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- Board Meeting #12 -

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, May 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Svend Hansen
Gerry Gibeault
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Donna Barrett
Ken Dropko
Marion de Man
Gary Reynolds

Joan Fouts
Paulette Kernaghan
Larry Payne

Shelly Pepler
Helen Thomson
Hans Van Ginhoven

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

A. O Canada

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman announced that the following five teachers from the district have been honoured with the prestigious 2002 Excellence in Teaching Awards: Patricia Radcliffe from Avonmore; Sandy Cross and Donald Dean Myers from LaPerle; Russell Campbell from Spruce Avenue; and Powell Jones from Ross Sheppard – Mr. Jones received the APEGGA Excellence in Teaching Mathematics/Science Award. He noted that Edmonton Public Schools is fortunate to have such outstanding teachers as part of our district. He commended the five award recipients – and all of our finalists – on behalf of the board for their ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 30, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 30, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Recognition:

2. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Lucy Bamforth

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

3. 2002 Canadian and World Curling Champion – Marcel Rocque

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘2002 Canadian and World Curling Champion – Marcel Rocque’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

4. Dan Knott School's Instructional Focus

Trustee Martin left at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Dan Knott School’s Instructional Focus’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

5. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the designation of Anne Sherwood as “head” for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Language Proficiency Assessment Project

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Language Proficiency Assessment Project’ be received for information.”

Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided regarding the cost of the project to date.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. Leasing Summary for 2001-2002

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2001-2002’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson requested that the following information be provided: How many square metres are leased in the district? How much lease revenue is received by the schools? How much lease revenue is received by central services? How many square metres of leased space comes off the district inventory of surplus space and how much does not? How would the board’s proposed ASBA resolution to include community use of space in the district’s utilization calculation affect our utilization rate?

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Budget Review – Superintendent’s Department

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Budget Review – Superintendent’s Department’ be received for information.”

Trustees Hansen and Nicholson expressed continued concern regarding the adequacy of FTE in Internal Audit to conduct audits in the schools and central services.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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9. Disposition of Trustee Initiatives in Three-Year Plans

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Disposition of Trustee Initiatives in Three-Year Plans’ be received for information.”

Trustees Gibeault and Hansen suggested that, in future, there be a process whereby trustee budget initiatives must receive support by a majority of the board so they become the board’s initiatives rather than an individual trustee initiative.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. Introduction of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2002-2003 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Martin returned at this point in the meeting.

11. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

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

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Hansen noted that five trustees attended the Public School Administrators Association annual Bids for Kids function on May 3, 2002 at the Shaw Conference Centre. He had spoken to the PSAA president today and been advised that they had raised over \$20,000 to send kids who would otherwise not have the opportunity to summer camp under the auspices of the Boys’ and Girls’ Club.

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Trustee Hansen, on behalf of the youngsters who will benefit from Bids for Kids, expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Doug Luellman and CUPE Local 474 for their efforts in ensuring that this function could proceed smoothly without trustees and teaching staff facing picket lines. He also thanked them for their commitment to allow high school graduation functions which are the culmination of public school for many of our students to proceed without facing labour constraints.

Trustee Hansen asked that this expression of thanks on behalf of the young people and high school students be passed on to Mr. Luellman and CUPE 474.

Trustee Odynski noted that Friday, May 3, 2002 she had attended the initial and inaugural fundraising event of the Early Years Society which is intended to raise funds for early intervention and head start programs. Honourary chair of this function was Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole. She noted that the event was also chaired by MLA Mary O'Neil and MLA Ian McClelland. It was very well attended by Edmonton MLAs, City Councillors. Principal Gabe Mancini was also in attendance. She noted that both Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole and MLA Mary O'Neil made reference to the fact that they had both served as trustees and that is where their recognition of the critical importance of support for preschool children first took hold and it is because of that recognition of the importance of early intervention programs in supporting and enhancing student success that they went on to spearhead this fundraiser.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided regarding the list of criteria used by individual junior high schools to determine the admission of the students who reside in Ward E and who live outside of the school boundary and are applying to grade 7 in Parkview, Crestwood, Victoria, Laurier Heights and Edmonton Christian West Campus. How is the acceptance or denial of those students communicated?

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meetings:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Monday, May 13, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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M. Adjournment: (8:05 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary