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Board Meeting #12

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, April 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Sarah Hoffman
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz
Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Student Trustee

Johannah Ko

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Diana Bolan

Candace Cole
Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil
Mary Michailides

Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

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Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President
CUPE Local 784 – Jeff McIntyre, President

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees as well as Student Trustee Ko were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

The Board Chair advised that a walk-in report with respect to Board authorization of a Trustee absence would be added to the agenda and dealt with as the first item under Section H. Reports.

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the agenda for the April 7, 2015 board meeting be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair thanked the Administration for its work in analyzing the budget information from the Province and preparing for the steps ahead regarding budget discussions. He noted there are concerns regarding cuts to education funding and the lack of student enrolment growth funding for the District.

The Board Chair noted the next Metro Board Chairs’ meeting will take place April 15, 2015. The group will discuss how the budget will impact metro school boards in Edmonton and Calgary.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that, on March 27, 2015, he attended the Youth Leadership Conference *The Journey to Reconciliation* for First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students hosted by the District in partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools, post-secondary institutions and the City of Edmonton. He participated in several of the morning workshops and participated in the listening panel in the afternoon. The emerging theme of the conference evolved to be one of, in the words of keynote speaker Stan Wesley, “reconciliation”. The Superintendent was able to share some of the District’s challenges. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to walk with community in supporting successful outcomes for all of the District’s FNMI students.

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F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – March 17, 2015

Trustee Ip referred to page nine of the minutes and noted he had also attended the Camp fYrefly Gala on March 7, 2015 with Trustee Janz.

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held March 17, 2015 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

H. Reports

Board Authorization of Trustee Absence

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That Board authorization for Trustee Hoffman to be absent from board meetings from April 7, 2015 to May 5, 2015 inclusive be approved.”

Trustee Hoffman excused herself from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Hoffman left at this point for the duration of the meeting.

2. Proposed Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the capital priorities for modernizations and new school construction identified in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019* be approved.”

Trustee Gibson referred to page two, paragraph two of Attachment I of the report and suggested adding the following to the sentence with respect to the High School Accommodation Strategy: ...and the initiation of the High School Accommodation Strategy development which will be completed by January 2016 *and which will inform future capital plans*, addressing: ...

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MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the recommendation be amended to read: That the capital priorities for modernizations and new school construction identified in the Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019 be approved and sent out to all Alberta political parties.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Gibson, Janz and Martin

OPPOSED: Trustees Chubb, Draper, Ip and Johner

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019 be amended by moving Priority 20 (7-9 Pilot Sound (McConachie)) to Priority 19 and moving Priority 19 (Mature Neighbourhood Consolidation Replacement School as determined by Infrastructure Strategy) to Priority 20.”

At 3:30 p.m. the Board set this item aside temporarily to deal with a time-specific item.

There was a break at this point in the meeting.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

- Edmonton Public Teachers
- Exempt Staff
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)

The Board Chair advised that CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) and CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) will make their presentations at the April 21, 2015 board meeting.

Mr. Nels Olsen, President Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Ms Kris Uusikorpi and Ms Karla Millar, members of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, verbally presented the Exempt staff’s brief.

Mr. Jeff McIntyre, President CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff), verbally presented the Local’s brief.

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The Board Chair thanked the staff group representatives for their input and advised that a response to the presentations will be prepared for public board.

2. Proposed Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019 (Continued)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019 be amended by moving Priority 20 (7-9 Pilot Sound (McConachie)) to Priority 19 and moving Priority 19 (Mature Neighbourhood Consolidation Replacement School as determined by Infrastructure Strategy) to Priority 20.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

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

OPPOSED: Trustees Chubb and Gibson

The Amendment was CARRIED.

Trustee Gibson suggested making it clear in the submission that the District requires all of the projects in the capital plan in order to meet student needs.

Trustee Chubb requested that the Board Chair send a letter to all political parties in Alberta and other appropriate groups with a copy of the Three-Year Capital Plan 2016-2019 in an effort to have school infrastructure made part of the election debate.

The Board Chair undertook to do so.

The Board Chair called the question on the Motion as Amended.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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3. Proposed Policy Positions for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That the following proposed Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) policy positions for submission to ASBA Zone 23 be approved:

- 1. That the Alberta School Boards Association write a letter to the Minister of Health in support of the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention’s recommendation that *The Alberta Government establish a 50 cent per litre tax on sugary drinks in Alberta* and request that additional revenues be targeted to student health and wellness in Alberta.**
- 2. That Recommendation 1 be forwarded as an emergent policy issue for the Alberta School Boards Association Spring General meeting.**
- 3. That the topic of consent be incorporated in the curriculum related to Sexual Education.”**

The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation 1.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Draper, Janz and Johner

OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Chubb, Gibson, Ip and Martin

The Motion was DEFEATED.

As Recommendation was 1 was not approved, Recommendation 2 was not applicable.

The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation 3.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

There was a break at this point in the meeting.

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4. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Survey of School Boards on Core Principles from Strengthening the Provincial Voice of School Boards Task Force

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That the proposed responses to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Survey of School Boards on Core Principles from Strengthening the Provincial Voice of School Boards Task Force be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Industry Changes to Washroom Design
(Response to Request for Information #084)

The report was provided in response to a request for information.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Johner, the Board’s representative on Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 23, reported on the following from the March 20, 2015 ASBA Zone 23 general meeting:

- She and Trustee Ip presented the rationale behind the letter from Trustee Ip, the Board’s alternate Zone 23 representative, recommending that, in an effort to reduce membership fees for member boards, the ASBA withdraw its membership in the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA). The Board approved the recommendation regarding the ASBA’s membership in the NSBA and CSBA at the February 17, 2015 board meeting.
- A motion for the District’s letter as well as a letter from Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 with respect to questions regarding costs related to ASBA membership in the NSBA and CSBA to be sent to all Zone Chairs requesting the Zone Chairs to share the letter with their Zones was approved.
- A copy of the draft March 20, 2015 Zone 23 general meeting minutes is available on the [ASBA Zone 23 website](#).

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J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Ip requested that information be provided regarding current District and Provincial Government policy, regulations and practice on the immunization and vaccination of students. The information should address how the District works with Alberta Health to mitigate the risk of the potential outbreak of serious illnesses, such as the measles; and procedures in a case of an outbreak, as well as the respective roles and responsibilities of the school board and the Provincial Government. Also include information on existing enforcement measures across Canada such as mandatory choice policies and the legal implications.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment (5:35 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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