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- **Board Meeting #8** -

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, February 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bill Bonko  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen  
Ray Martin

George Nicholson  
Lynn Odynski  
Jean Woodrow

**Officials**

Angus McBeath  
Bob Holt  
Avi Habinski  
Donna Barrett  
Corinne McCabe  
Ron MacNeil

Fred Buffi  
Mary Butlin  
Pat Dougherty

Gord Hanson  
Lori Price-Wagner  
Morrie Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Dean was absent. All other trustees were present.

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C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #7 – February 10, 2004

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 10, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

F. **Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. D.S. MacKenzie: An Environment for Success

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘D.S. MacKenzie: An Environment for Success’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. **Reports:**

3. City Centre Education Project (CCEP)

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘City Centre Education Project (CCEP)’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a break at this point.

4. Capital Project Design Reports

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Capital Project Design Reports’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Fleming asked if the cost of replacing the emergency generator at L.Y. Cairns School is included in the modernization budget of \$2.4 million.

Trustee Woodrow asked what features are being put in place for basement music room modernizations to ensure that the hearing of music teachers is not endangered.

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Trustee Hansen suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure indicating that the Learning Commission recommendation of a class size of 17 students should be reflected in the province's utilization calculation.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 5. Number of Nominators for Trustee Candidate By-law

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- "1. That the Number of Nominators for Trustee Candidate By-law (the 'Bylaw') be introduced." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

- "2. That the By-law be read for the first time." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Mrs. Sherwood read the by-law for the first time.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- "3. That the By-law be read for the second time." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Mrs. Sherwood read the by-law for the second time.

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- "4. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, trustees unanimously agree to give the Bylaw a third reading." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

- "5. That, the By-law be read for the third time." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Mrs. Sherwood read the by-law for the third time.

**MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

- "6. That the By-law having been given three readings at this meeting, be finally passed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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6. School Year Calendar 2004-2005 and 2005-2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“1. That the 2004-2005 school year calendar be approved.**

**2. That the 2005-2006 school year calendar be approved.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That approval of the 2005-2006 school year calendar be referred to the administration for further consideration.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Fleming and Nicholson**

**The Referral Motion was CARRIED.**

**The chairman called the question on Recommendation #1.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

7. Alberta SuperNet

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Alberta SuperNet’ be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. The Balanced Literacy Program in Edmonton Public Schools

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘The Balanced Literacy Program in Edmonton Public Schools’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

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

9. Review of District’s Music Enrichment Program

Report 9 was referred to conference committee.

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### **H. Committee and Board Representative Reports** **•Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Gibeault advised that he had attended a function on behalf of the board to meet a delegation from Saxony, Germany at Harry Ainlay School today. He provided information from the delegation to the Board Secretary for forwarding to the district's international programs staff.

Trustee Martin advised that Spruce Avenue School would celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 1, 2004.

Trustee Woodrow advised that she had attended a kick off event for the City of the Future at Parkview School today. The Project is sponsored by the University of Alberta for Grade 8 students. There will be a large event at the Butterdome in May and trustees will be invited to participate.

Trustee Woodrow advised that she had attended the MLA luncheon hosted by ASBA Zone 23 on February 20, 2004.

Trustee Odynski advised that she had attended the launch of a website for Ukrainian Bilingual instruction. This project is being sponsored by the University of Alberta, the Province of Alberta and the Federal Government.

Trustee Fleming advised that he had attended the Western CSBA Conference as the board's representative on the ASBA Board of Directors.

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

### **J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Odynski requested a copy of the report "Beyond An Apple a Day" referred to in Edmonton Journal on February 16, 2004.

Trustee Martin referred to a survey from CUPE Local 474 which indicates that 43% of custodial staff do not have access to e-mail and the internet. He asked what can be done to allow all custodians to have access to e-mail and the internet.

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Trustee Woodrow referred to the supplement that was in the Edmonton Journal over the weekend regarding the choices available to students. She asked why music enrichment wasn't referred to in the supplement and why these major opportunities for promotion are not being pursued.

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Next Meeting:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 9, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment:** (9:15 p.m.)

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Board Secretary**