



Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
ASBA Boardroom

June 25, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Mrs. Maureen Kubinec, President
Mrs. Heather Welwood, Vice-President
Mrs. Bev Esslinger, Edmonton Public
Ms. Debbie Cavaliere, Edmonton Catholic
Ms. Carol Bazinet, Calgary Public
Ms. Marg Belcourt, Calgary Catholic
Mrs. Lois Burke-Gaffney, former Director - Calgary Catholic
Ms. Wendy Olson-Lepchuk, Zone 1 (*via telephone*)
Mr. Gerry Steinke, Zone 23
Ms. Jackie Swainson, Zone 4
Ms. Karen Holloway, former Director - Zone 4
Mr. Doug Gardner, Zone 5
Ms. Kerry Milder, Zone 6
Mrs. Patricia Aitchison, former Director - Zone 6

Facilitator

Mr. Gordon Welch, Consultant

Staff

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications
Ms. Debra Tumbach, Senior Lawyer
Ms. Heather Tkachuk, Administrative Assistant (afternoon)

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 9:10 a.m.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this special meeting was to review the data and input gathered through the governance review process and formulate specific recommendations, as per Task 12 of Governance Review Timelines.

Mr. Gordon Welch facilitated the session and provided a summary report based on what he had heard throughout the governance review process and his review of the document entitled "What was said report".

His findings identified five key issues as well as five organizational issues:

Key Issues:

1. Representation Zone 2/3
2. Corporate Board Voting
3. Increased Threshold for Support of Positions
4. Double Majority System
5. Arm's Length Policy Committee

Organizational Issues:

1. Take advantage of technology
2. Review communication strategies
3. Tighten up procedures at general meetings
4. Review and clarify roles
5. Convey to membership that Executive Director and Board of Directors are servant leaders.

Recommendations to address or support the emerging directions and findings were discussed by the Board and led to the following decisions:

MOTION #1
K. Holloway

That the Executive Director prepare bylaw amendments – and such consequential amendments as necessary – to accommodate the following changes:

- Any Zone made up of more than 20 school boards will be represented by two directors on the ASBA Board of Directors
- School boards will not be able to split their votes
- With the exception of leadership votes, which will be on the basis of one board/one vote, implement a double-majority voting system which would require the support of 60 per cent of school boards representing 60 per cent of students for a motion to pass. The double-majority will apply to all votes of the membership, with the exception of the election of the President and Vice-President
- Any other housekeeping amendments that result from the above changes.

CARRIED

MOTION #2
W. Olson-Lepchuk

That the Arms' Length Policy Committee (Issue #5) be referred to the ASBA Policy Development Advisory Committee to bring back changes to GP-16 and/or bylaw changes to simplify and streamline the policy development process.

CARRIED

Next Steps

The Board agreed to the following next steps:

1. Board of Directors to call a Special General Meeting.

2. ASBA staff to draft necessary bylaw changes to implement decisions made for consideration by the Board of Directors at their July 10, 2007 conference call meeting.

3. ASBA staff to draft governance review report for consideration by the Board of Directors at their July 10, 2007 conference call meeting.

MOTION #3
D. Cavaliere

That the Alberta School Boards Association hold a Special General Meeting on September 14, 2007 to consider bylaw changes arising from the Governance Review.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

President

Executive Director