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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 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil
Tanni Parker

Pat Davidson
Rod Kostek
Dean Michailides

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that the Board is committed to involving parents and community members in the work of public education. As part of this commitment, the Board will be holding the April 15, 2008 public Board Meeting at Jasper Place School.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 11, 2008

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 11, 2008 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement at Strathcona High School

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement at Strathcona High School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. Presentation from CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) re 2008-2009 Budget

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, president CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the verbal presentation from CUPE Local 3550 be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

A copy of the Local’s brief was distributed to trustees.

4. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Huff:

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

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6. Delegation – Rethink Ritchie

The board heard from Mr. Nick Morra and Ms Cynthia Stobbe.

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the verbal presentation from the Rethink Ritchie delegation be received for information.”

The delegation provided a copy of its research to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Sustainability and School Closure Processes.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Possible Closure of Ritchie School

The board heard from the following registered speakers:

- Madeline Rainey
- Spencer Buehler
- David Buehler
- Krista Chiponski
- Heather Chiponski
- Alicia Robinson
- Paul Souldore
- Trevor Beckworth
- JoAnne Bryan
- Karen Weis Bridges
- Jenika Watson
- Tophi Davies

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

**“That the verbal comments of the speakers be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the closure of Ritchie School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault, and Huff

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

8. Possible Closure of Woodcroft School

The board heard from the following registered speakers:

- Reg Appleyard
- Lora Yaskow
- Sonya Chudyk
- Shauna Wilson
- Bob Watson
- Laurie Simpson

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

**“That the verbal comments of the speakers be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the closure of Woodcroft School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year be approved.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Rice and Ripley

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault, Huff and Shipka

The Motion was CARRIED.

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H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

9. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 11 and 18, 2008)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That Report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held March 11 and 18, 2008 be received and considered.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That the designation of Sandra Mason as principal to the district effective September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “3. That the Memorandum of Agreement on amendments to the 2006-2009 collective agreements with CUPE 3550 (Support Staff), CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) and CUPE 784 (Maintenance Staff) be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “4. That the following cost of living adjustments be applied to the Exempt Management and Exempt Non-Management salary schedules:**

- **One dollar per hour increase, effective March 1, 2008;**
- **An increase equivalent to the Alberta Weekly Wage Earnings, effective September 1, 2008, September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2010;**

- 5. That the following changes be made to benefits for exempt management and non-management staff:**

- a) **Effective September 1, 2008, the employee portion of the surcharge on Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance and Extended Disability Insurance be eliminated;**
- b) **Effective September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2010, the board pay Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) rates established effective these dates for the Added Choice Program benefit.**

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6. Upon approval of the proposed recommendation, that the daily allowances for paid lunchroom aides be increased to a minimum of \$13.05 and a maximum of \$20.15, and effective September 1, 2008, increased by 4% to a minimum of \$13.65 and a maximum of \$21.10.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “7. That Terms of Reference for the Committee to review Sustainability and School Closure Processes be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

I. Other Trustee Reports – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Laurie Simpson expressed her concern about the school closure process and the impact on communities.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Rice served notice of the following motion:

That Edmonton Public Schools organize a one-day comprehensive school health symposium that would include staff and administration representatives from all of our schools.

Trustee Rice noted that the purpose would be to share school successes, successful practices, lessons learned and to brainstorm solutions to challenges. This full symposium could then be followed up as warranted by division level symposiums that could include students and staff. Consideration could be given to inviting separate system staff to participate.

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M. **Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Room 188, Jasper Place High School
8950 - 163 Street

N. **Adjournment:** (12:05 a.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary