

MINUTE BOOK

- Board Meeting #2 -

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, November 25, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Norm Diemert
Bob Holt
Avi Habinski

Donna Barrett
Corinne McCabe
Ron MacNeil
Ted Biggs
Charlotte Corothers

Joan Gibson
Maureen MacDonald
Scott Millar
Lorne Parker
Ros Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

A. O Canada – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that the White Ribbon Campaign began today and will run through to December 6th. The White Ribbon Campaign is a national effort intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. The board also commended CUPE Local 474 for its part in bringing attention to this important social issue.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 12, 2003
2. Board Meeting - November 19, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee :

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held November 12, 2003 and the board meeting held November 19, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Consulting Services – Focus on Teaching and Learning

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Consulting Services – Focus on Teaching and Learning’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

4. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 19, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #1 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held November 19, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That submission of the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2003 to the Minister of Learning be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 19, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #3 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held November 19, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That an *Offer to Purchase and Interim Agreement* respecting H.A. Gray School, as received from the Northwest Bible College, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Allendale Elementary Program Closure

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the closure of the elementary program at Allendale School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “That the recommendation be deferred to the April 13, 2004 board meeting.”

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

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Gibeault, Hansen and Woodrow

The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.

7. Surplus School Sites

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “That the surplus declaration of the vacant elementary school site in Carlisle neighbourhood be approved.

That the surplus declaration of the vacant elementary school site in Hairsine neighbourhood be approved.

That the surplus declaration of the vacant elementary school site in LaPerle neighbourhood be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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8. Ten-Year Facilities Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

**“That the report entitled ‘Ten-Year Facilities Plan’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Disaggregated Data for Language and Alternative Programs

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Disaggregated Data for Language and Alternative Programs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. District Satisfaction Survey 2003-04

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘District Satisfaction Survey 2003-04’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Bonko advised that he and Trustee Odynski had attended a Town Hall meeting with respect to the Learning Commission on November 20, 2003. Two Catholic School Board trustees as well as the Minister of Learning and MLA Brent Rathgeber were also in attendance. Approximately 150 people were present for this meeting.

Trustee Odynski referred to an article in yesterday’s Edmonton Journal with respect to a research study on full-day head start early intervention in centre-based childcare. She provided a copy of material with respect to this issue for trustees’ information.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, expressed appreciation for the board’s support of the White Ribbon Campaign.

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J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided with respect to the district's policy and procedures regarding lockdown drills and whether there is any special consideration for elementary schools. What training and support is provided to staff and principals and do we monitor the frequency of drills and the actual number of lockdowns?

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, December 9, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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