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- Board Meeting #13 -

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, May 23, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson
Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall
Ken Dropko
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds

Joanne Bertagnolli
Mike Burke
Mary-Lou Cleveland
George Rice

Pat Semeniuk
Betty Tams
Fran Yeske

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – P. McNab
CUPE Local 3550 – T. Jardine

A. O Canada

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that a request had been received to change the order of the agenda. The agenda order under "Reports:" was changed as follows: Items 4, 6, 5, 8, 9, 7.

D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dosdall introduced Paul Kilvert, Terry Sizer, Bev Rogers and Glenda McCallum who are part of an eight-member delegation from South Australia. The purpose of the study visit is to investigate and identify how the experience of Edmonton Public Schools in local school management might inform the progress of Partnerships 21 in South Australia. Trustees will have an opportunity to talk to the delegation on May 31, 2000.

Dr. Dosdall advised that the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, announced today \$10 million in funding support for 10 innovative learning projects one of which includes LearnCanada an on-line learning resources initiative which will allow educators to work collaboratively across Canada. Karen Andrews from J. Percy Page School is representing the district in this project.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 9, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

"That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 9, 2000 be approved as printed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Capilano School: Student Achievement in the ALPHA (Dependent Handicapped) Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

"That the report entitled 'Capilano School: Student Achievement in the ALPHA (Dependent Handicapped) Program' be received for information." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

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3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Kathryn Lennon

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

**“That the report entitled ‘Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Kathryn Lennon’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

H. Reports:

4. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 9, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #16 of the conference committee from the meeting held May 9, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the designation of Phyllis Cardinal as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Millwoods Christian School Alternative Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “1. That the agreement between Edmonton Public Schools and the Millwoods Christian School Society be approved.
2. That the Millwoods Christian School Alternative Program be approved for offering in the district, beginning in the 2000-2001 school year.
3. That the facilities use agreement between Edmonton Public Schools and Calvary Community Church be approved.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean and Fleming

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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Trustee Fleming left at this point in the meeting.

5. Motion Regarding Transportation Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Motion Regarding Transportation Policy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the district’s transportation policy be amended to make bus passes available at half the regular rate to elementary students enrolled in a program of choice at their neighbourhood school when that program of choice is no longer offered at that school and transportation is required to another location to continue in that program until the end of grade six. And further, that this policy change take effect for the 2000- 2001 school year.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Gibeault

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

The Motion was DEFEATED.

The board took a short break at this point.

8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Spanish Language and Culture

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the Spanish Language and Culture, Six Year Program (Grades 7-12) curriculum be approved as a locally-developed course in Edmonton Public Schools.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses, Senior High

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“1. That the following locally developed senior high courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a three year term:

Ballet 15 / 25 / 35

Performing Arts 15 / 25 A, B, C / 35 A, B, C

Coaching 15

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2. That the following locally developed senior high courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a one year term:
Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15 / 25 / 35
Chinese 15 / 25 / 35
3. That the locally developed course, American Sign Language and Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a three year term, but with the name amended to Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35.
4. That the following locally developed senior high courses for use in the District, be approved for a three year term:
Drill and Parade 25
Applied Graphic Arts 15 / 25 / 35”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – German Language Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the German Language Arts (Kindergarten – Grade 12) curriculum be approved as locally developed courses for use in Edmonton Public Schools.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses, Junior High

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the following locally developed junior high courses be approved for use in the district:
Public Speaking and Debate 7
Academic Challenge: The Discovery Option 7 / 8 / 9
Humanities 9”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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11. Response to “A Vision and Agenda for Public Education”

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

**“That the response to the document *A Vision and Agenda for Public Education*, be approved and forwarded to the Alberta School Boards Association.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan 2000-2003*

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan 2000-2003* be approved for forwarding to Alberta Learning.”

Trustee Gibeault suggested using the document as a discussion item with key communicators.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. School Year Calendar 2004-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the school year calendar for 2004-2005 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

14. General Banking and Borrowing Resolutions

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That the general banking resolution, pertaining to banking services of the Edmonton School District No. 7 with the Bank of Nova Scotia, be approved.

2. That the borrowing resolution, with respect to operating funds, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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15. Leadership in Languages: Leadership Development Project

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Leadership in Languages: Leadership Development Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

16. District Brochure and Booklet re: Discrimination and Harassment

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘District Brochure and Booklet re: Discrimination and Harassment’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Fleming returned to the meeting at this point.

17. Prior Level of Achievement Test Results

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Prior Level of Achievement Test Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

Trustee Gibeault requested that the administration contact the University of Alberta, other public sector education bodies in the province and the Alberta Research Council and perhaps the ASEBP to have them indicate why they designate themselves as Equal Opportunity Employers and that the administration analyze this information to determine whether there is any application for us as an employer.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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19. Bereavements

The vice-chairman reported on the deaths of Lorraine Kartz, a member of the support staff, and Peter Graham Stewart, a teacher.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“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 Melnychuk advised that the Provincial Student Leadership Conference being co-hosted this year by Victoria and Eastglen Schools will be held May 28 to 30th. To date 500 student leaders from across the province have registered along with 100 advisors. She will be bringing greetings on behalf of the board. She has been a member of the planning committee and commended the high school students on the committee for their efforts.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, with the unanimous support of the Local's Executive, expressed disappointment with the board's decision regarding Millwoods Christian School. All members of the Local's Executive expressed disapproval of the over-riding mission statements of the school. He noted, on page 15 of the report with respect to the school's mission, that there is not one reference to the academic aspects of the students' lives--the entire emphasis is on the Christian element.

Mr. McNab referred to the letter from the provincial Alberta Teachers Association with respect to their position on making reasonable choices. On behalf of the executive, he respectfully suggested that the board re-examine its belief statement that this district is a district of choice.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko requested information on who determines the required amount of time devoted to studies for home schoolers. Are there guidelines similar to the way schools are governed?

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Trustee Bonko requested that the same information be provided for Ross Sheppard and M.E. LaZerte Schools as was provided for Queen Elizabeth School – which geographic areas of the city do the students come from and their numbers to make up the overall populations for those schools.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, June 20, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:05 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary