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- Board Meeting #14 -

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 25, 2004 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
Norm Diemert
Bob Holt
Avi Habinski
Ron MacNeil

Fred Buffi
Mary Butlin
Pat Dougherty

Gord Hanson
Lori Price-Wagner
Morrie Smith

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Beaton, President
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President
CUPE Local 474: Doug Luellman, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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 acknowledged Mr. Mat Hanrahan, Assistant Deputy Minister Corporate Services Alberta Learning, who was present in the audience.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 11, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 11, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Athlone School: Student Instructional Leadership Team

Trustee Fleming left at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Athlone School: Student Instructional Leadership Team’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Reanna Neil

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

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

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘*An Act to Follow* Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Reports:

5. Motion re Establishment of a District Foundation

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the Board approve in principle the establishment of a District Foundation, and request the Administration to bring forward a document outlining a 'next steps' plan for the Board's consideration relative to the establishment of a Foundation plus the broader issues of school fundraising and recognition initiatives.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin and Nicholson

The Motion was DEFEATED.

The board took a break at this point.

6. Delegation Re Renaming the Centre for Education

Mr. Doug Tupper and Dr. Don Massey made a presentation on behalf of a group of former trustees requesting that the board rename the Centre for Education the Michael A. Strembitsky Centre for Education.

The chairman advised that a decision regarding the delegation's request would be made at the Monday, June 14, 2004.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation Re Renaming the Centre for Education’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Delegation Re Caraway Program

This matter was referred to the June 1, 2004 conference committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a three year term:**

**AP Calculus 35 (BC)
Biology, Chemistry, Physics 15-25-35 (IB)
Chinese (Mandarin) Language Art (Bilingual) 7-9
Chinese (Mandarin) Language Art (Bilingual) 15-25-35
Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture 7-9
Directing 25-35
Economics of a Foreign Nation 9
Extended Essay 25 (IB)
Learning Strategies 15-25-35
Performing Arts 15-25-35
Philosophy 35
Writing for Stage and Screen 15-25-35**

- 2.a) That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district and revised during the 2003-2004 school year, be renewed for a three year term:**

**Audio 15-25-35 (previously Radio Broadcasting)
Bible Studies 1-6
Bible Studies 7-9
Drill and Parade 7-9, 15-25-35
Judaic Studies K-9
Jewish History and Israel Studies 1-9
Shooting the Screenplay 15-25-35
Tanach Studies K-6
Technical Theatre 25-35 (previously Stage Management)
Video 15, 25ab, 35 (previously Television Arts)**

- 2.b) That the following locally developed religious studies courses, currently in use in the district and revised during the 2003-2004 school year, be renewed for a three year term:**

Religious Studies 15-25-35

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3. That the following new locally developed course, developed during the 2003-2004 school year, be approved for a three year term:

Algebra 35
Career Development 25 – 35 Appendix A, C
History of Cinema 35
Reading 15
World Literature 35

4. That the following locally developed courses, be deleted:

Coaching 15
Computer Science 25-35 (acquired from Calgary Board of Education)
Horsemanship 7-9
Networking Technologies 25-35
Performing Arts 25bc, 35bc
Spanish Language and Culture 15-25-35
Voice for the Stage and Screen 15-25-35”

Trustee Nicholson suggested that a letter of recognition be prepared for the Math Department Head at Centre High for developing the math curriculum.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Board Determined Accountability Measure

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the following be adopted as the Edmonton Public School Board’s indicator in the accountability framework: *Staff, parents, community and students agree that the highest priority of our learning system is the success of the student.*”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. Tenders – Kenilworth School Essential Modernization 2003-2004

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and the ability of the contractor to furnish the required performance and labour and material payment bonds, the award of the contract for the Kenilworth School Essential Modernization to Pentagon Structures Ltd. In the amount of \$1,205,000, excluding GST, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. District Capital Priorities 2005-2008

Trustee Fleming returned at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the district’s 2005-2008 three-year capital plan, prepared for submission to Alberta Infrastructure, be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. 2004 Major Maintenance Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘2004 Major Maintenance Plan’ be received for information.”

Trustees Odynski and Fleming suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure (similar to the one sent by Black Gold School Division) asking that the minister reconsider the amount of money of the IMP allocation.

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The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. Introduction of Revised 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of Revised 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.”

A copy of the superintendent’s speaking notes will be provided to trustees.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

14. 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, with respect to TT#465, asked whether there was a special allocation for high school special needs students or if the money comes from the CEU count.

Trustee Odynski, with respect to TT#478, asked whether alternative programs in stand-alone facilities can be asked if they are interested in participating in initiatives that foster understanding and respect.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.
•Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

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L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Fleming served notice of the following motion:

That the administration undertake a review of the receiving high school designated for the Rosedale neighbourhood as part of a larger review of the accommodation of high school students at south side high schools. A report outlining this review process will be brought to the September 14, 2004 board meeting for information.

Trustee Odynski served notice of the following motion:

That the Board ask the Minister of Learning to review and revise the allocation provided to EPSB for the 2004–2005 school year so that the district could achieve the same K–12 class size averages for the 2004–2005 school year that were operated by the district during the 2002–2003 school year.

M. Next Meetings:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Monday, June 14, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15, 2004	Board/Budget Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:20 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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