



Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting ASBA Boardroom

October 4, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Mrs. Maureen Kubinec, President
Mrs. Heather Welwood, Vice-President
Mr. George Nicholson, Edmonton Public (alternate)
Ms. Debbie Cavaliere, Edmonton Catholic
Ms. Carol Bazinet, Calgary Public
Mrs. Marge Belcourt, Calgary Catholic
Ms. Wendy Olson-Lepchuk, Zone 1
Mr. Gerry Steinke, Zone 23
Ms. Jackie Swainson, Zone 4
Mr. Doug Gardner, Zone 5
Ms. Kerry Milder, Zone 6
Mr. Martin Blanchet, FCSFA

Guests

Mr. John Steffenson (Agenda Item A.5)

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
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 Kubinec called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. D. Cavaliere led the Board in the singing of O'Canada.

A. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

A.1 Agenda

(a) **Additions/Changes** No additions or changes were noted.

(b) Approval

MOTION #1 That the agenda be approved.
W. Olson-Lepchuk

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – September 12-13, 2007

(a) **Errors/Omissions** **B.1 Dinner with Deputy Minister** – Correct the list to indicate that the discussion items were on-line learning and “blue sky” thinking.

C.5 Labour Disruption Plan and Labour Update – Reflect in the minutes that G. Steinke and C. Bazinet joined the *in-camera* session following the labour update discussion.

(b) **MOTION #2**
D. Cavaliere

That the minutes of the September 12-13, 2007 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(c) **Business Arising**

C.3 Executive Director's Report – Choice Issue: It was clarified that due to the timing of Judith Anderson's conference call recording, if boards agreed to the proposed solution, an emergent resolution would be brought forward at the Fall General Meeting.

A.13 Directors' Requests for Information – Elections: D. Anderson advised that the number of acclamations would be provided following the election, after school boards had provided complete election results to ASBA.

A.3 Proposed Policies and Directives for Action for 2007 Fall General Meeting

D. Anderson reminded the Board that GP-16(g) required them to review the final wording of policy and directives for action positions put forward by Zones for consideration at the 2007 Fall General Meeting.

D. Cavaliere advised that the PDAC felt the proposal on "Student Conduct and Discipline" should be revised to include clarification in the background based on suggestions offered by Legal Services. The sponsoring board, Grande Yellowhead, would be meeting shortly to consider the suggested revisions.

MOTION #3
D. Cavaliere

That the proposed policy and directives for action positions, with a possible revision to the "Student Conduct and Discipline" proposal as noted in the briefing note, be placed before the membership at the 2007 ASBA Fall General Meeting.

CARRIED

Concerns were expressed regarding the brevity of the business session and the absence of an inspirational speaker. D. Anderson reiterated the restrictions placed on the FGM organizers by directive 2.D.01 (Start Time and Day of ASBA Association Business Meetings). M. Kubinec advised that she would speak to this at the Fall General Meeting.

It was suggested that plans be made for the afternoon of the business session for a discussion on educational issues. D. Anderson advised that an electronic voting system would be available for use during the business meeting.

A.4 Presentation of Omnibus and Directives for Action Report at 2007 Fall General Meeting

D. Anderson advised the Board that this item had been placed on the agenda to clarify and formalize that a directives for action progress report and Omnibus Motion would not be presented at the Fall General Meeting in the usual fashion. He added that if the current policy process was changed it might allow for the provision of an accounting of directives for action in a different format in the future.

MOTION #4
W. Olson-Lepchuk

That, for the 2007 Fall General Meeting, the ASBA Board of Directors suspend the requirement to provide an annual accounting of progress and indication of status of directives for action, as established in Board of Directors' policy GP-16; implications of which are that no Directives for Action Progress Report, nor associated omnibus motion, will be presented to the membership at the 2007 FGM; and, further,

That a summary of advocacy undertaken during the last year will be provided to the membership at the 2007 Fall General Meeting.

CARRIED

A.5 Executive Director's Compensation

MOTION #5
H. Welwood

That the meeting move *in-camera* with the Board of Directors and John Steffensen of Western Management Consultants.

CARRIED

MOTION #6
D. Gardner

That the meeting move out of *camera*.

CARRIED

B. MEETING EVALUATION

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

C. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #7
J. Swainson

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

President

Executive Director