

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #14**

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 28, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Nancy Petersen

Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michelle Draper

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.

The Board Chair advised that the fire 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.

The Board Chair advised those attending the meeting in person that the floor area is restricted to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Director of Board and Superintendent Relations and Recording staff, with an area reserved for media. She advised that she would signify to any other staff or registered speakers to come down to the floor at the designated time on the agenda. The Board Chair thanked everyone for their cooperation.

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

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

**"That the agenda for the May 28, 2019, Board meeting be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair expressed the District's deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour. In 2016, the District was honoured to open the doors of the school that bears the name of this great leader, pioneer and friend. Dr. Armour believed in children. She had a hope for every child. We were blessed to have had her as part of the District's school community for the past three years, whether it was dropping in for a visit, joining the students for Read-In Week, or greeting students on the first day of school. The Board Chair said that she knows that the students and staff at Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour School will continue with her legacy of staying curious, open-minded and always learning.

The Board Chair attended the Speech from the Throne, First Session of the Thirtieth Legislature on May 22, 2019, along with several Trustees and representatives from the Alberta Schools Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public Schools Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA). She explained that there were three references to Education in the Speech. She advised that in the spring session, this government intends to present amendments to the *Education Act*. These will include implementing the will of the Legislature as expressed in legislation passed in 2012, so that these reforms are in place for the start of the 2019 school year. The Board Chair said these timelines are concerning to the Board of Trustees on a number of fronts:

- first, to implement something so quickly will be challenging for any school District and;
- second, there are implications, funding and otherwise, with several of the areas in the Act.

The Board Chair said that her hope is this government will delay their intention to push through the legislation until they have met with school boards. The Speech from the Throne also included a commitment to curriculum reform so that it teaches essential knowledge needed to achieve foundational competencies, and prepares young Albertans to succeed in the future. She said the final reference to education was the Premier's statement that, "My government will further improve Alberta's education system by presenting the Choice in *Education Act*." The speech went on to say *Choice in Education* "will renew the Alberta Advantage in education by restoring and expanding the choices available to parents and children." The Board Chair stated that the Board of Trustees will continue to advocate for public education and closely watch the next steps of this new government. She advised that she has invited the Premier, Ministers of Education and Infrastructure to meet and expects those meetings to take place soon.

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E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent shared that graduation season is in full swing and congratulated all the graduates and thanked parents and school staff who help every student on their journey. The Superintendent also thanked the Trustees for attending many graduation ceremonies and said that is meaningful and appreciated by the students and their families.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 14, 2019

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 14, 2019, be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

2. Report #12 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held May 14, 2019)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the May 14, 2019, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. 2020-21 School Year Calendar

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the 2020-21 District Calendar be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. 2019-2020 Non-Resident Fees and 2020-2021 International Student Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“1. That the proposed 2019-2020 Non-Alberta Residents Fees and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED) Trustee Johner was absent for the vote.**

There was a short break in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks

“2. That the proposed 2020-2021 International Student Tuition fee of \$12,500 and an International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved.”

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(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. 2019-2020 Student Transportation Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the proposed 2019-2020 Transportation fee schedule be approved as it reflects the Board’s decision on May 22, 2018, to increase fees five per cent annually each September in 2018, 2019 and 2020.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Declaration of Pride Week 2019 in Edmonton Public Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

“That June 3 to 7, 2019, be declared Pride Week in Edmonton Public Schools.”

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling that the motion be amended:

“That June 3 to 7, 2019, be declared Pride Week in Edmonton Public Schools **and be continued in future years during the first week of June.”**

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment:

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the motion as amended:

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

There was a short break in the meeting.

7. First Reading of Board Policy DK.BP District Technology

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“1. The Board Policy DK.BP District Technology be introduced.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“2. The Board Policy DK.BP District Technology be read for the first time and approved for posting to the District website for stakeholder input.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair thanked the Policy Review Committee and Administration for the consultation and engagement processes that have been implemented on various policies throughout the year to obtain feedback.

8. Rescindment of Board Policy GHHA.BP Tutoring

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MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

**“That Board Policy GHHA.BP Tutoring be rescinded.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. Recommendations on voting in advance of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting (SGM)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the following recommendations be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2019 SGM:

1. **Support the 2019-2020 Budget.**
2. **Support Motions 2, 3, 4 Housekeeping Bylaw Amendments**
3. **Oppose Motion 5: Amendments to Bylaws 2, 7, and 8 regarding Member Entitlements, Executive Duties, and Board of Directors Powers and Duties**
4. **Oppose Motion 6: Amendment to Bylaw 13: Association Budget and Membership Fees (clause13.2.)**
5. **Oppose Motion 7: Amendments to Bylaws 3, 5, and 15 to Establish Zone 10: Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards (RCASB).”**
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Bereavements

The Vice-Chair reported on the passing of Mr. Kenneth Rose.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Draper reported that on May 24, 2019, she participated in the M.E. LaZerte Junior High School Leadership Conference with representation from several junior high schools. She was impressed by all the great projects students are engaged in from breakfast clubs, to taste of Balwin, to Culture Week, and focus on mental health. All the projects supported warm, welcoming supportive school cultures.

Trustee Draper was pleased to bring greetings to the Art in The Centre event on May 24, 2019, along with Vice-Chair Stirling and Trustee Ip. She explained that the show is an annual tradition at the Centre for Education, showcasing artwork from students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. She said there are 270 pieces of artwork that will be displayed throughout the Centre of Education, on all four floors for the entire 2019-20 school year. The Board Chair remarked that the art is a wonderful reflection of the talent and creativity of District students, and an illustration of the innovation happening in District classrooms.

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Trustee Adams submitted the following report in writing:

On May 13, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Summerside Community League meeting and said there may be opportunities to sponsor children from neighbouring schools to attend some of the Edmonton Public School summer camps.

On May 14, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the J. Percy Page graduation and that it was an honour to bring congratulations to the well-deserved graduates.

On May 15, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta banquet. She congratulates the 2019 Junior Alberta Business Hall of Fame inductees for their outstanding contribution to the community. She explains that the Junior Achievement program equips students with critical life tools and is committed to helping prepare “Alberta’s next generation of change makers and leaders to thrive in a rapidly changing world.” They assist students through free programs about work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

On May 16, 2019, Trustee Adams reports that J. Percy Page Career Day was very successful. She explains that students were able to choose 1 of 38 career destinations for a day. Trustee Adams had the opportunity to attend the Advanced Care Paramedic Program at NAIT along with 15 students. She says that the experience provided students better clarity about the direction of their career choices.

Also on May 16, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Vaisakhi Concert at Meyokumin School. She reports that each year the students enrolled in the Punjabi Language and Culture class perform lively dances in colorful vibrant outfits to celebrate their Punjabi Harvest Festival. Trustee Adams was pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees. She also attended the Vaisakhi Parade on May 19, 2019.

On May 23, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Policy Review Committee meeting. She reports that the Committee reviewed Board policy HAA.BP – First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education. The Committee is also reviewing the engagement process for the Early Years and Multicultural Education policies.

On May 24, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting where representatives voted on motions that will be presented at the upcoming ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 3 and 4, 2019, in Red Deer.

On May 27, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Early Years Engagement session that took place at John A. McDougall School. She thanks District staff for facilitating the session and the over 30 parents that participated and provided valuable feedback.

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Trustee Dunn reports that she has witnessed the importance of engaging with community in the decisions of school boards and that she had the pleasure of meeting with Ms Wendy Keiver, Executive Director, Alberta School Councils' Association, to discuss the important role of school councils in engaging parent voice. Trustee Dunn attended engagement sessions regarding the District's alternative programs and early years policy, where she was delighted to see many parents and community members participating.

Trustee Dunn reports that it was wonderful to attend an incredible multi-school Pow Wow event at Westglen School and a community block party hosted by Abundant Communities at Brightview School.

Trustee Johner reported that she attended the All in for Youth celebration at Eastglen School with Trustee Estabrooks on May 15, 2019. She said they are hopeful that the community funded model will continue to support this wonderful program as its impacts are far reaching. Trustee Johner said that partner organizations were there to hear about the positive impact on kids and to celebrate their success. She shared that a refugee student gave her testimony about how the program had a profound effect on her success throughout high school. Trustee Johner said that 12 schools and hundreds of students benefit from the All in for Youth program.

Trustee Johner was cordially invited to have tea with Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell on May 27, 2019, where she shared the Board's top advocacy priorities that include infrastructure needs, student mental health, transportation, and information about the Together for Student Campaign.

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

L. **Notices of Motion** - None

M. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.**

N. **Adjournment: 5:35 p.m.**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations