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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 25, 2003 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
Donna Barrett
Avi Habinski
Bob Holt

Rick Anderson
John Eshenko
Elvira Loewen

Mary Michailides
Nancy Peterson
Dale Skoreyko

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

A. **O Canada** - District video.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #7 – February 11, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 11, 2003 be approved as printed.”

Trustee Nicholson referred to page 7 of the minutes with respect to the establishment of the 2003-2004 budget planning base and asked that, in future reports, the figures be displayed with an indication of what expenditures can be changed and those that are fixed.

The superintendent confirmed that this will be done.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Weinlos School’s Instructional Focus: Narrative Writing

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Weinlos School’s Instructional Focus: Narrative Writing’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Reports:

3. Ukrainian Bilingual Alternative Program: Name and Focus Change

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That a change of name from the Ukrainian Bilingual Alternative Program to the Ukrainian International Bilingual Program to reflect a change in focus be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Tenders - Winterburn School Four Classroom Pod Addition

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“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 Winterburn School Four Classroom Pod Addition to Jen-Col Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$620,500 excluding GST, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Focus on Supporting Teaching and Learning – District Interim Measure

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Focus on Supporting Teaching and Learning – District Interim Measure’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

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6. School Year Calendar

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘School Year Calendar’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the whole matter of dealing with the school calendar including hours of instruction be referred back to the administration with instructions to meet with the Local Edmonton Public ATA. Only after that meeting should any recommendations regarding the school calendar come back to the board.”

The chairman called the question on the Referral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Martin, Odynski and Woodrow

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

The Referral Motion was DEFEATED.

Trustee Martin strongly urged the administration to assist principals in communicating the rationale of the change to the school year calendar.

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen and Nicholson

OPPOSED: Trustees Martin, Odynski and Woodrow

The Motion was CARRIED.

7. Leasing Summary for 2002-2003

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2002-2003’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson requested that the appendices be provided to trustees with an indication of which leases negatively affect the district’s utilization rate.

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Trustee Hansen requested that information be provided regarding whether City Council approval was required for the lease of the Fulton Place annex.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. District Lease Rate Review Status Report

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘District Lease Rate Review Status Report’ be received for information.”

Mr. Doug Luellman, President CUPE Local 474, provided the board secretary with a copy of the results of a survey conducted by the Local for the administration’s analysis.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Additional Trustee Initiatives for 2003-2004

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Additional Trustee Initiatives for 2003-2004’ be received for information.”

Trustee Gibeault referred to initiative #5 and suggested that the administration review ward boundaries for the 2004 election or the following one.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Trustee Request for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended the first annual tri-school Nellie McClung conference (550 students attended). He commended Trustee Odynski for filling in on short notice for Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole at this event.

Trustee Dean advised that he had brought greetings on behalf of the board to the Citizenship Ceremony at York School last week.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Luellman requested that Local 474 be given an opportunity to make a presentation at the March 11, 2003 board meeting with respect to P3s.

The chairman advised Mr. Luellman to make his request through the board secretary.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Martin requested that the administration examine whether or not the district should be responding to the Fraser Institute's surveys.

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding how the district ensures consistency for alternative programs offered at different campuses and when the program expands from elementary to junior high school.

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the steps the district is taking to clarify how school councils can communicate to parents.

Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding whether schools are reducing community access due to funding and how this might affect the Joint Use Agreement.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Bonko served notice of the following motion: *That all trustee initiatives for the 2003-2004 budget be submitted to conference committee for approval prior to being given to the administration for consideration in the budget plans.*

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L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 11, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary