



SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2009
Capri Centre, Red Deer

MINUTES

- ATTENDANCE:** As per registration list.
- PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:** ASBA President Heather Welwood provided her opening remarks to the assembly.
- CALL TO ORDER:** President Heather Welwood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Mr. Jamie Vollmer provided a keynote address to the assembly.
- CHAIR:** Vice-President Jacquie Hansen assumed the Chair's position for the meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

(Note: These require a simple majority)

Appointment of Parliamentarian:

MOTION #1 D. Gardner (Foothills S. Div. #38)
S. Scarpino (Calgary Catholic)

That Kevin Feehan be appointed Parliamentarian.

CARRIED (86%)

Approval of Rules of Procedure:

MOTION #2 J. Swainson (Chinook's Edge S. Div. #73)
D. Lavoie (Holy Family CRD #37)

That the Rules of Procedure be adopted.

CARRIED (100%)

Approval of Minutes (Fall General Meeting 2008):

MOTION #3 B. Esslinger (Edmonton Public)
M. Bergstra (Edmonton Catholic)

That the minutes of the 2008 ASBA Fall General Meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED (100%)

Appointment of Balloting Committee:

MOTION #4 C. Jespersen (Pembina Hills RD #7)
B. Esslinger (Edmonton Public)

That, according to Bylaw No. 9, Section 10, the Balloting Committee shall be chaired by Heather Rogers, Ballot Committee Chair.

CARRIED (100%)

Receipt of Emergent Issues:

B. Riddell, Chair of Elk Island Public Schools, withdrew Emergent Issue 4EM/SGM09 (Investigation into the Feasibility of Constructing Underground Transmission Lines).

Adoption of Order Paper:

MOTION #5 L. Akers (Grande Yellowhead RD #35)
C. Jespersen (Pembina Hills RD #7)

That the Order Paper, excluding Emergent Issue 4EM/SGM09, be adopted.

CARRIED (100%)

PROPOSED BUDGET

(Note: This requires a double majority of 60%)

1B/SGM09 ASBA Budget 2009-2010
MOTION #6 L. Akers (Grande Yellowhead RD #35)
M. Bergstra (Edmonton Catholic)

That the Alberta School Boards Association adopt the budget appended hereto for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

CARRIED

(% of School Boards: 88
% of Students: 81.46)

Jackie Swainson assumed the Chair.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ASBA POLICY AND DIRECTIVES FOR ACTION STATEMENTS:

(Note: This requires a double majority of 60%)

1P/SGM09 Proposed Policy Position Statements
MOTION #7 L. Akers (Grande Yellowhead RD #35)
J. Swainson (Chinook's Edge S. Div. #73)

That the ASBA proposed policy position statements, as circulated to all Board Chairs on April 28, 2009, replace the policy and directive for action statements currently contained in the *ASBA Governance Handbook* (December 2008).

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #7:*(Note: Requires a simple majority)*

K. Checkel (Clearview S. Div. #71)
 R. Van Ee (Buffalo Trail Public Schools RD #28)

That, under “Funding for Differential Factors” (page 2 of “ASBA Proposed Policy Position Statements” document), the first bullet be amended to read:

Enhanced funding for Small Schools by Necessity should be provided so these schools can operate enough fully supported classrooms to provide students with at least a minimum acceptable program. For example this should enable graduates of small high schools to attend any post-secondary institution in Alberta.

DEFEATED (14%)

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #7*(Note: Requires a simple majority)*

P. Dittrick (Clearview S. Div. #71)
 K. Checkel (Clearview S. Div. #71)

That, under “Transportation Safety” (page 18 of “ASBA Proposed Policy Position Statements” document), the second and third paragraphs be moved under “Pedestrian Student Safety” (page 45).

CARRIED (52%)

Note: The paragraphs read:

The Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to change School Speed Zone hours on all provincial highways to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days.

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) should urge their members to implement these school speed zone hours on all roads within their jurisdiction.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDED MOTION #7*(Note: Requires a simple majority)*

T. Riley (Medicine Hat SD #76)
 J. Trettler (St. Albert PSSD #6)

That the amended proposed policy position statements include a numbering system in the ASBA Governance Handbook.

CARRIED (90%)

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION #7*(Note: This requires a double majority of 60%)*

That the ASBA proposed policy position statements, as circulated to all Board Chairs on April 28, 2009 and as amended, replace the policy and directive for action statements currently contained in the *ASBA Governance Handbook* (December 2008).

CARRIED

(% of School Boards	97
% of Students	97.7)

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS:*(Note: This requires a double majority of 60%)***2A/SGM09 Bylaw 7(1): Board of Directors – Powers and Duties**

MOTION #8 D. Lavoie (Holy Family CRD #37)
M. Bergstra (Edmonton Catholic)

That the Alberta School Boards Association amend Bylaw No. 7, Section 1 as indicated in the proposed bylaw appended hereto.

CARRIED

(% of School Boards	98
% of Students	98.88)

The proposed Bylaw reads:

The business and affairs of the Association shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Directors, which may exercise all the powers of the Association which are not required by the Alberta School Boards Association Act, or by these Bylaws, to be exercised by the Association in a General Meeting.

POLICY ADOPTED BY ASBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:*(Note: These require a double majority of 60%)***3P/SGM09 Full-Time Kindergarten for Children at Risk**

MOTION #9 Clayton Jespersen (Pembina Hills RD #7)
Bev Esslinger (Edmonton Public)

That the ASBA reaffirm its support of full-time kindergarten funding for children at risk in response to the Alberta Commission on Learning's recommendation #3 – Establish full-time kindergarten programs.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #9*(Note: This requires a simple majority)*

E. Grach (Northland S. Div. #61)
 G. Hashizume (Medicine Hat SD #76)

That the ASBA reaffirm its support of full-time kindergarten funding.

DEFEATED (50%)

T. Riley (Medicine Hat SD #76) requested a division of the house (standing vote). The result was:

DEFEATED (45%)

VOTE ON MOTION #9

That the ASBA reaffirm its support of full-time kindergarten funding for children at risk in response to the Alberta Commission on Learning's recommendation #3 – Establish full-time kindergarten programs.

CARRIED

(% of School Boards	83
% of Students	91.74)

Lynda Akers assumed the Chair.

4D/SGM09 School Act Amendment to Provide for Board Meeting Attendance via Video-conference

MOTION #10 D. Gardner (Foothills S. Div. #38)
 S. Scarpino (Calgary Catholic)

That the Minister of Education should work with the Alberta School Boards Association to establish a legislative framework providing school boards the ability to conduct electronic meetings, considering the many complexities surrounding the issue and providing local autonomy in establishing procedures around such meetings within the framework provided by the legislation.

CARRIED

(% of School Boards	95
% of Students	95.98)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.