject matter of these reports will be determined by the Board and reports will be presented at public board.*

**K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**L. Adjournment: 10:55 p.m.**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary