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Board Meeting #15

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, May 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Student Trustee

Johannah Ko

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Diana Bolan
Todd Burnstad

Jim Davies
Mary Michailides
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker, *Acting
Superintendent*

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. O Canada 

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President

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

Dr. Lorne Parker advised that Trustee Hoffman was absent and that other all Trustees including Student Trustee Ko were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the agenda for the May 19, 2015 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair noted that May 17th was the *International Day Against Homophobia*. This day belongs to no one individual, rather it’s about people hoping for a prejudice-free world that can provide a place at the table for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation. Inspired by all world theme-days, the day set aside to fight homophobia needs to be appropriated by all of those actively involved in civil society: gay and lesbian community organizations, those organizations focusing on other types of sexual diversity, unions, employers, private businesses, governments, public administration, professional associations, and all individuals seeking equality.

The Board Chair advised that the District has received a letter of resignation from Trustee Sarah Hoffman effective May 25, 2015. A special board meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss next steps. He added that a donation was received by the Edmonton Public Schools’ Foundation from Trustee Hoffman for the amount equivalent to the salary she would have received during the election period.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Parker advised that Superintendent Robertson participated on a panel with the President of NAIT and the Acting Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools last Wednesday regarding the NAIT Collegiate. The event was well attended by school leaders.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting - April 28, 2015

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the minutes of the Board Meeting held April 28, 2014 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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2. Board Meeting #14 – May 5, 2015

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held May 5, 2015 be approved as printed.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board Chair advised that there were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

3. Report #11 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meetings Held April 21, May 5 and May 12, 2015)

Information was provided regarding the actions taken at the April 21, May 5 and May 12, 2015 Caucus Committee meetings.

4. Presentation re Centre for Global Education

The Board heard a presentation regarding the Centre for Global Education pertaining to online facilitated learning opportunities.

5. Locally Developed Courses

Islamic Studies 7-8-9 was removed from the recommendation at the request of the Administration and will be brought back to public Board on June 23, 2015. A revised report will be posted on the District website.

The Administration advised that Holistic Health (H20) 15-25-35 brought to public Board on January 20, 2015 and referred back to the Administration will not come forward to the Board as it has been determined by the Administration that much of its content may be delivered through existing CTS modules.

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the following LDCs be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB) until August 2019:

- **Applied Graphic Arts 15-25-35**
- **Audio 15-25-35**
- **Ballet 15-25-35**
- **Ballet Six-year (6Y) (previously Ballet 7-8-9)**
- **Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35**
- **Christian Studies 15-25-35 (previously Religious Studies 15-25-35)**
- **Contemporary Dance 25-35**
- **Dance 15-25-35**
- **Dance Six-year (6Y) (previously Dance 7-8-9)**
- **Dance Twelve-year (12Y) (previously Elementary Dance 1-6)**
- **Geometry 7-8-9**
- **Jazz Dance 25-35**
- **Study Skills And Learning Strategies 7-8-9”**

Trustee Chubb requested that information be provided regarding how the District ensures individuals teaching Locally Developed Courses meet the District’s hiring criteria and qualifications and are not in conflict of interest.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

There was a break at this point.

6. Standardized School Designs Within the Context of Approved Provincial Designs
(Response to Request for Information #089)

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

7. Immunization and Vaccination of District Students
(Response to Request for Information #096)

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

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8. Bereavement

Vice-Chair Draper reported on the passing of Mrs. Wilna Conchita Dolesal.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

9. Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Ko provided an update of her activities.

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 23, noted that the next Zone 23 general meeting will take place May 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. and followed by the Edwin Parr Award event in the evening. She also noted that the ASBA Spring General Meeting will take place June 1 and 2, 2015 in Red Deer.

Trustee Martin advised that he attended the recent Ben Calf Robe Society celebration at Commonwealth Recreation Centre. He noted there were attendees from all over Northern Alberta.

The Board Chair congratulated Trustee Martin on his wedding that took place on Saturday.

Trustee Draper advised that she attended the Public School Administrators Association (PSAA) Bids for Kids fundraising event on May 8, 2015. The Superintendent, Dr. Parker, Mr. Davies and other representatives from the Administration were also in attendance. It was a very successful event that raised money for the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area.

Trustee Draper advised that, on May 13, 2015, she attended the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network's (APTN's) media launch for [Aboriginal Day Live & Celebration](#) which will take place June 20, 2015 at Louise McKinney Riverfront Park. The launch provided a preview of the APTN program of the activities that will take place on June 20, 2015 in recognition of National Aboriginal Day which takes place annually on June 21st. The District's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Department will also have a booth at the event.

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Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reported on the following:

- The *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast that took place on May 14, 2015 raised almost \$64,000. She added that this does not include the early-bird contributions that will be announced at a later date.
- DIRT Environmental Solutions has selected the Foundation as the charity of their choice and will conduct a third-party fundraiser on May 21, 2015.
- The Maanaw Seva Association will host a TrustWalk for Children's Future walk-a-thon on June 6, 2015 with proceeds going to the Foundation.
- The South Edmonton Business Association (SEBA) is hosting their annual fundraising golf tournament on June 17, 2015.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

Trustee Hoffman was absent. All other Trustees were present.

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

The speaker was not present.

N. Adjournment (5:10 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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