

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #9**

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 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Lisa Austin
Angela Anderson
Ron MacNeil
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis
Madonna Proulx
Darrel Robertson

Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Acting Board Chair: Michelle Draper

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 474 – John Vradenburgh, President

The Acting 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.

A. **O Canada** 

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

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

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the agenda for the March 15, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Acting Board Chair

The Acting Board Chair provided communications.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided communications.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #8 – March 1, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held March 1, 2016 be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Recognition

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Ms Courtney Barron, a teacher at George H. Luck School, was selected as the District’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

There was a short break in the meeting at this point.

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

I. Reports

3. Report #4 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held March 1, 2016)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the March 1, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting.

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4. Motion re Funding and Support for Syrian Students in Edmonton Public Schools

MOVED BY Stirling:

“That the Board of Trustees approve writing a letter of support requesting federal government funding and support for Syrian students in Edmonton Public Schools.”

The Acting Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. School Utilization Rates
(Response to Request for Information #130)

The Trustees received a presentation in response to a request for information.

There was a short break in the meeting at this point.

6. Three Year Capital Plan 2017-2020

MOVED BY Gibson:

“That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed capital priorities for modernizations and new construction identified in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2017-2020*.”

The Acting Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.

There were no registered speakers for this item.

- K. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustees provided verbal reports.

- L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None

- M. Notices of Motion

Trustee Draper served notice of motion on behalf of Trustee Janz for the April 5, 2016 Board meeting:

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Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees write a letter to the provincial government to advocate changes to the Alberta Human Rights Act that would eliminate discrimination against families with children through adult only rules. Further, that the Board of Trustees solicit a letter of support from Edmonton City Council.

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

O. Adjournment (4:55 p.m.)

The Acting Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Acting Board Chair

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