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- Board Meeting -

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, April 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Donna Barrett
Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe
Tanni Parker

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

A. O Canada – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Nicholson was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair advised that April is Earth Month and Saturday, April 22nd, is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than six million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Many district students have been involved in activities recognizing Earth Month and will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives.

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She noted that, several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. Schools are encouraged to participate. While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter free is a worthy cause for all – every day of the year.

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

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 14, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 14, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Homesteader School – Focus on Reading and Language Comprehension

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

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

G. Reports:

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #6 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 4, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That the designation of Josué Bensimon as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Sheila Nash as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “4. That David Fraser and Les McElwain be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA).**
- 5. That the board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification.**
- 6. That the following objective be approved:**
 - To negotiate a collective agreement:**
 - that facilitates efficient and effective operations in support of the mission of the district,**
 - that reflects existing fiscal realities and the district’s ability to pay,**
 - with a duration that provides stability and opportunity for long-term planning, while enabling cost effectiveness, and**
 - without disruption of service.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “7. That Diana Bolan and Ellen Ogilvy be confirmed as co-spokespersons for negotiations with CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff).**
- 8. That authorization for the board’s negotiating committee be confirmed to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification.**
- 9. That the following objective be confirmed:**
 - To negotiate a collective agreement:**
 - that facilitates efficient and effective operations in support of the mission of the district,**
 - that reflects existing fiscal realities and the district’s ability to pay,**
 - with a duration that provides stability and opportunity for long-term planning, while enabling cost effectiveness, and**
 - without disruption of service.”**

The board chair called the question.

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The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “10. That David Fraser and Bonnie Zack be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with CUPE Local 474 (Custodial).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “11. That Les McElwain and Nancy Lamer be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. 2006-2007 Proposed Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “That the proposed 2006-2007 planning base be approved.”**

Trustees expressed concern that the government grant does not cover the cost of inflation and that the board needs to develop a plan to communicate its concerns to the province.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Second Language Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

- “That the Second Language Education Policy (HGAF.BP) be amended to reflect the change in the Alberta Education position on the Second Language Requirement.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

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7. Results from Phase I of the Ten-Year Facilities Plan Public Consultation and Next Steps for the Proposed Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Results from Phase I of the Ten-Year Facilities Plan Public Consultation and Next Steps for the Proposed Plan’ be received for information.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Results of the Joint Use Agreement Internal Review and Details of the Joint Use Agreement External Tri-Party Review

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Results of the Joint Use Agreement Internal Review and Details of the Joint Use Agreement External Tri-Party Review’ be received for information.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006’ be received for information.”

Trustees requested that, in future reports, the areas of responsibility and/or D.U.s falling under the areas of responsibility for the Executive Directors be clarified for reporting of staffing.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

Trustee Gibson requested that the information regarding the status of schools that do not provide after-hour community access be brought back to board on a periodic basis and, in particular, information regarding the success of alternative methods of supervision for community groups.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Colburn reported that he would be holding a town hall forum in his ward (Ward D) on education on Monday, April 24, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at Eastglen School. The forum will provide participants with broad levels of information on district finances, alternative programs and site-based decision making. The Key Note address will be from a member of the U. of A. Faculty of Education regarding what role parents play in the success of their children. He extended an invitation to all those interested in discussing education issues in addition his ward constituents.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion

The board chair served notice of the following motion on behalf of Trustee Nicholson:

Be it resolved, that the administration examine the feasibility of implementing an apprenticeship training programme designed to help meet the district's present and future needs for qualified trade personnel, and further, that the programme be designed to include the provision of regular apprentices and Registered Apprenticeship Programme (RAP) students, and further, that the report include the potential costs and benefits to the district of the aforesaid programme.

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L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 25, 2006	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

11. Appointment of the New Superintendent of Schools

BOARD CHAIR ESSLINGER MOVED:

“Confirmation of the new superintendent of schools, for a three-year term effective September 1, 2006, Mr. Lyall Thomson.” (UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT)

M. Adjournment: (8:10 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary