

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #17**

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 6, 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**

Lisa Austin  
Grace Cooke  
Ron MacNeil  
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker  
Kent Pharis  
Madonna Proulx  
Ron MacNeil

Leona Morrison  
Darrel Robertson  
Sandra Stoddard  
Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michael Janz

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

**Staff Group Representatives**

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

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.

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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 Chubb:**

**“That the agenda for the September 6, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

The Board Chair shared that he received a letter on July 20, 2016 from the Fort McMurray Public School District’s Board of Trustees and staff thanking Edmonton Public Schools students, staff members and Trustees for welcoming and supporting 782 of their students after the wildfire on May 3, 2016.

The Board Chair thanked everyone for a wonderful start to the new school year and shared that there was a lot of excitement at the opening of 3 new schools: Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour, Nellie Carlson and Robert MacAdams.

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

The Superintendent thanked all staff within the District for their work and preparation in welcoming over 95,000 registered students for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Superintendent congratulated Mr. Brad Burns, Principal of Highlands School, for being recognized as the recipient of the Provincial Affiliate Award from the Canadian Society of Education through Art.

### **F. Minutes**

#### **1. Board Meeting #16 – June 21, 2016**

Trustee Ip made reference to the notice of motion he served and which was recorded on page seven of the minutes and stated that it would be deferred to the September 20, 2016 Board meeting.

**MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held June 21, 2016 be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

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### **H. Reports**

#### **2. Report #9 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held August 10, 2016**

Information was received regarding actions taken at the August 10, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting.

The Vice-Chair thanked the Trustees who attended the August 10, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting. The Vice-Chair also thanked the Administration, Trustees Martin and Ip who represented the Board of Trustees during negotiations and CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to conclude a 2014-2017 collective agreement.

#### **3. Actions Taken Under Delegation of Authority – 2016 Summer Recess**

The Superintendent reported that no actions were taken during the 2016 summer recess.

#### **4. Strategic Plan Update re District Accountability Pillar Results**

The Trustees received a presentation regarding the District accountability pillar results.

There was a short break in the meeting.

#### **5. Role of Edmonton Public Schools re Development of New Provincial Curriculum (Response to Request for Information # 172)**

Information was provided in regards to a request for information.

Trustee Chubb requested a list of participants that are be part of the *Expert Working Groups* that will be making decisions about the development of new curriculum.

#### **6. Bereavements**

The Vice-Chair reported on the passing of Mr. Jonathan Blair and Ms Fong-Kiew Thien.

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

Trustee Draper advised that on Friday, September 2, 2016, she presented on the Role of a Trustee and governance of a large school district to the Rotary Club of North East Edmonton.

Trustee Draper thanked the Rotarians for the role they play in student success by offering leadership opportunities to students in the District.

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Trustee Martin congratulated Mr. Brad Burns, Principal of Highlands School, for being recognized as the recipient of the Provincial Affiliate Award from the Canadian Society of Education through Art.

Trustee Stirling reported that in July, she attended the Canadian School Boards Association Congress, which included the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education. She stated that these sessions were important in shaping attendees' thinking about moving forward on the work of truth and reconciliation in schools, and that it was highly symbolic that it took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, which is within Treaty One and sits at the heart of the homelands of the Metis on the banks of the Red River. The sessions provided an opportunity to commit to the important work and how to develop better policy and practices to support First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students' staff and families in schools.

Trustee Stirling shared that she was pleased to attend the Treaty 6 Recognition Day celebration at Edmonton's City Hall on August 19, 2016.

J. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None

K. **Notices of Motion**

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

"That notice of motion be waived."

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

"That, the Board authorizes a medical absence for Trustee Sherry Adams effective September 6, 2016 through to November 2, 2016."

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

L. **Next Board Meeting Date**: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

M. **Adjournment** (4:00 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Michael Janz, Board Chair

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