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- Board Meeting #7 -

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, February 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett

Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustees Fleming and Hansen were absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair expressed condolences on behalf of the board to Trustee Hansen for the loss of a family member.

The board chair advised that 438 staff members will be recognized by the board at the Long Service Reception to be held Thursday, February 23, 2006. Of the 438 staff, there will be:

- 188 staff members recognized for 25 years of service;
- 132 staff members recognized for 30 years of service;
- 102 staff members recognized for 35 years of service;
- 15 staff members recognized for 40 years of service; and
- 1 staff member recognized for 45 years of service.

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The staff presentations will be held in the Eva O. Howard Theatre, Victoria School, with a reception to follow in the Centre for Education Atrium.

D Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools

The acting superintendent advised that he had attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Ceremony this afternoon between the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science and Alberta Education. This is a continuation of the agreement signed in 1998. He noted that Alberta is the only one to have such an agreement with the Government of Spain. He also added that Escuela Mill Creek School is the district's Spanish academy. He commended the curriculum department and programs department for their work in supporting Spanish language instruction in the district.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #6– January 31, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #6 held January 31, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Gold Bar School – Focus on Building Blocks of Literacy

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Gold Bar School – Focus on Building Blocks of Literacy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Process and Timeline for 2006-2007 Planning

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the process and timeline for review of 2006-2007 plans and review of the 2006-2007 operating budget be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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4. Alberta Education Accountability Pillar

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Education Accountability Pillar’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. AISI Consultation Process

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘AISI Consultation Process’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Responses to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

Trustee Colburn (re TT#155) requested that the board be provided with an update with respect to the followup indicated for schools that do not provide access to their gymnasiums.

Trustee Colburn (re TT#161) requested that information be provided regarding district initiatives to retain students in the French Immersion program moving from junior to senior high.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Bereavements

The board vice-chair reported on the deaths of Dina Fisher and Carol Wheeler, both teachers.

MOVED BY Board Vice-Chair Gibeault:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

Trustee Gibson reported that he had joined the board chair and Trustee Williams this morning for a breakfast at Centre High celebrating the opening of an Academic Support Centre, the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with Edmonton Emergency Medical Services, and the kick-off of the Work Safe Alberta Safety Passport Pilot Program. This was followed by a Career Directions 2006 event. He congratulated Centre High for the program today. He noted that he had seen numerous examples of connections with the community, post-secondary institutions such as NAIT and NorQuest. He also requested that arrangements be made for Centre High to make a presentation to board regarding challenges they face in meeting the unique programming requirements for their student population.

The board chair advised that she had attended the Chinese Bilingual Gala on Saturday with Trustees Hansen, Gibeault and Williams. It was organized by the parent association who are looking at celebrating 25 Years of Chinese Bilingual education in Edmonton Public Schools. Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong was in attendance.

The board chair advised that she had attended the opening of the English Language Learning Centre last Thursday with Trustees Keiver, Colburn, Gibeault and Williams. Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong was also in attendance for this event.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 28, 2006	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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M. **Adjournment:** (7:25 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary