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- Board Meeting #7 -

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, February 11, 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
Donna Barrett
Norm Diemert

Avi Habinski
Bob Holt

John Beaton
Patti Christensen
Richard Dietrich
Betty Matwichuk
David Morris
Tanni Parker
Dale Skoreyko

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

A. O Canada - The City Centre Education Project (CCEP) Band performed O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman noted that there were members of the Cultural Brokers in School Project in attendance to observe the board meeting. The project provides educational support to immigrant and refugee youth and families through home-school liaison, information for parents and students on Alberta's education system, information for educators on working effectively with immigrant and refugee students and families, and linguistic interpretation and cultural education. The Cultural Brokers are members of the Iraqi, Kurdish, Sierra Leonean, Somali and Sudanese communities.

The chairman noted that this week (February 9th to 15th) is officially Random Acts of Kindness Week. The board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996. The board encourages everyone to recognize and participate in random acts of kindness week whether it be to help a needy friend or anonymously shovel a neighbour's sidewalk. Hopefully kindness is something we practice throughout the year.

The chairman noted that he had attended a meeting of school board chairs and the Capital Region Caucus this morning.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools - None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 28, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #6 held January 28, 2003 be approved as printed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. City Centre Education Project

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘City Centre Education Project’ be received for information.”

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the longitudinal research with respect to the results achieved by the City Centre Education Project.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a brief break at this point.

G. Reports:

3. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held February 4, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #2 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held February 4, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That the appointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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4. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 4, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held February 4, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That Les McElwain be confirmed as the spokesperson for the 2003 negotiations with the Alberta Teachers’ Association.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Projects Funded from the Capital Reserve

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That a request to the Minister of Learning for approval to transfer \$1,900,000 from Capital Reserve into the operating fund, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “2. That \$800,000 of Capital Reserve funds, to pursue partnership use of surplus space in district schools, and subject to board approval of the individual agreements, be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the recommendation be referred back to the administration to reduce the amount taken from Capital Reserve funds for this purpose.”

The chairman called the question on the Referral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Bonko

OPPOSED: Trustee Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow

The Referral Motion was DEFEATED.

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The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Bonko

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

- “3. That \$400,000 from Capital Reserve or the actual cost, whichever is less, to fund the replacement of the Maintenance Building roof, and subject to the repayment of the funds to capital reserve from Decision Unit 389 Debt Service, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

- “4. That \$350,000 from Capital Reserve, to provide bridge financing to continue the implementation of a Business Process Review within the Personnel Department and subject to repayment of the full amount to the Capital Reserve from Decision Unit 389 Debt Service, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “5. That \$200,000 from Capital Reserve or the actual cost, whichever is less, to fund the redesign of the Tele-Learning Centre at J. Percy Page School, and subject to the repayment of the final amount to capital reserve from Decision Unit 389 Debt Service, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. George P. Nicholson and Jackson Heights Schools – Capital Budgets

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That an amendment to the George P. Nicholson School Capital Budget from \$6,326,281 to \$8,257,500, be approved.**
- 2. That funding sources for the amended Capital Budget for George P. Nicholson School, consisting of: \$1,601,219 of funds from Capital Reserve and Deferred Capital Allocation (interest) of \$330,000, be approved.**
- 3. That an amendment to the Jackson Heights School Capital Budget from \$5,084,600 to \$6,119,600, be approved.**
- 4. That the funding sources for the amended Capital Budget for Jackson Heights School, consisting of \$705,000 of Capital Reserve funds that can be spent on board-approved projects; and Deferred Capital Allocation (interest) of \$330,000, be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2003-2004

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2003-2004’ be received for information.”

Trustees Nicholson and Fleming expressed concern with respect to the reduction of the IB allocation.

Trustees also expressed concern with respect to the reduction of special needs allocations.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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8. Establishment of the 2003-2004 Budget Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the following planning base for the preparation of the 2003-04 operating budget be approved:

	2002-03	2003-04
	Actual/Revised	Proposed
a) Allocations to Schools	\$ 408,700,000	\$ 397,500,000
b) Allocations to Institutions	\$ 21,000,000	\$ 21,000,000
c) Utilities	\$ 14,900,000	\$ 15,300,000
d) School Generated Funds	\$ 23,000,000	\$ 23,000,000
e) Allocations to Central	\$ 37,300,000	\$ 36,100,000
f) Supply Services	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 5,100,000
g) Professional Improvement Leaves	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
h) Transportation	\$ 19,900,000	\$ 19,400,000
i) Debt	\$ 36,400,000	\$ 37,200,000
j) Metro Community College	\$ 8,900,000	\$ 8,100,000
k) Expenses Financed Externally	<u>\$ 5,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,400,000</u>
Total Allocations	<u>\$ 581,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 569,400,000</u>
Revenue Available	\$ 575,600,000	\$ 566,300,000
Difference between allocation and revenue	<u>\$ 6,000,000**</u>	<u>\$ 3,100,000*</u>
Enrolment	82,102	82,000

* Subject to Board receiving approval to transfer \$1.9 million from Capital Reserve to Operating Revenue and partial reinstatement of the Plant Operations & Maintenance grant of \$1.2 million.

** Reduced revenue from Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Learning subsequent to Board approval of the 2002-03 budget.”

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the allocation to central be amended to \$34,900,000.”

The chairman called the question.

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Martin requested information on the amount of the district’s total outstanding debt.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 474, CUPE Local 3550 and Exempt Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 474, CUPE Local 3550 and Exempt Staff’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

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

Trustee Odynski suggested, with respect to TT #229, that values and beliefs be identified for P3s.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports **•Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Martin advised that he had attended the opening and closing ceremonies of the Redmen Invitational Basketball Tournament as well as several games.

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

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J. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None.

K. **Notices of Motion** – None.

L. **Next Meeting:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 25, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. **Adjournment:** (9:10 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary