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- Board Meeting #3 -

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 30, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson
Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosdall
Shirley Stiles
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Berg
Don Blackwell
Ronda Borchert
Audrey Gardiner
Jennifer Lawley
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab
CUPE Local 3550: T. Jardine
CUPE Local 474: M. Pailamilla

A. O Canada

Students from Alex Taylor School sang O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustees Bonko and Gibeault were absent. All other trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman provided a reminder that November 25 to December 6, 1999 is White Ribbon Week. The White Ribbon Campaign is 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 chairman advised of the passing of Mr. Wilf McLean, a former district teacher, assistant principal and principal. Mr. McLean's memories of his early experiences as an educator were recorded for the recent Annual General Meeting. He extended condolences to the McLean family and, in particular to his daughter, Former Trustee Joan Cowling.

The chairman advised that he, Dr. Dosdall and Mr. Reynolds attended the Capital Region Caucus meeting on Monday morning. Capital region board chairs and superintendents also attended this meeting. The caucus was presented with a number of concerns regarding education funding issues. The information provided to the caucus will be disseminated to staff and trustees.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 9, 1999

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held November 9, 1999 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Alex Taylor: A Special Inner City School

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Alex Taylor: A Special Inner City School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Update on District Level Millennium Projects

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on District Level Millennium Projects’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘*An Act to Follow* Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports:

5. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 16, 1999)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #1 of the Audit Committee from the meeting November 16, 1999 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma

- “2. That submission of the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 1999 to the minister of learning, be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “3. That the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “4. That the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2000, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 16, 1999)

Trustee Nicholson left the meeting for this item.

Trustee Fleming took the chair.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #2 of the Conference Committee from the meeting November 16, 1999 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Nicholson was absent for the vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the request from CUPE Local 3550 to open the support staff collective agreement for the purpose of discussing Clause 19.b relating to employee benefits be denied.”**

Ms Tina Jardine, president CUPE Local 3550, made a presentation providing the rationale for the Local's request and urging trustees to open the support staff collective agreement.

MOVED BY Trustee Dean

- “That this item be deferred to January 31, 2000 to allow an opportunity for the administration and Local to meet and explore options.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Nicholson was absent for the vote.

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Trustee Nicholson returned at this point in the meeting and resumed the chair.

7. Motion re: Funding of Students with Significant Language Development Delays

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the chairman send a letter on behalf of the board to the minister of learning urging that the minister extend the age for funding of children experiencing significant delays to their language development, such as those in the Tevie Miller Heritage School Program and Alberta School for the Deaf, so that those students can complete their high school requirements within the public school system, rather than the post-secondary system.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Board Response to Recommendations from the Government Review of School Councils

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the response to the school council recommendations documentation, compiled by the Key Communicators Advisory Committee, on behalf of district stakeholders, be endorsed as the district’s position for submission to the minister of learning.”

Ms Decker noted a correction in line 3, paragraph 4 on page 2 of the report – The sentence should read: *Everyone supports recommendations 1, 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7.1, 8 and 10.*

Trustees expressed concern with the survey responses to recommendations 6.1 and 7.2.

Trustee Melnychuk requested to withdraw the motion.

The chairman, seeing no objection, declared the motion withdrawn.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

**“That the report from the Key Communicators be received for information and that a separate board position with respect to the government review of school councils be prepared and communicated to the minister of learning.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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9. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 1998-99 School and Central Department Results

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Subcommittee Review of 1998-99 School and Central Department Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Edmonton Public Schools Annual Education Results Review: 1998-99

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools Annual Education Results Review: 1998-99’ be received for information.”

Trustee Hansen referred to page 21 of the report and noted that the district’s participation rate has almost always been higher than the province’s participation rate and requested information regarding whether the province’s definition of the participation rate is different than ours.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Initiative

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Initiative’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Monitoring of Charter Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Monitoring of Charter Schools’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

•Community Relations Activities – None.

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

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K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Melnychuk requested the following information:

- When was the official notification of the ASEBP surcharge received?
- How did support staff negotiations dates relate to receipt of the notification?
- Provide a comparison of the benefit contributions by the employee and employer for all staff groups including the dollar amount.

L. **Notices of Motion** – None.

M. **Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, December 14, 1999	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. **Adjournment:** (8:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary