



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting #15 **Held Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

A. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair advised that the entire board and superintendent meet with the Premier and Minister of Education for an hour today. Trustees had the chance to identify the unique aspects of the district that set us apart from other school jurisdictions and that have made our district internationally known. Trustees also were able to identify the challenges the district faces in terms of operational funding and have asked the government to address this in the next budget. Trustees also identified the need for predictable and sustainable capital funding to meet the needs of our facilities in new and older neighbourhoods.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent thanked the board for their support of him and his administrative team through their setting of directions and priorities for student achievement and success. He noted that seven days ago kindergarten students started school. Most of these students will graduate in 2020 – our goal is that all will graduate. He noted that he has challenged the district's staff to identify what the world will look like in 2020 and what can be done to help these students be successful in school, the community, at work and with their further studies. We must help the marginalized students by engaging them more productively by encouraging new and more effective ways to deliver educational services. He also identified the need to maintain a healthy workplace in order to accomplish these goals.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – June 12, 2007

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Update on English Language Learner Hubs

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Delegation – Edmonton Youth Council: Presentation on Homelessness

Received for information.

4. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools - 2007 Summer Recess

Received for information.

5. Report #17 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held June 12, 2007 and September 4, 2007)

Approved recommendations re:

- Confirmation of principal designations
- Central administrative designations
- Board Policy IGD.BP – Student Suspension and Expulsion
- Revisions to Trustees' Manual with an amendment to Recommendation #17.
- Surplus sites – First Time Home Buyers Program

6. Motion re Advocacy for Early Education Program Students

Approved recommendation.

7. Board Evaluation

Received verbal report for information (*see Report #7 for copy of verbal report*).

8. ASBA Special General Meeting September 14, 2007 –Bylaw Amendments

Approved recommendation.

9. Review – Revised Board Policy JJA.BP – Electioneering

Approved recommendation.

10. Process and Timeline of the 2006-2007 Results Review

Approved recommendation.

11. Funds for 2008-2009 Professional Improvement Program

Approved recommendation.

12. Approval of Capital Support for Modernization Projects

Approved the following amended recommendation: “That the provincial funding allocation of \$35 million to support infrastructure modernization projects be used to address the district’s first five priorities for modernization projects as outlined in the *Three-Year Capital Plan, 2008-2011.*”

13. Joint Use Agreement: Facilities

Approved recommendation.

14. Proposed Annual Implementation Plan 2007-08

- a) Heard comments from the following individuals regarding Ritchie School:
- Rob MacDonald
 - Dr. Spencer
 - Karen Weis Bridges

b) Approved recommendation.

15. Bereavements

Received with regret.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided regarding the processes, practices and policies that are in place with respect to students who have severe (life-threatening) allergies and how they compare with comparable school boards in Alberta and Canada.

2. Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided regarding the educational and operational aspects of the schools most recently having undergone closure and the resulting redesignation of students, including what plans are in place for debriefing staff, parents and possibly students to learn what processes may need improvement and how we plan to use that information.
3. Trustee Gibson requested that a report be prepared regarding how the 2020 vision the superintendent outlined can be incorporated into the district's communication plan.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date:

Organizational Board – Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The board chair noted that that this is Trustees Hansen and Nicholson's last public board meeting. She added that Trustee Nicholson was elected to the board in 1992. During his terms of service, he served as board chair 5 times. Trustee Hansen was elected to the board in 1998 and served as board chair twice during that time.

Trustee Nicholson thanked the residents of Ward H, the entire school staff across the district, central staff, the efforts of the board chair and his colleagues.

Trustee Hansen thanked everyone, in particular, his constituents, colleagues, superintendent, senior administration and all district staff.

The board chair thanked Trustees Hansen and Nicholson for their years of service.

M. Duration of Meeting: 10:15 p.m.