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- Board Meeting -

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, June 1, 2004 at 9:20 a.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odyński
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Norm Diemert

Bob Holt
Avi Habinski

Donna Barrett
Corinne McCabe
Ron MacNeil

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood
Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. Roll Call: (9:20 a.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

Report:

Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 1, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #8 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 1, 2004 be received and considered. (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the request of the Community of Caraway Parents Society to be heard in public board with respect to their appeal of the superintendent of schools’ decision not to offer the Caraway Alternative Program for the 2004-2005 school year be approved.

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3. That the conference committee report entitled 'Appeal Re Caraway Alternative Program' be received at public board and considered."

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Mr. Holt gave a verbal presentation outlining the background to the appeal of the superintendent's decision.

Mr. Ziff requested an opportunity to meet with members of the administration to obtain further information in support of the group's appeal.

The board meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Ziff made a presentation in support the Community of Caraway Parents Society's appeal of the superintendent's decision.

Mr. Holt gave the administration's closing statement.

Mr. Ziff requested a short recess to prepare closing comments.

The board meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Ziff gave the Society's closing statement.

The board meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 1, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- "1. That report #9 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 1, 2004 be received and considered. (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the appeal of the Superintendent’s decision not to offer the Caraway Alternative program for the 2004-2005 school year be denied.”**

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dean, Fleming, Hansen and Nicholson

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Gibeault, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow

The Motion was DEFEATED:

The board expressed its desire for the administration to keep the following matters in mind in its work with the Community of Caraway Parents Society:

- The board has a very serious concern with a K-6 program in a conventional school given the numbers that the Society is suggesting. There is support for the K-3 concept.
- The board wants it understood that the total costs for the 1.5 teacher assistants must be borne by the Community of Caraway Parents Society.
- Consideration should be given to offering this program through the Argyll Home Education Centre, particularly if more than K-3 is contemplated.
- The superintendent has the delegated authority of the board over the summer months and should he be required to exercise that authority not to offer the Caraway Program because the projected enrolment has not been met, he would have the full support of the board in doing so.

C. Adjournment: (12:45 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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