



**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
ASBA Boardroom**

June 12, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Mrs. Heather Welwood, President
Mrs. Jacquie Hansen, Vice President
Ms. Bev Esslinger, Edmonton Public
Mrs. Marilyn Bergstra, Edmonton Catholic
Ms. Carol Bazinet, Calgary Public (alternate)
Mr. Serafino Scarpino, Calgary Catholic
Ms. Dianne Lavoie, Zone 1
Mrs. Lynda Akers, Zone 2/3
Mr. Clayton Jespersen, Zone 2/3
Ms. Jackie Swainson, Zone 4
Ms. Anne-Marie Boucher, Zone 5
Mr. Roy Goulet, FCSFA
Mr. Don Fleming, PSBAA

Guests

Mr. Doug Gardner, former Zone 5 Director

Presenters

Ms. Bonnie Riddell, Elk Island Public (Agenda Items B.1a and I.2)
Ms. Jennifer Carson, ASEBP (Agenda Item D.1)

Regrets

Ms. Karen Kryczka, Calgary Public
Ms. Kerry Milder Zone 6
Mrs. Sandra Bannard, ACSTA

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Donna Engel, Director, Corporate Services
Ms. Heather Rogers, Director, Finance (Agenda Item I.1)
Mr. Scott McCormack, Manager, Special Initiatives
Ms. Heather Tkachuk, Research and Policy Analyst
Ms. Bobbie Garner, Administrative Assistant
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 9:00 a.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Music was provided for the national anthem as well as video-clips of Canadian scenes.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW
DIRECTORS**

Ms. Anne-Marie Boucher was officially installed as the Zone 5 representative.

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A.1 Agenda (Revised)

(a) **Additions/Changes** There were no additions or changes to the revised agenda.

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #1
S. Scarpino

That the revised agenda be approved.

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – May 7-8, 2009

(a) **Errors/Omissions** No errors or omissions were reported.

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #2
M. Bergstra

That the minutes of the May 7-8, 2009 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

(c) **Business Arising**

H.2 Future Agenda Items – Discussion re Involvement of Charter Schools as Members of ASBA: D. Anderson reminded the Board that Charter Schools were precluded from membership in ASBA (as per current ASBA Bylaw 1.1.c & d).

A.3 In-Camera Session

An *in-camera* session was not required.

B. ADVOCACY

B.1 Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report

(a) **2009 Spring General Meeting Business**

Ms. Bonnie Riddell, Chair of Elk Island Public Schools, addressed the Board and sought their support regarding the emergent issue which they withdrew at the SGM on the construction of underground transmission lines.

She advised that the government was researching the feasibility of constructing a high-voltage transmission line, not whether the line should be overhead versus underground.

MOTION #3
C. Jespersen

That the ASBA Board of Directors support the Legislative Assembly motion of April 6, 2009 which read:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately investigate the feasibility of constructing underground transmission lines to determine if they are a safe and viable option for transmitting high-voltage power.

DEFEATED

MOTION #4
J. Swainson

That the ASBA Board of Directors ask Elk Island Public Schools to consider bringing forward an emergent issue on underground transmission lines to the Fall General Meeting following completion of the government study.

CARRIED

(b) Proposed Policies and Directives for Action – 2009 Fall General Meeting

J. Hansen, PDAC Chair, reported that the proposed policy issues for the Fall General Meeting, usually received by the Board at their June meeting, would be considered at the Leadership session in August because they needed to be prepared in the new policy format which was approved at the Spring General Meeting. In the meantime, Legal Services would review them over the summer.

MOTION #5
J. Swainson

That the report be received as information only.

CARRIED

B.2 ASBA Advocacy Priority Reports

(a) Transportation Task Force

D. Anderson provided a handout that confirmed that all the desired outcomes of the Transportation Task Force were supported by current ASBA policies. It was noted that only the Transportation Task Force mandate required it to identify solutions; the Infrastructure and High School Completion task forces' mandates did not.

C. RESEARCH

C.1 TIES Report

S. McCormack reported on the most recent TIES meeting where the committee discussed the government's possible concern with the amount of work trustees would be asked to do, especially related to AISI, as outlined in their proposed process chart. He suggested that this might better be accepted if it became an ASBA initiative and added that the process would be further developed and rolled out in the fall.

D. PARTNERSHIPS

D.1 ASEBP Presentation

Ms. Jennifer Carson, new Executive Director for the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan, provided an update on the work of ASEBP. She highlighted that the past year had been one of many changes and that the current focus was on reporting and monitoring, quality assurance, project management methodology and a human resource review. Their mission was that each department would strive to become a Centre of Excellence.

D.2 Appointment to Teacher Salary Qualifications Board

MOTION #6

L. Akers

That the ASBA Board of Directors appoint Bev Esslinger to serve on the Teacher Salary Qualifications Board for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

E. SERVICES TO BOARDS

E.1 ASBIE Appointment

D. Anderson advised that two trustees had expressed interest in serving on the ASBIE Board, but he had not received a résumé from either of them. He directed the Board to the current policy for appointments to ASBIE (agenda item E.2) and highlighted the recommendation to eliminate the constraint that ASBIE appointments be from specific zones.

D. Gardner, as one of the candidates, excused himself from the meeting to accommodate further discussion on the appointment. The following comments were made by the Directors:

- All candidates must submit a résumé
- Consideration must be given to the geographic distribution of appointees
- The Board should not change policy in the middle of an appointment process.

MOTION #7

D. Lavoie

That the two ASBIE candidates be requested to provide a résumé of their applicable background by June 30, 2009.

CARRIED

It was agreed that if résumés were not received by the deadline, the appointment would proceed under the new policy as determined by the ASBA Board.

E.2 Alignment of ASBIE Appointments to Policy

The Board expressed the need for the new policy to include the requirement that candidates submit a résumé and that consideration be given to the geographic distribution of appointees.

MOTION #8

C. Jespersen

That the ASBA Board of Directors direct the Executive Director to provide a new policy on appointments to ASBIE Board of Directors to be brought back to the September meeting.

CARRIED

D. Gardner returned to the meeting.

E.3 Public Engagement Action Plan

D. Anderson provided a handout of the proposed Phase II Public Engagement Action Plan which he described as a living, working document. This plan was developed as a result of the Summit on Education and the public's desire to be engaged in public education.

Board members were asked to provide input on the strategies outlined in the plan. The following comments were offered:

- What would be the impact on the budget?
- Concern with the number of regional committees to be created (Strategy #6) with some Directors in support of only one provincial committee, while others supported the need for only local, regional committees, and others in support of both levels.
- Concern with the time commitment required of regional representatives on a provincial committee.

MOTION #9

S. Scarpino

That the ASBA Board of Directors receive the Public Engagement Action Plan as information.

CARRIED

F. BOARD POLICIES

F.1 ASBA Strategic Plan 2008-2011 (Second Report)

Directors commented on some of the strategies listed in the report:

B.1.1 "Choice – Alternatives to Traditional Education" report: D. Anderson advised that this report would be distributed to boards.

B.3 First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students: D. Anderson advised that this initiative would continue once a staff person was found to take the lead.

MOTION #10

J. Swainson

That the ASBA Board of Directors receive the ASBA Strategic Plan 2008-2011 Implementation Second Report for information.

CARRIED

G. BOARD MEMBER REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

G.1 President's Report

H. Welwood updated her written report to include:

- Bill 44 had passed
- Bill 206 on bullying, a private member's bill, might come back at the Fall legislative sitting
- Date for meeting re AAWEI was still not determined as a government-wide commitment was being sought

(a) CSBA Update

Please refer to the "InfoPicks" document included in the agenda package.

G.2 Vice-President's Report J. Hansen highlighted from her written report the success of the video-conference meeting held May 26th to present the proposed ASBA policy position statements.

G.3 Executive Director's Report In addition to his written report, D. Anderson announced the appointment of Mr. Jim Gibbons as ASBA's senior education consultant commencing June 2010. Until that time, Mr. Terry Gunderson would act as interim senior education advisor upon Dr. Leroy Sloan's retirement June 30, 2009.

MOTION #11
L. Akers That the meeting move *in-camera* with only the voting Directors present. **CARRIED**

MOTION #12
M. Bergstra That the meeting move out of *camera*. **CARRIED**

Observers and staff rejoined the meeting.

G.4 Member Reports **Edmonton Public** (*B. Esslinger*): Please refer to the written report.

Edmonton Catholic (*M. Bergstra*): Please refer to the written report.

Calgary Public (*C. Bazinet*): Please refer to the written report.

Calgary Catholic (*S. Scarpino*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 1 (*D. Lavoie*): D. Lavoie highlighted from her written report the results of the Zone's Balanced School Year Study and the need for provincial implementation in order for a balanced school year (school would start in early August and finish at end of May) to be viable. The Board agreed to schedule a presentation on the study's findings for a future meeting.

Zone 2/3 (*L. Akers & C. Jespersen*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 4 (*J. Swainson*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 5 (*D. Gardner*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 6 (*K. Milder*): A report was not available.

ACSTA (*S. Bannard*): A report was not available.

FCSFA (*R. Goulet*): The Board was provided with a copy of a consultation paper entitled "*Possible Creation of a Blended Francophone Regional Authority in Southern Alberta*" dated May 15, 2009.

PSBAA (*D. Fleming*): Please refer to the report distributed at the meeting.

H. OTHER

H.1 Directors' Requests for Information

As noted previously under "Business Arising" D. Anderson reminded the Board that, as per current ASBA Bylaw 1.1(c) and (d), Charter Schools were precluded from membership in ASBA.

H.2 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

The following items were identified:

- Presentation on "Success in School for Children and Youth in Care"
- Presentation on "Balanced School Year" (research by Zone 1)
- Discussion re Charter School Membership – Information on ASBA Bylaws
- Roles and Responsibilities of Board of Directors members

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

I.1 ASBA Office Space

D. Anderson provided a handout on lease and purchase options for ASBA office space and requested direction from the Board on which option(s) should be pursued. Following a review of the various options, the Board directed him to clearly define the financial implications of the purchase option (both 33% and 49%) with AUMA in addition to the lease option of the current office space and report back at the September meeting. It was noted, however, that if a decision was needed sooner, a special Board meeting would be necessary prior to the September meeting.

I.2 "Building the Foundations of Learning" Presentation

Ms. Bonnie Riddell provided a DVD presentation that Zone 2/3 gave their local MLAs at a recent luncheon. The video highlighted maintenance issues encountered by several Zone 2/3 schools that they felt IMR and PO&M funding could correct if it was increased by 2% annually to provide predictable and sustainable funding.

Ms. Riddell informed the Board that the Zone had requested reaffirmation of the current policy on Infrastructure Preservation Funding (6.3.D.01) which, prior to the new formatting approved at SGM 2009 read:

The ASBA shall request the provincial government to provide preservation funding to school boards that is equivalent to the industry standard of 2% of school facility replacement costs.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

PSBAA Representative: D. Fleming advised that Glenn Doonanco of Ft. McMurray Public replaced Dave Ellis as one of the three PSBAA alternate representatives on the ASBA Board of Directors.

K. MEETING EVALUATION

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the motion to adjourn President Welwood, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thanked Carol Bazinet and Doug Gardner for their service on the board.

MOTION #13
J. Swainson

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

President

Executive Director