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- Board Meeting #10 -

Minutes of the 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 22, 2005 at 6:10 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Wilma Bayko
Cathy Bible
Cam Colville

Linda Craig
Colin Inglis
George Rice

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein

A. O Canada – District Video

B. Roll Call: (6:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that yesterday, March 21st, was the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination. The Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (N.A.A.R.R) offered a program of activities for students, staff and the general public to commemorate this important day.

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The chairman advised that the Board of Trustees will pay tribute to staff members who have provided twenty-five and thirty years of service to Edmonton Public Schools tomorrow evening. The Long Service Recognition ceremony provides the board with an opportunity to thank staff members for their many years of dedication and service to our district, our schools and our students.

This year the board of trustees is proud to honour:

- 201 staff members for 25 years of service and
- 141 staff members who have achieved 30 years of service

The presentation ceremony will be held in the Eva O. Howard Theatre, Victoria School, with a reception to follow in the Centre for Education Atrium.

The chairman announced that he had received a letter from the Minister of Education today in which the Minister states that \$12.8 million dollars of one-time funding will be granted to school districts for textbooks and other classroom resources. Edmonton Public Schools will receive \$1.83 million dollars. The funds come to the district with some flexibility, although Alberta Education has yet to communicate further details. We are able to allocate these funds to schools. Schools may purchase resources from the Learning Resources Centre or other distributors and they may choose to provide professional development opportunities for the introduction and implementation of new curriculum, such as the social studies curriculum. The administration will be folding this new money into the 2005-2006 planning allocations to schools. This money will provide support to help our staff implement new curriculum and to ensure greater availability of current resources in all district schools.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 8, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 22, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. LaPerle School – Focus on Reading Comprehension

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘LaPerle School – Focus on Reading Comprehension’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Edwin Parr Teacher Award’ be received for information.”

Mr. Fred Wilkes, Parkdale School, was selected as the district’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Reports:

4. Revised Timeline for 2005-2006 Planning Process

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the timeline for the 2005-2006 Planning Process be amended as follows:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Recommended</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Allocations to Schools/Central | March 7 | April 18 |
| Planning Documents Due | March 24 | May 4 |
| Budget Presented to Board | May 10 | May 10 |
| Trustee Subcommittee | April 11-27 | May 16-June3” |

Trustee Fleming suggested that the district communicate the impact of the uncertainty of funding on school planning to the Minister of Education.

The chairman called the question.

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The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Orientation to the Plan for Student Program Distribution

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Orientation to the Plan for Student Program Distribution’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 8, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That Report #6 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 8, 2005 be received and considered.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That the designation of Sue Bell as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.

3. That the designation of Allan Jack as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.

4. That the designation of Dave Jones as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. Motion Re Voting Age

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board endorse Bill C261, currently before the House of Commons, which advocates the lowering of the voting age in Federal Elections from 18 to 16 and that a letter regarding this endorsement be sent to the Bill’s sponsor, MP Mark Holland.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Hansen

The Motion was CARRIED.

8. First Semester Course Completion

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘First Semester Course Completion’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Presentation from Exempt Staff re 2005-2006 Budget:

Ms Jane Farrell, a representative of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, made a presentation on behalf of the district’s exempt staff.

The chairman advised that a copy of the staff group presentations and responses to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2005-2006 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the verbal presentation from the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustees were provided with a copy of the Exempt Staff group’s presentation.

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10. Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, and CUPE Local 784

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, and CUPE Local 784’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

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

Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided on the rental rates being charged to non-profit groups such as Brownies and Scouts and community leagues, etc.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.
•Community Relations Activities – None.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the Edmonton Public School Board postpone any vote on school closures until such time as the Minister of Infrastructure releases the results of his review of the utilization formula and the board has an opportunity to study the impact of this review on provincial funding policies.

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M. Meeting Dates:

| DATE | MEETING | COMMENCEMENT TIME |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, April 12, 2005 | Public Board | 6:00 p.m. |

N. Adjournment: (7:55 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary