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- Board Meeting #8 -

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, February 22, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Cathy Bible
Cam Colville
Linda Craig

Les Duxbury
George Rice
Carol Symons

Acting Chairman: George Nicholson

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Beaton
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein
CUPE Local 474: Doug Luellman
CUPE Local 784: Bruce Cutting

A. O Canada – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustees Fleming and Hansen were 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 8, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 8, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. High Park School – Focus on Literacy Development

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

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

G. Reports:

3. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 15, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That Report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held February 15, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That the appointment of John Edey to the position of Director for the period February 21, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“3. That the Memorandum of Agreement for a two-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 784 from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Algebra 35

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MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the Board Chairman send a letter requesting the Minister to immediately provide students access and funding for Algebra 35 or Transitions Math 101.”

Trustees Gibson and Nicholson requested that a copy of the letter be sent to other school jurisdictions also facing this issue as well as the capital region boards.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. District Support for Student Transition to Post-Secondary and/or Work

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘District Support for Student Transition to Post-Secondary and/or Work’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. District Rates for 2005-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘District Rates for 2005-2006’ be received for information.”

Trustee Keiver asked whether there is a charge for activities sponsored by a profit-oriented organization that is registered under the *Societies Act* or Section 200 of the *Companies Act*

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2005-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2005-2006’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2005-2006 Budget:
 - Edmonton Public Teachers

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- CUPE Local 3550 (support staff)
- CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff)
- CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff)

Ms Karen Beaton, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Ms Beaton also encouraged trustees to attend an ATA-hosted provincial conference entitled "Building and Sustaining Professional Learning Communities: Lessons Learned" to be held March 17-19, 2005 in Edmonton.

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, president CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Mr. Bruce Cutting, president CUPE Local 784, verbally presented the Local's brief.

The chairman advised that representatives from the district's exempt staff would make their presentation at the March 22, 2005 board meeting. He added that a report in response to the employee group presentations will be prepared and that the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2005-2006 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

"That the verbal presentations from the Presidents of Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 3550 (support staff), CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff), and CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff) be received for information." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustees were provided with written copies of the four staff group presentations.

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

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Cutting, President CUPE Local 784, referred to the comments with respect to finding qualified teachers to teach trades and suggested looking in-house to see if some of the district's trades people would wish to pursue teaching the trades.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

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K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 8, 2005	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (8:25 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary