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- Board Meeting #9 -

Minutes of a board meeting of the trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ray Martin
George Nicholson

Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Marion de Man
Gary Reynolds

Bruce Coggles
Pam Hall
Susan Laudenklos
Ron MacNeil

Dennis Melnyk
Maureen Stratton Lemieux
Carol Wolanski

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

A. O Canada

O Canada was sung by Britany David, a grade 6 student from North Edmonton School.

B. Roll Call: (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Hansen was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

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The following is a text of the chairman's communications:

*Good evening. I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the **Education Services Settlement Act** legislation introduced by the provincial government.*

I also want to acknowledge the significant effect that this proposed legislation has had, and will have, on our teachers' morale.

It was always our board's preference to reach a negotiated settlement. Binding arbitration is clearly a less than ideal resolution to any labour dispute.

There is still a window of opportunity between now and the start of the arbitration process for our board and the ATA to reach a negotiated settlement. We would welcome the opportunity to work towards this goal.

We appreciate that working conditions are an ongoing concern. Despite the fact that working conditions will not be included in the arbitration process, we recognize that concerns about these issues must continue to be addressed.

For years, the board's priority has been to advocate for public education to government. From meetings with MLAs to participating in joint advocacy initiatives with the other urban boards, my fellow trustees and I have repeatedly communicated to the government that the funding of public education is a serious issue in this province.

We have one of the best education systems in the world and if it is to remain that way, it needs to be funded adequately and appropriately.

We are pleased to know that the provincial government plans to conduct an examination of Alberta's education system. It is our hope that this examination will begin to address the serious and complex challenges that we currently face in public education.

In closing, I believe it is important to acknowledge that all parties – the board, the government and the teachers – all of us – have been motivated by what we believe to be in the best interest of students.

We must ensure that in the days and weeks to come that we continue to keep students and their learning our first priority. Thank you.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #8 – February 26, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 26, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. North Edmonton School’s Instructional Focus on Literacy: Teamwork with Consulting Services and the Community

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘North Edmonton School’s Instructional Focus on Literacy: Teamwork with Consulting Services and the Community’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 5, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #4 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 5, 2002 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the offer to purchase the Assumption Academy property in the amount of \$825,000 as received from Worthington Properties Inc. be approved.**
- 3. That the offer to purchase the Old Administration property in the amount of \$1,200,000 as received from Worthington Properties Inc. be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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4. Student Accommodation Board Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

- “1. That student accommodation board policy IC.BP be approved.**
- 2. That student accommodation board regulation IC.BR be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Extension of Child Study Care Alternative Program to Grade 6

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That the revised agreement between Edmonton Public Schools and the Faculty of Education of the University of Alberta be approved.**
- 2. That the extension of the Child Study Centre Alternative Program to encompass grades 1 to 6 be approved.”**

Trustee Woodrow requested information regarding the titles of some of the research projects that have been conducted at the Child Study Centre.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Request for Approval of Advanced Placement as an Alternative Program

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That Advanced Placement be approved as an alternative program for grades 10 to 12 beginning in the 2002-2003 school year.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Key Communicators’ Program

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Key Communicators’ Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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A brief break was taken at this point in the meeting.

8. The Kindergarten Study: Report on 2000-2001 Cohort

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘The Kindergarten Study: Report on 2000-2001 Cohort’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Technology Preparation Program (Tech Prep)

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Technology Preparation Program (Tech Prep)’ be received for information.”

Trustee Dean requested that information be provided regarding the number of students graduating from the Tech Prep Program who took 10-20-30 level courses versus those who took 13-23-33 level courses (based on the Red Deer data).

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 and Exempt Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 and Exempt Staff’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2002-2003

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2002-2003’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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12. Trustee Initiatives

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Initiatives’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”

Trustee Woodrow suggested that a presentation on Literacy Map: Meaningful Applied Phonics be considered for a future board meeting.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

•Community Relations Activities – None.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Woodrow referred to the March 10, 2002 Edmonton Journal article regarding teaching energy efficiency on the Supernet and the article in the CSBA February 2002 issue regarding funding from Natural Resources Canada for energy retrofit assistance and asked that information be provided as to whether the district is involved in such programs in order to save money on energy costs.

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Trustee Woodrow referred to the Winter Issue of the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CASE) and noted that Elaine Decker is the vice-president of CASE this year. She congratulated communications staff for their awards in excellence for the program for Fiddler on the Roof and the publication for GETCA Keynote Address: Polishing the Profession.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 16, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (9:00 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary