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- Board Meeting #14 -

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, May 24, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Angus McBeath
Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Wilma Bayko
Cathy Bible
Cam Colville
Linda Craig

Colin Inglis
Colleen Mondor
George Rice
Carol Symons

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Karen Redhead, President
Edmonton Public Teachers - Mark Ramsankar, President Elect
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

Trustee Fleming noted that he had attended the Excellence in Teaching Awards on May 14, 2005 on behalf of the board. The district's four award winners are:

- Brenda Frisk, Jasper Place School, who received one of three *SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards*. Ms Frisk developed a three-year program to train students in a variety of industry standard software programs, which enabled them to create various multimedia presentations.
- Lisa Kuntz, Wellington School, who mixes time-proven teaching techniques with off-the-cuff exuberance in her daily teaching. Ms Kuntz is famous for her lessons, such as "Space Shuttle Math," which not only meets curriculum expectations but also comes complete with a teacher in a space suit.
- Vanessa LeCaine, Westmount School, who sets high expectations for her students to ensure that each of them has the best possible chance to achieve excellence. In her teaching, Ms LeCaine makes references to her own life experiences, such as her time working with NASA, to engage students in science and awaken their curiosity.
- Dawn Sundell, Parkview School, who leads by example, setting high standards for herself and demonstrating enthusiasm for her students' daily successes in learning. Ms Sundell created a public speaking curriculum for young students and founded a public speaking program for Grade 3 students called the "Astounding Announcers."

Trustee Fleming noted that these four award recipients were selected from among 134 finalists from across the province – 33 of whom were from Edmonton Public Schools. He concluded by saying that we are fortunate to have such gifted, caring and dedicated teachers in our classrooms working to achieve superb results from all students.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting – May 9, 2005
2. Board Meeting #13 – May 10, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held May 9, 2005 and Board Meeting #13 held May 10, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. Windsor Park School – Focus on Achievement

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Windsor Park School – Focus on Achievement’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

4. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Cala Jorgensen

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

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

H. Reports:

5. Edmonton Public Schools’ Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools’ Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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3. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 10 and 17, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That Report #12 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held May 10 and 17, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Al Lowrie as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Robert Smilanich as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Brad Mamchur as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That the following appointment for the period September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2008 be approved: Edgar Schmidt – Executive Director.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “6. That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure, a land sale to the City of Edmonton of 0.0074 hectares of the Prince Charles School site in the amount of \$2,923 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “7. That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure, a land sale to the City of Edmonton of 0.04 hectares of the McKernan School site in the amount of \$1 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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7. Board Policy Updates – Staff Qualifications

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That Board Policy GC.BP Recruitment, Employment, Qualifications, and Deployment of Staff be approved.**

- 2. That Board Policy HE.BP Organization for Instruction be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use of the district, be renewed for a three year term (September 2005 – August 2008):**

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1289	American Sign Language & Deaf Culture 15-25-35	5
LDC2289		5
LDC3289		5
LDC1378	American Sign Language Arts 15-25-35	5
LDC2378		5
LDC3378		5
LDC1330	Arabic Language and Culture 15-25-35	5
LDC2330		5
LDC3330		5
LDC1057	Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5
LDC2057		5
LDC3057		5
LDC2234	Introduction to Engineering 25	3
LDC1146	Learning Strategies 15-25-35¹	3 or 5
LDC2146		3 or 5
LDC3146		3 or 5
LDC2753	Marine Biology 25	3
LDC1167	Military History 15-25	3
LDC2167		3

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Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1427 LDC2427 LDC3427	Music 15-25-35 ²	3 or 5 3 or 5 3 or 5
LDC1058 LDC2058 LDC3058	Painting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC2442	Physiology of Dance 25	5
LDC1059 LDC2059 LDC3059	Pottery/Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1460 LDC2460 LDC3460	Religious Studies 15-25-35	3 or 4 3 or 4 3 or 4
LDC1067 LDC2067 LDC3067	Sculpting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1813 LDC2813 LDC3813	Sports Medicine 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1446 LDC2446 LDC3446	Sports Performance 15-25-35	3 or 5 5 5
LDC3152	Theory of Knowledge 35 (IB)	3

¹ Acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District

² Acquired from Lethbridge School District

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

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC	Aviation 25-35	5 5
LDC	Beginner Music – Choral 15	5
LDC	Beginner Music – Instrumental 15	5

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Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC	Coaching 25 – Competition Introduction	3
JHS	Explorations in Film 9	
LDC	Forensic Science 35	3
JHS	Learning to Lead 9	
LDC	Speech and Debate 15	3

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

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1192	Asia Pacific Rim Studies 15 (1999)	3
LDC2201	Information Technology in a Global Society 25 (IB) (1999)	5
LDC 1262	Physics 15 IB	3
LDC 3262	Physics 35 IB	3
LDC 1241	Chemistry 15 IB	3
LDC 3241	Chemistry 35 IB	3
LDC 1232	Biology 15 IB	3
LDC 3232	Biology 35 IB	3”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Science Alternative Program

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That the *Science Alberta Foundation* alternative program be discontinued in September 2006.
2. That the *Science Alternative Program* be approved as an alternative program beginning in the 2006-07 school year.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. School Year Calendar 2006-07

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the 2006-07 ten month school year calendar be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Changes to the Provision of Transportation Services

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Provision of Transportation Services’ be received for information.”

Trustees requested that a letter be prepared for the chairman’s signature to the Minister of Education outlining the district’s concerns regarding the adequacy of transportation funding and urging increased funding to meet demand for service, and the province’s commitment to alternative programs.

Trustees Colburn and Nicholson suggested that the administration clearly identify for parents and community members the nature of the transportation problems we are facing; i.e. a \$1 million deficit and this is not just an EPSB problem (refer to the Metro Boards Study).

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. Student Transportation Fees for 2005-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the following schedule of monthly bus pass fees for the 2005-2006 school year be approved, to be effective August 2005 and that the offer of free kindergarten busing as previously approved by the board, be confirmed.

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A. Edmonton Transit Passes

Fees

	Current 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Junior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00

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B. Charter Yellow Bus

Fees

	Current 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
ii Regular:		
Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Rural Elementary	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior High (student attends same school as was attended in elementary)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
ii) Alternative Programs:		
Elementary	\$ 42.00	\$ 45.00
Family Maximum 3 or more elementary children (K not included)	\$100.00	\$120.00

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B. <u>Charter Yellow Bus</u>	Fees	
	Current 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
iii) Special Needs Curb:		
Elementary	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
iv) Conditional Ridership		
Kindergarten to Grade 12	\$ 42.00	\$ 50.00"

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

"That the recommendation be amended as follows:

- **No increase for charter yellow bus service for elementary students to alternative programs (the fee will remain at \$42)**
- **No increase for charter yellow bus service of kindergarten to grade 12 students for conditional ridership (the fee will remain at \$42)"**

The chairman called the question on the Amendment.

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on the Recommendation as Amended.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

13. General Banking and Borrowing Resolutions

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- "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." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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14. 2005-2006 Non-Resident Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their special needs students be approved:**

<u>Level</u>	<u>Category of Student</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Level 5	Chimo, Communication, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Moderate Hearing Disability Strategies, Mild Cognitive Disability, Literacy, Moderate Multiple, Visual Disability	10,956
Level 6	Moderate Cognitive, Physical, or Medical Disability	12,249
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Physical or Medical, Severe Emotional/Behavioural Disability, Severe Cognitive or Multiple Disability	21,033
All	Transportation	Cost

- 2. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into to provide programming for students who are Canadian citizens and who are not residents of Alberta be approved.**

<u>Allocation Level</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Level 1 Kindergarten	3,139
Level 1	5,919
Level 2	6,085
Level 3	7,317

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<u>Allocation Level</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Level 4	7,408
Level 5	11,506
Level 6	12,799
Level 7	21,583
Level 8	30,062
Transportation	Cost

3. That an International Student Tuition Fee of \$11,000 be approved for the 2006-07 school years.
4. That the International Student Application Fee of \$250 be approved.
5. That the Homestay Registration Fee of \$750 be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

15. Future Use of Terrace Heights School Building

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the report entitled ‘Future Use of Terrace Heights School Building’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

16. Leasing Summary for 2004-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2004-2005’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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17. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005’ be received for information.” (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

Trustee Keiver requested that the administration provide information on possible ways to establish and administer a district subsidy to assist financially challenged families with transportation fees.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, June 14, 2005	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (8:55 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary