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- Board Meeting #4 -

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, December 10, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Svend Hansen

Ray Martin
George Nicholson

Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Norm Diemert
Avi Habinski
Bob Holt

Rick Anderson
John Eshenko
Elvira Loewen

Mary Michailides
Nancy Peterson
Dale Skoreyko

Acting Board Chairman: S. Hansen

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

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 3500: T. Grebenstein

A. O Canada – École Richard Secord School Choir

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

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

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

Trustee Hansen, the acting board chairman, wished everyone the very best of the season on behalf of the board. He also reminded staff members from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Bennett Centre, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Metro Community College and Victoria School that they are invited to join trustees at the annual Trustees' Coffee Party which will be held in the Atrium at the Centre for Education on Thursday, December 12, 2002 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 26, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 26, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. École Richard Secord School's Instructional Focus: Daily Practice of Reading and Writing

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘École Richard Secord School's Instructional Focus: Daily Practice of Reading and Writing’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Recipients of the 2002 General Scrap Iron and Metals Scholarships

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Recipients of the 2002 General Scrap Iron and Metals Scholarships’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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4. "An Act to Follow" Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

"That the report entitled 'An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program' be received for information." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports:

5. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 3, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

"1. That report #3 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held December 3, 2002 be received and considered." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

"2. That the budget for D.U. #315 (Board Administration) be reduced by approximately 3 per cent for the 2002-2003 school year."

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

"3. That the Memorandum of Agreement for a two-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance and Construction) from September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2004 be approved."

Trustee Nicholson left the meeting at this point.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

Trustee Nicholson returned to the meeting at this point.

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6. District Priorities 2002-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the *District Priorities 2002-2005* be reaffirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Curriculum Addition: Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts K-12

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the board approve the new curriculum Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts K-12 for use in the district.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Edmonton Public Schools’ Annual Education Results Review 2001-2002

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools’ Annual Education Results Review 2001-2002’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

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

Trustee Bonko, further to Trustee Request #198, asked that information be provided from ten of our most highly utilized schools regarding the cost to them of supporting the Joint Use Agreement; e.g. staff costs, utilities and supplies and how much money is recovered through rentals.

Trustee Woodrow, further to Trustee Request #167, asked that a presentation be made regarding MAP.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. Bereavement

Trustee Nicholson reported on the death of Mr. John van der Mout, a member of the district's custodial staff.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

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

Trustee Martin noted that trustees of the Edmonton Public Library had invited our board to host Ms Koenig, Executive Director of the People's Movement for Human Rights through the United Nations, and he had attended on behalf of the board,

Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended the unveiling of a display provided by the Royal Military College's Club of Canada by Brigadier General LeClarie, Commander of the Royal Military College of Canada, at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy last Friday.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott, vice president of the Edmonton Public Teachers, wished the board and administration a Merry Christmas. Next year will be a challenging one and the Local is looking forward to working with the board in partnership.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Martin requested that anecdotal information be provided with respect to how schools are handling the increased media attention about terrorism and the potential of war with Iraq and if there is any notable impact on students.

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided as to whether we are planning a similar document (Can You Spot the Gender Differences in the Classroom) for the unique learning requirements of girls. What kind of supports are provided to teachers to address concerns regarding gender differences in learning for both girls and boys?

Trustee Woodrow requested that a report be provided regarding schools planning international travel and the implications for our district's insurance.

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L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, January 14, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (8:00 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary