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- Board Meeting #5 -

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, November 10, 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
Bruce Coggles

Tanni Parker
Dean Power

Board Chair: Don Fleming

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Pam Crozier

Staff Group Representatives

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all Trustees were present.

B. **O Canada** –  *L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy*

C. **Remembrance Ceremony:**

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“That the report entitled ‘L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged Dr. John Lilley, Board Chair, YMCA of Edmonton; Doug Schindel, Vice Chair YMCA of Edmonton; President and CEO Franco Savoia and Joan Baker, Manager of the Y's Enterprise Centre.

He advised that he and Superintendent Schmidt met with the YMCA of Edmonton leadership group earlier today to extend the decade-old memorandum of understanding for another 10 years. This provided an opportunity to confirm the shared commitment to enhancing the lives of children, youth and families in the community; and, to reflect on the results achieved together in the areas of child care, out of school care, children's literacy, youth leadership and programs that encourage youth to stay in school, re-engage in school and achieve their personal goals. He thanked the group on behalf of the Board for its long-term commitment to children and youth and to partnering with the District.

The Board Chair advised that he had attended the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) meetings last week. Following a joint meeting of the Grande Prairie Board of Trustees and the Mayor and Councillors of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie City Council took the following resolution to the floor of the AUMA Annual General Meeting which passed with more than 75% of AUMA delegates in favour:

Whereas the Province of Alberta is undertaking a complete rewrite of the School Act; and

Whereas the Province of Alberta is gathering public input into education; and

Whereas across the province, municipalities feel that locally elected school boards are an integral part of local governance; and

Whereas local school boards can best deliver education services through increased authority with natural person powers;

Now therefore be it resolved, municipalities strongly support locally elected school boards and request the province ensure in the new education act that:

- 1. School boards have the authority to responsibly undertake local education priorities; and*
- 2. School boards are given natural person powers.*

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E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

F. Minutes

2. Board Meeting #4 – October 27, 2009

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held October 27, 2009 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

H. Reports

3. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 3, 2009)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “1. That Report #3 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held November 3, 2009 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That Trustee Fleming be appointed as the Public School Boards Council (PSBC) alternate.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That Trustee Esslinger be appointed as the Board representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation’s Board of Governors.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Motion re Public Engagement

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the Board develop a Board policy on public engagement specifically, but not limited to, describing when and under what circumstances public engagement should occur and the type of public engagement; e.g. in accordance with IAP2 principles.”

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MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the motion be amended by removing the words “specifically, but not limited to, describing when and under what circumstances public engagement should occur and the type of public engagement; e.g.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Colburn

OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Reaffirmation of District Priorities

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the 2008-2011 District Priorities be reaffirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Policy Review: JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects Moved to CN.BP – Managing District Information

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That revised Board Policy CN.BP – Managing District Information which incorporates Board Policy JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects retain its original review date of June 2011; and that the subsequent rescission of Board Policy JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects following final approval of revised Board Policy CN.BP – Managing District Information, be considered for the third time and approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. The Early Years: An Overview and Update

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the report entitled ‘The Early Years: An Overview and Update’ be received for information.”

The Superintendent advised that the District plans to track the numbers and progress of students who receive early years programming.

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The Board requested that the Government Relations Committee and Community Relations Committee identify advocacy topics in support of the District's early years strategy for future discussions with MLAs and the Minister.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Proposed Early Years Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

- "1. That proposed Board Policy HGAJ.BP – Early Years Policy be considered for the first time."**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

"That the last bullet of proposed Board Policy HGAJ.BP – Early Years Policy be amended to read as follows: *The Board should access educational funding such as early language learning and PUF funding to provide early years programming that complements community programming and supports the transition to and in the early years of public schooling.*"

The Board Chair called the question on the AMENDMENT.

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

- "3. That proposed Board Policy HGAJ.BP – Early Years Policy as amended be considered for the second time."**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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9. Policy Review JAB.BP – Formal Delegations, Presentations and Comments to the Board

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

- “1. That revised Board Policy JAB.BP – Comments, Delegations and Presentations at Board Meetings by Public and Staff Representatives be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

- “2. That revised Board Policy JAB.BP – Comments, Delegations and Presentations at Board Meetings by Public and Staff Representatives be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation Implementation Plan Update: Year Two

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

- “That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation Implementation Plan Update: Year Two’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Responses to Board Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

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

12. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Huff reported that she had attended the following events:

- The Official Launch of Instituto Cervantes at Institute for Innovation in Second Languages Education (IISLE) with Board Chair Fleming, Trustee Ripley and Superintendent Schmidt
- The Circle of Courage Presentation by Dr. Martin Brokenleg with Trustee Colburn
- The Parents as Partners School Council Training Session with Trustee Ripley
- The Official Opening of the Aspen Program at Woodside
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony at Westmount School

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I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

J. Notices of Motion

Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That the Board develop a succession plan to ensure a smooth transition for the next Board. This plan may include raising public awareness and interest in running for the position of Trustee, capturing the wisdom of outgoing Trustees, mentoring new Trustees in their first years. The exact terms of the plan would be determined by the Board.

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

That the mandate of the Board's District Priorities Committee be expanded to include a review of the District Mission Statement, and that this change take effect following the 2010 election.

K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: (8:30 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary