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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 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson
Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Elvira Loewen
Gary McCorquodale
Jerry Bayly
Linda Inglis
Sue Bell

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District's O Canada DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Fleming was absent. All other trustees were present.

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

The board chair advised that Trustee Don Williams will be receiving a Friend of the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Association (GETCA) award this Friday for his many years of participation in the Edmonton Teachers' Convention and his support of professional development.

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The board chair advised that Edmonton Public Schools' 43rd Night of Music will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on Wednesday, March 7, 2007. The purpose of this event is to promote the importance of music education and recognize the musical accomplishments of students. This year's theme is Say it with music.

D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

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Trustee Keiver referred to page five of the minutes and noted that the event she had attended at Londonderry School had taken place during the week and not the weekend as indicated in the minutes.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 13, 2007 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Spruce Avenue – A School in the “Interagency Collaboration” AISI Project

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Spruce Avenue – A School in the “Interagency Collaboration” AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Wellington School – Lease to the City of Edmonton

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Wellington School – Lease to the City of Edmonton’ be received for information.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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4. Update on Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson requested that drawings of the phasing of the Victoria School project be provided to trustees.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2007-2008 Budget:

- CUPE Local 3550 (support staff)
- Exempt Staff

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

Ms Brenda Gummer, representative for the district’s exempt staff, verbally presented the exempt staff group’s brief.

The board chair advised 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 2007-2008 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

**“That the verbal presentations from the President of CUPE Local 3550 and the representative for exempt staff be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Copies of the briefs were distributed to trustees.

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6. Delegation re Sports Programs in Schools

Ms Glynis Dorey, parent Strathcona School, requested the board consider changes to school sports teams to address her concern about students involved in sports teams outside of school taking most of the positions on school teams in large schools.

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the verbal presentation from the delegation regarding sports programs in schools be received for information.”

The board chair advised that the administration will provide a recommendation in response to the delegation at the March 13, 2007 board meeting.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That, given the 2003 foundation feasibility study, the administration provide a recommendation report to board outlining the scope and framework for a district-level foundation for consideration in the 2007-2008 budget.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibson

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

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

- J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Keiver noted CUPE Local 3550's recommendation that all interpretation meeting decisions be shared with trustees.

The acting superintendent indicated that this will be done.

Trustee Colburn requested information be provided regarding all district policies related to school health.

Trustee Hansen requested information regarding the City of Edmonton no longer allowing schools to display roadside signs on city property, specifically, the correspondence that was received from the city and advocacy efforts to appeal the City's decision. He also asked that information be included regarding the posting of signs on closed school property.

- K. Notices of Motion** – None.

- L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

- M. Adjournment:** (7:45 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary