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Board Meeting #10

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 Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Sarah Hoffman
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz
Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Officials

David Fraser
Mark Liguori

Ron MacNeil
Darrel Robertson

Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Sarah Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. O Canada  - M.E. LaZerte Choral Choir Video

An O Canada video performed by the M.E. LaZerte Choral Choir was shown. The choir is comprised of thirty-five students from Grades 10, 11 and 12 under the direction of Mr. Corey Whaley, M. E. LaZerte Music Teacher. The choir has performed at many festivals, including festivals held in Whistler, Vancouver, Sunpeaks, and Nelson, British Columbia. This year, the choir will be participating in the Cantando Festival in Nelson, British Columbia along with the M. E. LaZerte Concert Band.

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President

B. Roll Call: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the agenda for the April 10, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that \$30,000 has been raised following the recent launch of the *Shake It Up!* campaign for infrastructure needs at McKay Avenue School.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 18, 2014

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 18, 2014 be approved as printed.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Franki Harrogate regarding draft Board Policy AEBB.BP – Wellness of Students and Staff as well as the Pregnancy Care Centre. Ms Harrogate provided a copy of her feedback for the draft Board policy.
- Ms Stephanie Laskoski regarding sex education and the Pregnancy Care Centre
- Dr. Cristina Stasia regarding sex education and the Pregnancy Care Centre. Dr. Stasia also provided information regarding Edmonton organizations that provide comprehensive sexual education.

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H. Reports

2. Report #5 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held March 18, 2014)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “1. That Report #5 of the Caucus Committee from the meeting held March 18, 2014 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “2. That the Board establish an Infrastructure Committee in order to assist Trustees in further understanding the issues, impacts and next steps related to infrastructure, over the course of their term. The Committee would consist of three Trustees. A member of the Administration who specializes in this area will be assigned to assist the Infrastructure Committee. The Terms of Reference would be developed by the Infrastructure Committee and approved by the Board.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Selection of Trustees for Infrastructure Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:

- “That the Board select three Trustees to serve on the Infrastructure Committee.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The Board Chair called for nominations for three Trustee representatives to serve on the Infrastructure Committee.

Trustee Janz nominated Trustee Chubb.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Ip.

Trustee Adams nominated Trustee Hoffman.

Trustee Hoffman declined the nomination.

Trustee Draper nominated Trustee Martin.

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Trustee Johner nominated Trustee Gibson.

Trustee Gibson declined the nomination.

The Board Chair declared Trustees Chubb, Ip and Martin as the Board's representatives on the Infrastructure Committee.

4. Appointment of Auditor for 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

“That PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Bereavement

Vice-Chair Janz reported on the passing of Mrs. Brenda Ulmer, a member of the District's Support Staff.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Martin thanked the Edmonton and District Labour Council for its donation of forty insulated lunch bags for Abbott School.

Trustee Martin advised that he had represented the Board at kick off of the *Shake It Up!* fundraising initiative for McKay Avenue School on April 8, 2014.

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, advised that the *Ready to Frame* fundraiser will take place on April 17, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Chubb reported on the recent Truth and Reconciliation hearings he attended.

Trustee Hoffman reported she had attended the ASBA Zone 2/3 general meeting on March 21, 2014 on behalf of Trustee Johner. She noted that the Zone 2/3 advocacy event with MLAs is scheduled for April 23, 2014. The Edwin Parr Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 23, 2014. The next regular Zone 2/3 meeting will take place April 25, 2014.

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Trustee Hoffman reported on a session she attended at the recent National School Boards Association (NSBA) annual conference titled *12 Strategies High-Poverty Schools Can Use to Become High-Performing Schools*. She noted that four other Trustees and several members of the Administration also attended the conference.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Ip noted that, at the February 18, 2014 board meeting, he requested that information be provided outlining various potential creative solutions for funding new schools and the feasibility of such options; e.g., working with provincial and municipal partners to build in the cost of a new school into the sale of a new home and that any potential legislative changes that would be required to allow these various options to be possible also be included as part of the information. He asked that this request for information be referred to the Infrastructure Committee.

Trustee Martin requested the following information be provided regarding Optimal Enrolment Limits (OEL):

- How does the District balance the purpose of the OEL (the student enrolment limit related to available space in the school) with the District's core value of equity?
- Would lowering the OEL (less than the available space in a school) of schools with very healthy enrolments and programs positively impact 'neighbouring' schools with declining or low enrolments and without negatively impacting the overall viability of the "healthy enrolment" school? If yes, would this change support the District's core value of equity without noticeably upsetting the balance between equity and the expectation of parents/students to choose the school of their choice?

Trustee Hoffman requested that a staff member, including a school principal, be sent to observe a presentation by the Pregnancy Care Centre and that a report be provided to the Board.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

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The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

All Trustees were present.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

- Exempt Staff
- Edmonton Public Teachers
- CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)

The Board Chair advised that CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff) and CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) will make their presentations at the May 6, 2014 board meeting.

Ms Cindy Camp, a member of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, made a verbal presentation on behalf of the District's exempt staff.

Mr. Nels Olsen, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Ms Carol Chapman, President CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff), verbally presented the Local's brief.

The Board Chair thanked the staff group representatives for their input and advised that a report in response to the presentations will be prepared. A copy of the presentations as well as the report in response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

M. Adjournment (3:45 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director
Governance and Strategic Support Services