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- Board Meeting #5 -

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, January 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson
Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Jerry Bayly
Sue Bell
Elvira Loewen
Gary McCorquodale
Sherri O'Keefe
Donna Watson

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada – *O Canada DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair introduced Mr. Bob Holt, who has agreed to assume leadership of the district's administration over the next few months until the board names a new Superintendent.

D. Communications from the Administration – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 12, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held December 12, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Meeting – January 10, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held January 10, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Winterburn School: A School in the Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction AISI Project

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Winterburn School: A School in the Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction AISI Project’ be received for information.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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G. Reports:

4. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 9, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #4 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held January 9, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the administration be directed to advise principals that, when an elementary or junior high student is expelled from one district school to another, funding allocated to the originating school for that student shall be transferred to the receiving school on a pro-rated basis; and that the administration undertake the necessary action to include such transfers as part of the responsibilities of Budget Services.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “3. That the Memorandum of Agreement for a three-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.”

Trustee Nicholson left at this point in the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

Trustee Nicholson returned at this point in the meeting.

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “4. That the Memorandum of Agreement for a three-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That the Memorandum of Agreement for a three-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff) from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 10, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held January 10, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That the appointment of Bob Holt as acting superintendent subject to Ministerial approval effective January 11, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Outcomes of Annual Implementation Plan Sustainability and Program Fit Reviews

The board heard from the following speakers:

Quadrant 1 – (West) High Park, Grovenor, Coronation Schools

Ms Janice Gargas, President High Park School Council
Mr. Brandon Stewart, President High Park Community League
Ms Kim Patten, community member, High Park School
Ms Karen Johnson, community member, High Park School

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Mr. Clare Peters, community member, High Park School
Ms Cassandra Haraba, President Grovenor Community League
Mr. Brinton McLaughlin, community member, Grovenor School

Quadrant 2 – (South) Lendrum, Mount Pleasant and Mill Creek/Ritchie Schools

Ms Karen Weis Bridges, President Ritchie Community League
Ms Bernadette DeSantis, on behalf of parents, Mill Creek/Ritchie schools
Ms Diane Ellendt-Cooper, Director Country’s Finest Child Care Centre

Quadrant 3 – (North East) Newton, Mount Royal, Montrose

Ms Donita Couto, President Newton School Council
MLA Brian Mason re Newton School
Mr. Damon Hebert, community member, Newton School
Ms Gerry Hofs, Vice President Newton Community League
Mr. Roland Provost, parent of child attending Newton School
Mr. David Johnson, President Montrose Community League
Corey Martell (community member – Mount Royal School and also a member of the Save Our Schools Committee)
Ms Corinne Underwood, parent of children attending Mount Royal
Mr. Peter Brown, member of Montrose, Mount Royal and Newton Save Our Schools Committee
Ms Brenda Hovan, community member, Mount Royal, Montrose and Newton
Ms Karren Brown, community member Mount Royal School

The board took a break at this point.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Outcomes of Annual Implementation Plan Sustainability and Program Fit Reviews’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Colburn asked how many schools do not meet the district’s acceptable level in terms of their audit scores.

The board chair called the question.

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The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Consideration to Close High Park, Mill Creek, and Newton Schools and the Regular Program at Mount Pleasant School

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of High Park School.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Fleming

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

- “2. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Mill Creek School.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Fleming

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “3. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Newton School.”

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MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the recommendation to authorize the administration to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Newton School be deferred for a period of one year.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Fleming, Gibeault and Keiver

OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger, Gibson, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Fleming and Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“4. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of the Regular Program at Mount Pleasant School.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The board took a break at this point.

7. District Priorities 2005-2008

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the *District Priorities 2005-2008* be reaffirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource Policy Review

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That revised Board Policy FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource be considered for the third time and approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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9. Reallocation District Funds

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Reallocation District Funds’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006’ be received for information.”

Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided on the number of student expulsions from junior high schools.

Trustee Gibson requested that, in future quarterly reports, a note be made if there has been any major reorganization of a central service department that has resulted in a change in staffing information.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Trustee Request for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- Community Relations Activities – None.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Colburn requested that a report be prepared for board on the practices and policies related to school security.

Trustee Gibson requested an analysis of the impact on staff and the board if the start time of conference committee meetings was moved to 3:00 p.m.

Trustee Nicholson served notice of the following motion:

That the administration prepare a letter for the board chair's signature indicating the board's concern regarding the lack of a pedestrian overpass at Harry Ainlay School in light of the south LRT expansion.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That waiver of notice be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (10:05 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary