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Board Meeting #8

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, March 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen

The Board Chair called the meeting to order with recognition that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

The Board Chair advised that the firm alarm system at the Centre for Education is a Two Stage alarm system. Stage One is a single repeating alarm tone indicating a warning only and that evacuation is not required. Stage Two is a triple repeating alarm tone indicating that evacuation is required.

A. **O Canada** 

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

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MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

**“That the agenda for the March 1, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair provided communications.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided communications.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #7 – February 16, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 16, 2016 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from Ms. Betty Wedman regarding Health and Wellness of students.

H. Reports

2. Strategic Planning Engaged and Effective Governance: School-Community Relationship Identifier

The Trustees received a presentation regarding engaged and effective governance regarding progress being made in the District to support strategic School-Community engagement.

3. Process and Timeline for the 2016-2017 Budget and for the Fall Review of the 2015-2016 Results and the Plans for 2016-2017

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That the Process and Timeline for the 2016-2017 Spring Budget and the 2016-2017 Fall Revised Budget, as outlined in Attachment I, be approved.

2. That the Process and Timeline for Review of the 2015-2016 Results and the 2016-2017 Plans, as outlined in this report be approved.”

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The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Amended District Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

“That the draft 2016-17 school year calendar (Attachment II) be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. End Poverty Edmonton: The Edmonton Public School Board Submission

The Board of Trustees received information regarding the End Poverty Edmonton initiative.

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

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustees provided verbal reports.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Stirling served notice of motion for the March 15, 2015 Board meeting:

That the Board of Trustees write a letter of support requesting federal government funding and support for Syrian newcomers in our schools.

Rationale:

The federal government has made clear its priorities regarding Syrian resettlement in Canada, which is now over 25,000 across Canada, more than 1,500 of whom are in Edmonton, Alberta. The majority of Syrian newcomers are families with several children under the age of 18, most of who are attending or are expected to attend Edmonton Public Schools. Our District has excellent supports in place for students, both internally and with our community partners, but the large number of newcomers is placing additional demands on those resources.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

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N. Adjournment (3:20 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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