



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Tonquin Room, Jasper Park Lodge

January 12, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Mrs. Heather Welwood, President
Mrs. Jacquie Hansen, Vice-President
Mrs. Bev Esslinger, Edmonton Public
Mrs. Marilyn Bergstra, Edmonton Catholic
Ms. Carol Bazinet, Calgary Public
Mr. John Lehnert, Zone 1
Ms. Lynda Akers, Zone 23
Mr. Clayton Jespersen, Zone 23
Ms. Patty Dittrick, Zone 4 (alternate)
Mr. Doug Gardner, Zone 5
Ms. Kerry Milder, Zone 6

Regrets

Mr. Serafino Scarpino, Calgary Catholic

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Donna Engel, Director, Corporate Services
Mrs. Heather Rogers, Director, Finance & Administrative Services
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications
Ms. Deb Tumbach, Senior Lawyer
Ms. Heather Tkachuk, ASBA Staff Officer
Mr. Terry Gunderson, ASBA Consultant
Ms. Marian Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Note: Any enclosure, report or other document to which a motion relates in whole or in part becomes an integral and official part of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

President Welwood called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

A. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

A.1 Agenda

(a) Additions/Changes

An *in-camera* session on bargaining was added.

(b) Approval

MOTION #1
C. Jespersen

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2007

(a) Errors/Omissions

A.5 Audited Financial Statements: Following Motion #6, a statement that the staff returned to the meeting was required.

A.8 Review of Internal and External Committee Representation: Clarification was given that John Lehnert was the ASBA lead representative on the Minister's Advisory Committee on Funding Framework.

(b) Approval

MOTION #2
M. Bergstra

That the minutes of the December 14, 2007 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(c) Business Arising

There was no business arising from the December meeting.

A.3 External and Internal Committee Appointments

As follow-up to the appointments approved in principle at the December meeting, the following revisions were made to the external and internal committee representative appointment lists:

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES (*attachments 1 & 3*):

COATS Excellence in Teaching Awards Selection Committee - Lynda Akers was appointed for the term January 1 2008 – June 30,2009

ASBA Drug Awareness Committee – The Zone 6 representative was to be determined.

Minister's High School Completion Task Force – Jackie Swainson was appointed for the term January 1, 2008 – August 31, 2008

Program and Assessment Advisory Committee (PAAC) – Serafino Scarpino was appointed for the term January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009.

Category D Committee:

Science Curriculum Advisory Committee – Marilyn Bergstra's term would be determined by Alberta Education (ASBA appointment by the Executive Director)

INTERNAL COMMITTEES (*attachment 2*):

Executive Director Evaluation Committee – delete the vacant position

Add:

Trends, Innovations and Educational Scenarios (TIES) – Doug Gardner was appointed as the lead.

MOTION #3
L. Akers

That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the revised external and internal committee appointments and terms as outlined in the attached documents.

CARRIED

In response to a query, D. Anderson advised that staff resource personnel on committees were selected for an indefinite term based on availability and expertise.

A.4 Directors' Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

A.5 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

The following items were identified:

- ASBA 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Insurance Board Appointments
- Subsidizing Service Costs
- Member Satisfaction Survey Presentation
- Leadership Roles for Board Alternates

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Member Report Format: In response to queries on what type of information was expected in member reports, Directors were advised that issues affecting education provincially, as well as trends and emerging issues that were relevant to the province were to be included.

Subsequent to the meeting, the following list of what reports should be limited to include was developed during the June 16, 2005 Board meeting:

- a broad range of information
- issues that sparked discussion
- substantive issues of general interest
- only unique activities, ideas, practices, speakers, and any policy discussions
- a consolidation of common issues

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

Board members were encouraged to review the various reports, documents, correspondence and conference brochures included in their agenda package. Verbal reports were given regarding upcoming conferences:

“Closing the Gap” Conference: D. Anderson advised that ASBA was organizing this conference as the lead in aboriginal issues on behalf of CSBA. He was hopeful that every school board would send their Chair (or designate) and Superintendent. ASBA Directors were encouraged to attend as their registration fees would be waived.

New Trustees/New Board Chairs Workshop: D. Anderson advised that those Board members attending the workshop on the Sunday evening would be eligible for a per diem.

In-Camera Session

MOTION #4
C. Jespersen

That the meeting move *in-camera*, with the staff included.

CARRIED

Carol Bazinet declared a conflict and left the meeting.

MOTION #5
D. Gardner

That the meeting move out of *camera*.

CARRIED

C. Bazinet rejoined the meeting.

D. MEETING EVALUATION

Directors were encouraged to complete and return their meeting evaluation form.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6
M. Bergstra

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

President

Executive Director