



Summary of Board Meeting #17 Tuesday, September 26, 2000

A. **O Canada** – District Video

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman noted that Read-In 2000 will take place October 1 to 7, 2000. The theme for this year's Read-In is "Books and Beyond." He invited all Edmontonians to participate in this year's Read-In. He noted that the opening celebrations, sponsored by SHAW Communications Inc., will be held at the Stanley A. Milner Library on October 2, 2000.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #16 – September 12, 2000 – Approved as printed.

2. Board Meeting – September 19, 2000 – Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

3. Aboriginal Education – Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

4. Report #26 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held July 4, 2000 and September 19, 2000)

a) Approved recommendations re:

- Memorandum of Agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association
- Trustee Remuneration
- Teacher Certificated Terminations by Mutual Consent
- Salary Schedules, Benefits and Working Conditions for Exempt Staff and Lunchroom Aides
- Superintendent of Schools' Contract

b) Trustee Nicholson requested that the administration consult with Alberta Learning about the continued need for approving terminations by mutual consent.

5. Alexander Rutherford Scholarships – Received for information.
6. International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2000 – Received for information.
7. Advanced Placement Examination Results: 2000 – Received for information.
8. Total Cost of Ownership – Received for information.
9. Response to Trustee Request for Information – Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, congratulated the negotiators for the efficacy with which they conducted the negotiations and thanked the board for their unanimous approval.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested a list of the top 20 under-utilized schools on our inventory according to our standards and the government's standards.
2. Trustee Nicholson requested the following information regarding reducing overall class size in Division I (K-3) to a 20-1 ratio:
 - What would the implications be for the 2000-2001 budget?
 - How many additional classroom spaces would be required?
 - What other implications would this have, such as, impact on overall utilization rate? Would there be a requirement for additional portables? What would the impact be on other divisions?
3. Trustee Sulyma requested that similar information be provided with respect to 17-1 ratio.

K. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Sulyma served notice of the following motion:

That further to the letter of August 24, 2000 from the chairman to the Minister of Learning which commended the government's decision to increase the level of kindergarten funding to support full half-day instruction, the chairman send another letter requesting the Minister of Learning to amend the School Act to include kindergarten as a part of mandated educational programming.

2. Trustee Nicholson served notice of the following motion:

That the administration prepare plans for the immediate disposition of those schools closed in the district with the idea to improve the district's utilization rate.

L. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Tuesday, October 10, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

- M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.**