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Board Meeting #19

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, September 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil

Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis
Lorne Parker
Heather Raymond

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. O Canada 

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Gloria Lepine, Chief Steward

D. Ward G Trustee Candidate 3-Minute Platform Speeches

1. Ward G Trustee Candidate 3-Minute Platform Speeches

The Board Chair noted that eight candidates are registered to run in the Ward G Trustee By-Election that will take place on Monday, September 28, 2015 and that six of the candidates would be making their platform presentations. He noted that Ms Kristen Kuefler and Mr. R.J. Koopmans sent their regrets that they were not able to be present.

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The Board Chair noted that the candidate presentations are being videotaped and the videos will be posted on the District website tomorrow for the public to view prior to By-Election day. He added that the City of Edmonton Returning Officer is overseeing the 2015 Edmonton Public School Board Ward G By-Election. Information regarding the Ward G By-Election (including candidate contact information, advance voting and polling station information) can be found on the City of Edmonton's webpage.

The following Ward G Trustee candidates made their platform presentations:

- Ms Aminah Aboughoushe
- Mr. Rob Bernshaw
- Mr. Wayde Lever
- Ms Ros Smith
- Ms Bridget Stirling
- Mr. Christopher Suchit

The Board Chair called on Mr. Iain MacLean and Ms LaRae Ellis from the City of Edmonton to make provide their verbal report with respect to the Ward G By-Election.

There was a short break at this point.

B. Roll Call

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the agenda for the September 22, 2015 Board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

E. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent expressed his sincere appreciation to staff across the District who helped prepare for the first day of school on September 8th and set the learning conditions for the year. He has visited a few schools already this year and noted there are many amazing things taking place. He also thanked parents who are very supportive of their schools.

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G. Minutes

2. Board Meeting #18 – September 8, 2015

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #18 held September 8, 2015 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board heard from the following speakers with respect to Report 4 – Motion re Wellness Foundation for Alberta:

- Mr. Les Hagen, Wellness Alberta
- Ms Karen Boyd, Regional Executive Director, Alberta and the Territories Region Dietitians of Canada
- Mr. David Fraser, Wellness Alberta

I. Reports

3. Motion re EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy

Trustee Draper requested that the report be received for information.

There was no objection from Board members.

There was a short break at this point.

4. Motion re Wellness Foundation for Alberta

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board, in line with our previous advocacy for initiatives supporting health and wellness promotion and investing in disease and illness prevention, give our conceptual endorsement to supporting a Wellness Foundation for Alberta, as proposed by Wellness Alberta.”

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the motion be amended to read as follows: That the Edmonton Public School Board, in line with our previous advocacy for initiatives supporting health and wellness promotion and investing in disease and illness prevention, give our **support to Wellness Foundation initiatives to improve health and wellness outcomes for district students and staff ~~conceptual endorsement to supporting a Wellness Foundation for Alberta,~~ as proposed by Wellness Alberta.”**

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Chubb and Gibson

OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Draper, Ip, Janz, Johner and Martin

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Draper, Ip, Janz, Johner and Martin

OPPOSED: Trustees Chubb and Gibson

The Motion was CARRIED.

5. 2014-2015 Board Self-Evaluation

Information was provided regarding the results of the 2014-2015 Board self-evaluation.

6. 2014-2015 Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation

Information was provided regarding the results of the 2014-2015 Superintendent of Schools' evaluation.

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That the Board grant waiver of notice of motion to consider Recommendations #2 and #3 at the September 22, 2015 Board meeting.**

- 2. That, in accordance with the *School Act* and Alberta Education’s Superintendent of Schools Regulation, authorization for the Board Chair to seek the approval of the Minister of Education to reappoint the Superintendent of Schools for a new five-year term effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2021 be approved.**

- 3. That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education, authorization for the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board a new five-year contract of employment with the Superintendent of Schools effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2021 be approved.”**

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendation #1.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendation #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendation #3.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Interim Reading Assessment
(Response to Request for Information #087)

The report and a presentation were provided in response to a request for information.

8. Bereavement

Vice-Chair Draper reported on the passing of Mrs. Carol Opalka.

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

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K. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams advised that she brought greetings on behalf of the Board at the 20th Annual Edmonton Public Schools' Christian Programs Commissioning Service on September 17, 2015. Trustees Johner and Chubb also attended the event. She noted that the programs serve over 3,300 district students.

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, thanked Lauderdale School for providing space for the Foundation office and for the tremendous support the staff have provided. She also advised that the Foundation has a more sophisticated database management system that will aid in fundraising efforts. She also noted the following upcoming fundraising events:

- September 23, 2015 - *An Evening with Tommy Banks* at the Enjoy Centre in St Albert
- September 24, 2015 – South Edmonton Business Association (SEBA) Fundraising Mixer
- September 26, 2015 - The 2nd Annual edMUDton Urban Adventure 5km Mud Run – at Chappelle Gardens

Trustee Ip advised that he attended the 2nd Annual Traffic Safety Day at Westbrook School. Westbrook School has been very successful in improving student safety during peak pick-up and drop-off times through various awareness campaigns throughout the year and their partnership with Edmonton Police Service and the City of Edmonton

Trustee Draper advised that she had participated in the Reading Rally at Fraser School on September 15, 2015. Volunteers from Stantec and Calgary Reads organized the event. Chris Love from NOW Radio was the guest reader. She noted people can take the [Pledge to Read](#) to support their love of reading.

Trustee Draper advised that registration is now open for the [13th Annual Literacy & Learning Day Conference](#) taking place on October 24, 2015 at the Shaw Conference Centre. The Conference is targeted to parents and caregivers.

Trustee Janz noted that the District's public Board meetings take place on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory. The Board will recognize this at the beginning of each public Board meeting.

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Trustee Martin advised that, yesterday, he attended the official launch at City Hall of an amiskwaciy history series. He also attended the launch, yesterday, of a new Parent Link Centre sponsored by Norwood Child and Family Services Resource Centre. The Centre will be close to McDougall School at the St. John's Institute.

Trustee Chubb advised that he and Trustees Adams and Johner attended the CASA Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Child Annual General Meeting on September 16, 2015. He congratulated Lillian Osborne School Principal Janet Hancock as well as her husband Dave Hancock who received an award at the AGM for their contribution to child mental health. Principal Hancock does excellent work at her school in support of child mental health.

Trustee Johner advised that, on September 18, 2015, she attended a celebration at Queen Elizabeth School recognizing their becoming a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Associated Schools Project Network. The school is one of only two high schools in Alberta to receive this prestigious designation. Education Minister Eggen, MLA Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent Muhlethaler were also in attendance. She also commended Queen Elizabeth School for winning the [Greenest School in Canada Award](#) – an honour it shared with a school in Ontario. The schools will now compete at the internationals for the Greenest School on the Earth award.

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

M. **Notices of Motion**

Trustee Ip served notice of the following motion:

That the Edmonton Public School Board write a letter to the Minister of Education, asking for resources and guidelines from the Provincial Government to assist school boards across the province create policy that supports, includes and accommodates transgender students adhering to ethical and legal responsibilities under Bill 10 and the new Education Act and, further, that the Board submits this resolution to the Alberta School Boards Association's Fall General meeting for debate and endorsement.

N. **Next Board Meeting Date: Organizational Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**

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O. Adjournment (4:45 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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