



**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Video-Conference**

June 17, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Mrs. Heather Welwood, President
Mrs. Jacquie Hansen, Vice President
Mr. Dave Colburn, Edmonton Public
Mrs. Marilyn Bergstra, Edmonton Catholic
Ms. Karen Kryczka, Calgary Public
Mrs. Mary Martin, Calgary Catholic
Ms. Dianne Lavoie, Zone 1
Mrs. Lynda Akers, Zone 2/3
Mrs. Lisa Brower, Zone 2/3
Mr. Keith Warren, Zone 4
Ms. Anne-Marie Boucher, Zone 5
Mrs. Karen Bartsch, Zone 6

Regrets:

Ms. Patty Dittrick, PSBAA

Guests

Mr. Serafino Scarpino, former Calgary Catholic Director
Mr. Clayton Jespersen, former Zone 2/3 Director
Ms. Jackie Swainson, former Zone 4 Director
Ms. Kerry Milder, former Zone 6 Director

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Donna Engel, Director, Corporate Services
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications
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 7:10 p.m.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW
DIRECTORS**

The following Directors were officially installed:

Mr. Dave Colburn	Edmonton Public
Mrs. Mary Martin	Calgary Catholic
Mrs. Lisa Brower	Zone 2/3(2)
Mr. Keith Warren	Zone 4
Mrs. Karen Bartsch	Zone 6

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A.1 Agenda (Revised)

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

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #1
D. Colburn

That the revised agenda be approved.

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – May 13-14, 2010

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

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #2
L. Akers

That the minutes of the May 13-14, 2010 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

(c) **Business Arising**

(i) Approval of Guide to Essential Conditions to Support Implementation: S. Lundrigan confirmed that the changes to include reference to school boards that the Board requested at their April 2010 meeting had been incorporated into the revised document.

MOTION #3
M. Bergstra

That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the document "A Guide to the Essential Conditions to Support Implementation" and include the ASBA logo on the final version of the document.

CARRIED

D. Anderson added that the intent was for all the supporting stakeholders to use the guide in the development of curriculum.

B. ADVOCACY

B.1 Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report

(a) **2010 Spring General Meeting Business** J. Hansen, PDAC Chair, requested Directors to review the 2010 Spring General Meeting draft minutes and inform Marian Johnson of any errors or omissions.

She added that a preliminary debriefing by the PDAC indicated that the business session had gone well and that a debriefing report would be provided to the Board.

Directors were encouraged to urge delegates to the Spring General Meeting to complete the evaluation form which was available on-line.

(b) **Proposed Policies and Directives for Action – 2010 Fall General Meeting**

J. Hansen highlighted the recommendations made by PDAC for each proposed Fall General Meeting issue and sought Board approval for them. The proposed issues and PDAC recommendations were:

1. **Attendance Age:**
Recommendation: Work with the sponsoring Board to amend the statement to a proposed policy position for consideration at FGM 2010.
2. **Create a School Health Policy:**
Recommendation: Direct the Executive Director to develop a policy advisory to be provided to Boards.
3. **New Capital Construction:**
Recommendations:
 - (1) Refer the issue immediately to the Infrastructure Task Force for consideration, further exploration and recommendation.
 - (2) PDAC work with the sponsoring board to insert additional background information and amend the statement to be a proposed policy position for consideration at FGM 2010.
4. **Stability of Education Funding:**
Recommendations:
 - (1) Work with the sponsoring Board to amend the statement to a proposed policy position for consideration at FGM 2010; and
 - (2) Include current ASBA guiding principles and relevant policies in the background.
5. **Revised Preamble for New School Act:**
Recommendation: Direct the Executive Director to develop for Board consideration a proposed preamble incorporating elements contained in the ASBA submission and take into consideration the Public School Boards' Council proposed preamble.

After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that a proposal should go forward for the membership's consideration at the 2010 FGM, but that the current proposal's background information needed to be strengthened by:

- (1) including that the proposed policy was submitted by a school board through its Zone, following the normal ASBA submission process, and deleting the statement that it was developed by the Public School Boards' Council; and
- (2) including ASBA's submission to the government on the issue, and acknowledging submissions by other organizations.

D. Anderson advised that the proposed preamble would be provided to the Board of Directors at their September meeting.

6. Province-Wide Standards to Assess Competency of Bus Drivers:

Recommendations:

- (1) Work with the sponsoring Board to amend the statement to a proposed policy position for consideration at FGM 2010;
- (2) Provide additional background information; and
- (3) Obtain legal review and comment from Legal Services.

7. Alternatives to Attendance in Person at ASBA Special Meetings:

Recommendation: Direct the Executive Director to investigate alternatives to Special and Board Chairs meetings to provide to boards.

MOTION #4
L. Brower

That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the recommendations made by the Policy Development Advisory Committee as outlined in the document Proposed Policy Positions and as amended by the Board for the 2010 ASBA Fall General Meeting, and that the PDAC continue to work with sponsoring boards to request additional background or clarification when warranted, and ensure consistent format of proposed Association policy positions.

CARRIED

Directors were asked to remind their zone/board to word resolutions as policy positions, not as directives for action.

C. BOARD MEMBER REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

C.1 President's Report

In addition to her written report, H. Welwood provided the following update on topics discussed at the June 15th meeting with the Minister:

School Leadership Framework – the committee had completed its work.

Workforce Stability: This was clarified to mean moving past 2012. All parties affirmed their desire for long-term education workforce stability and agreed to explore options for extending the current teachers' agreement after 2012.

The first step planned was a meeting of the deputy minister and executive directors of the ASBA and ATA to develop a structure that would allow the three parties to work together to achieve this goal. ASBA requested that consultation with respective constituencies be foundational to whatever structure was proposed.

D. Anderson advised that following this process, a conference call with all Board Chairs would be arranged to determine a mandate to move forward.

(a) CSBA Update

There was no new information to report.

C.2 Vice-President's Report

Please refer to the written report.

C.3 Executive Director's Report

In addition to his written report, D. Anderson confirmed that the Board Leadership Academy would be held in Banff August 16-18. The Board self-evaluation and Executive Director's evaluation, to be attended by current Directors only, would be conducted on Monday, August 16. Alternates and Zone Chairs would be invited to participate in the professional development sessions being held August 17 and 18. D. Anderson advised that Observers could attend the PD sessions, but starting in 2011, Observers would be charged a modest fee to attend the Academy.

New Directors' Orientation: D. Anderson announced that an orientation session for new Directors would be held in Banff on August 18 in the afternoon following the Leadership Academy.

C.4 Member Reports

Edmonton Public (*D. Colburn*): Please refer to the written report.

Edmonton Catholic (*M. Bergstra*): Please refer to the report distributed at the meeting

Calgary Public (*K. Kryczka*): Please refer to the written report.

Calgary Catholic (*M. Martin*): A report was not available.

Zone 1 (*D. Lavoie*): Please refer to the written report.

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

Zone 4 (*K. Warren*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 5 (*A-M. Boucher*): A-M. Boucher reported that at the last Zone 5 meeting, Rocky View had commended the Board of Directors on the new policy process.

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

ACSTA (*A. Brick*): A report was not available.

FCSFA (*R. Goulet*): A report was not available.

PSBAA (*P. Dittrick*): A report was not available.

D. OTHER

H.1 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

The following items were identified:

- Presentation on “Balanced School Year” (research by Zone 1)
- Presentation by the Society for Safe and Caring Schools re FNMI
- Council of Local Governments Agreement

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

E.3(a) AISI Educational Partners Steering Committee: Directors were asked to provide feedback to C. Jespersen regarding AISI EPSC’s Learning Mosaic recommendations.

F. MEETING EVALUATION

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

President Welwood thanked the departing Directors for their work on the Board.

MOTION #5
D. Lavoie

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President

Executive Director