

MINUTE BOOK**Special Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta via Zoom on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks
Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker

Nancy Petersen
Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

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.

A. Roll Call: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent all Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

**“That the agenda for the June 30, 2020, Special Board meeting be approved as amended to include a Request for Information after Item G.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

C. Letter of Resignation

The Board Chair acknowledged receipt of Trustee Cheryl Johner’s resignation on June 24, 2020.

D. Distribution of Ward A Schools

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It was determined that residents and constituents from Ward A will be advised to direct their issues and concerns to the Board Chair and the Administration.

E. Confirmation of Committee Representation for Vacated Positions

The Board Chair advised that Trustee Johner was to have served as Audit Committee Chair, a PSBAA Executive, ASBA Zone 2/3 Alternate Representative, and Advocacy Committee member.

The Board Chair acted as nominator for the following positions and committees:

POSITION	NOMINEE(S)
Audit Committee Chair	Nathan Ip
PSBAA Provincial Executive	This position will remain vacant until the fall of 2020
ASBA Zone 2/3 - Alternate	Shelagh Dunn
Advocacy Committee	Bridget Stirling

The Board Chair asked the Trustees to confirm that they accepted the positions for which they were named. The Board Chair declared all committee positions elected by acclamation.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“1. That the time allotted for registered speakers be extended to allow an opportunity for all registered speakers.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The Trustees heard from 38 registered speakers regarding the Service Resource Officer (SRO) program.

There was a short break in the meeting.

G. Motion to Reconsider Suspending the SRO Program Pending the Completion of the Review and Investigation

The Board Chair stated she voted the prevailing side to defeat the motion to suspend the SRO program pending completion of the review and investigation of the program. The Board Chair gave notice that she would be moving to reconsider that motion. The Board Chair requested that the notice of motion to reconsider be waived so that the Board of Trustees could debate and vote on the matter at this Board meeting.

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MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That notice of motion be waived at the June 23, 2020, Board meeting.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Adams, Draper, Dunn, Estabrooks, Ip and Janz

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibson
(DEFEATED)**

H. Request for Information

Trustee Gibson requested that Administration provide a timely response to the following question to assist Board deliberations when the motion regarding the SRO program comes before the Board on September 8, 2020.

Page 9 of the *Trustees’ Handbook – Edmonton Public School Board Governance Structure*, states that the Board of Trustees operates from a "Policy Governance" Model. Under this model, the Board sets direction through policy and sets desired outcomes, with the method being left to be determined by the Superintendent.

Pages 7 and 18 of the *Trustees’ Handbook* note explicitly that the Board delegates administrative duties to the Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible to ensure that school administrators determine how best to deploy their school budget to meet the needs of their school community. Is the motion to suspend the SRO program in contravention of Board policy as specified in the Handbook, and if so, what are the implications of approving the motion to suspend?

I. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

J. Adjournment: 3:50 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations