

**MINUTE BOOK**

**Board Meeting #14**

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, June 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Orville Chubb  
Michelle Draper

Sarah Hoffman  
Nathan Ip  
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner  
Ray Martin

**Officials**

Diana Bolan  
Jim Davies  
David Fraser

Mark Liguori  
Ron MacNeil  
Kathy Muhlethaler

Darrel Robertson  
Sandra Stoddard

**Board Chair:** Sarah Hoffman

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

A. **O Canada**  - *amiskwaciy Drummers*

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

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

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

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### **D. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day**

#### 1. National Aboriginal Day

The Board celebrated National Aboriginal Day which is held annually on June 21<sup>st</sup> to acknowledge the contributions and histories of the First Nation, Métis and Inuit in Canada.

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

The Board Chair advised that, to honour the three R.C.M.P. officers who died in the line of duty last Wednesday in Moncton, New Brunswick, their families and the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who protect our safety on a daily basis, schools have lowered their flags to half-mast until sunset today. The regimental funeral for the three Mounties was held this morning with thousands of RCMP, other law enforcement officers, dignitaries and members of the public in attendance. A moment of silence was observed.

The Board Chair advised that Ms Sandra Woitas will be conferred with an Honorary Degree by the University of Alberta tomorrow evening. Ms Woitas has devoted her career to helping children at risk benefit from a high-quality education. One of the *100 Edmontonians of the Century*, as director of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, she champions full-day kindergarten for students in socially vulnerable communities.

The Board Chair reported on the Metro School Boards meeting that took place June 1, 2014 in Red Deer. The Alberta School Boards Association President and Executive Director were also in attendance at the meeting. She also noted that the Minister of Education met with the Metro School Boards later that evening– Trustee Ip was also in attendance.

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

The Superintendent congratulated Trustee Janz who is completing his Masters of Education degree.

The Superintendent thanked Lillian Osborne School Principal Janet Hancock and Queen Elizabeth School Principal Sue Bell for attending the meeting today with their students with respect to the National Aboriginal Day presentation.

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### **G. Minutes**

#### 2. Board Meeting #13 – May 20, 2014

Trustee Adams referred to page eleven of the minutes and noted that goal of the *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast was to raise \$100,000.

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 20, 2014 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

The Board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Claire Edwards regarding the Student Representative report
- Ms Susan Ketteringham, on behalf of the West Edmonton Network of Neighborhood Schools (WENNS), regarding the replacement school process

### **I. Reports**

#### 3. Annual Report – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

The Board received information regarding the supports and services provided to students and staff in relation to First Nations, Métis and Inuit education during the 2013-2014 school year.

There was a break at this point.

#### 4. Annual Report – English Language Learners

The Board heard from the following speakers regarding the Annual Report – English Language Learners report:

- Mr. Ali Madhi, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for New Comers (EMCN)
- Ms Mulki Ali, Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative
- Mr. Joseph Luri, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for New Comers (EMCN)
- Mr. Hussein Sugulle, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for New Comers (EMCN)

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The Board received information regarding the supports and services provided in relation to English Language Learners (ELL) during the 2013-2014 school year.

There was a break at this point.

5. Student Representative

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

- “1. That the process to support the election and ongoing participation of a Student Representative to the Edmonton Public School Board, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year be approved.**
- 2. That the identified costs, associated to support this pilot, be funded out of the Board Initiative Fund for the 2014-2015 school year be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**
6. Report #9 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held May 27, 2014)

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “1. That Report #9 of the Caucus Committee from the meeting held May 27, 2014 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- “2. That the appointment of Jim Davies as General Counsel for the period June 1, 2014 to August 31, 2016 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**
7. Infrastructure Committee: Proposed Terms of Reference

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

- “1. That the Infrastructure Committee Terms of Reference be approved.**
- 2. That the current membership of the Infrastructure Committee (Trustees Chubb, Ip and Martin) remain until the September 2015 organizational board meeting.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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8. Public Reporting Process for Travel and Expenses

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the implementation of a public reporting process for travel and expenses beginning June 1, 2014 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Board Policy AE.BB.BP – Wellness of Students and Staff

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“That draft new Board Policy AE.BB.BP - Wellness of Students and Staff be considered for the second time.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:**

**“That the statement under ‘Definitions’ in draft new Board Policy AE.BB.BP – Wellness of Students and Staff be amended to read as follows: These dimensions do not exist in isolation; it is the balance and interplay of these elements that constitute wellness. All wellness curricula, including topics considered controversial or sensitive, such as those related to family interactions; personal, family and community values; personal relationships; **personal identity; human sexuality; sexual orientation; gender and identity; cultural identity or religious belief;** and issues of sexual and mental health are approached through the lens of this holistic definition of wellness.”**

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

**The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. Draft Board Policy CO.BP – Fiscal Oversight and Accountability

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“That draft new Board Policy CO.BP – Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be considered for the first time and approved for posting on the District website for stakeholder input.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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11. 2014-2015 Student Transportation Fees

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the 2014-2015 proposed Student Transportation Fees, to be effective August 2014, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. 2014-2015 Non-Resident Fees

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“1. That the proposed 2014-2015 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved.**

- 2. That the proposed 2015-2016 International Student Tuition fee of \$11,500 and the International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

13. Introduction of the Proposed 2014-2015 Spring Budget

The Board received information the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

### **J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Johner, the Board’s representative on ASBA Zone 23 and a member of the ASBA Zone 23 Edwin Parr Selection Committee, advised that Mr. Erik Lundeen, a first-year teacher at Belmead School, was named the ASBA Zone 23 winner of the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

Trustee Adams, the Board’s representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reported that the *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast held May 29, 2014 has raised \$80,000 so far with a goal of \$100,000. The Foundation has raised \$600,000 to date which will enable all of the full-day kindergarten sites to be maintained. She also commended the Oilers Foundation for committing yesterday to fund the full-day kindergarten program at Princeton School for two more years which amounts to \$50,000 each year.

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Trustee Hoffman advised that Trustees met on Monday with Alberta Liberal Education Critic Kent Hehr to discuss some of the Board's key areas of focus.

Trustee Hoffman noted a number of Trustees attended the Alberta School Boards Association Spring General Meeting in Red Deer June 1 to 3, 2014. She commended Vice-Chair Janz for his chairing of the business session on June 2, 2014.

Trustee Hoffman advised that she and Trustee Janz attended the Minister of Education's *Inspiring Education Symposium* held in Red Deer on June 4, 2014. Information about the sessions she attended will be posted on the Board Intranet Site.

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Ip served notice of the following motion:

- 1. That the Board join the Edmonton Catholic School Board in endorsing the following resolution: The Provincial Government should fund child care space in new school buildings and develop a cohesive child care strategy.*
- 2. That the Board develop key actions to advocate this position to the Province.*

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**

**N. Adjournment (7:50 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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