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- Board Meeting #13 -

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, June 18, 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
Norm Diemert
Avi Habinski

Joan Fouts
Paulette Kernaghan
Larry Payne

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

O Canada was sung by the elementary choir from Avonmore School.

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 advised that two students from Edmonton Public Schools and a former district Music Award Winner have been invited to perform at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Garden Levee hosted by Her Honour – Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole on Sunday, June 23, 2002.

The students are: Violinist – Ewald Chung – Dan Knott Student; Pianist – Silas Yeung – Grandview Heights Student; and Soloist – Sarah Jefferies – former Ross Sheppard Student and District Music Award Winner.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 21, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 21, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Avonmore School: A Look Inside at the Work we Do

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Avonmore School: A Look Inside at the Work We Do’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow’ Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Reports:

4. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 21 and June 11, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #9 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held May 21 and June 11, 2002 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Judy Welch, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Jennifer Allen, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Greg Kushnir, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
5. That the designation of Jane Moore, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
6. That the designation of Lorne Parker, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
7. That the designation of Venta Kabzems, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.
8. That the designation of Rob Cameron, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “9. That the appointment of Larry Schwenneker, as Director, for an indefinite term, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“10. 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 Kildare School Addition and Renovations to Pentagon Structures Ltd., in the amount of \$1,771,100, excluding GST, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“11. That a lease agreement in favour of the Young Men’s Christian Association to occupy space within the George P. Nicholson School be approved.

12. That the transfer of \$618,240 from Capital Reserve to Investment in Capital Assets in order to finance unsupported costs associated with the YMCA space, be approved.

13. That the YMCA annual lease payments of \$59,562.66 over 15 years be transferred to the Capital Reserve, be approved.

14. That a lease agreement in favour of the Capital Health Authority to occupy space within the George P. Nicholson School be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“15. That a Sales Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the purchase of Beverly Heights School in the amount of \$370,000 be approved.

16. That a Sales Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the purchase of Strathearn School in the amount of \$199,000 be approved.

17. That a Sales Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the purchase of McQueen School lands in the amount of \$591,000 be approved.

18. That a Sales Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the purchase of the McQueen School lands in the amount of \$149,000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“19. That allocating the balance of \$1.641 million from the ATCO Gas rebate as follows be approved:

\$650,000 to cover under-funded capital project costs

\$486,000 to cover capital project costs being absorbed in the 2002 Major Maintenance Plan

\$381,000 to offset the capital costs of energy management systems and energy retrofits in eleven district schools

\$124,000 to cover start-up costs for the acceleration of the Winterburn School addition project into the current year.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 18, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 18, 2002 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That the appointment of Glenn Johnson, as Managing Director, effective September 1, 2002 and for an indefinite term, be approved. (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Report on the Numeracy Initiative

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Report on the Numeracy Initiative’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

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

Trustee Odynski referred to the response to Trustee Request #121 and requested that information be provided regarding the educational opportunities provided to those students in Marine Biology 25 who do not go on the field trip to the Bamfield Marine Research facility in British Columbia because of the \$500 to \$600 cost. Can students access the Victoria School Foundation for the Arts Endowment Fund to cover the costs of the field trip?

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Framework for Character Based Citizenship Education

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the Framework for a Strategy for Character/Citizenship Education in Schools be approved for the district.”

Trustee Odynski referred to page 20 of the report and suggested that the heading Parent Council Involvement be changed to Parent Involvement and School Council Involvement.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Delegation Re Random Selection Process

Ms Dena Gallant, a parent, made a presentation requesting that:

- the random selection policy be reviewed and amended, or in the alternative replaced.
- the catchment areas be reviewed and modified to accommodate children residing closer to schools in their own communities, where the feeder school is much further away, to prevent children from being separated from the peers they grew up with.
- the board appoint a parent panel to oversee the policy changes.

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Ms Gallant was accompanied by another parent, Ms Judy Knudson.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation Re Random Selection Process’ be received for information.”

The chairman advised Ms Gallant and Ms Knudson that this was the last public board meeting for this school year and the next meeting will be September 10, 2002. He noted that it is board practice that a response to a delegation request is normally given at the next public board meeting; however, a policy change of the kind the delegation is requesting would have a significant impact on the entire district operation and the board would require sufficient time to consider the various implications. Therefore the board will make a decision with respect to the delegation’s request at the September 10, 2002 board meeting.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

9. By-Law No. 365 – Energy Conservation Retrofits

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“1. That by-law No. 365 be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“2. That by-law No. 365 be read for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The chairman read By-law No. 365 for the first time.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“3. That by-law No. 365 be read for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Mrs. Sherwood read By-law No. 365 for the second time.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“4. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act* by-law No. 365 be read for the third time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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Mrs. Sherwood read By-law No. 365 for the third time.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“5. That by-law No. 365, having been given three readings at this meeting, be finally passed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Board Policy HJ.BP – Guidance and Counselling

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the revised Board Policy HJ.BP – Guidance and Counselling be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Board Policy HIBD.BP – School Library

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the revised Board Policy HIBD.BP – School Library be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Edmonton Public Schools’ Three Year Education Plan, 2002-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That Edmonton Public Schools’ Three Year Education Plan, 2002-2005 be approved for forwarding to Alberta Learning.”

Trustee Gibeault suggested that a statement be included on page 28 of the report that the approved budget represents an investment of approximately \$7,000 per student.

Trustee Hansen referred to the vision statement on page 4 of the report and noted it required revision to reflect the current district priorities.

Trustee Woodrow referred to page 5 of the report and requested that longitudinal achievement data regarding how students had demonstrated a year’s growth on the graded curriculum be provided.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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13. Review of French Language Instruction

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Review of French Language Instruction’ be received for information.”

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided on the budget regarding the renewal of French language programs.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

14. Reading: Testing and Strategies Used at the Senior High Level

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Reading: Testing and Strategies Used at the Senior High Level’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

15. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

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

16. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the death of Ms Patricia Hogaboam, a principal.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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17. Delegation of Authority – Summer 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

- “1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the School Act, any special board meetings during the summer of 2002 be at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman.**
- 2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, authority to make decisions during the summer recess of 2002 on behalf of the board, which would not be deemed sufficient reason to call a special meeting, be delegated to the superintendent of schools.**
- 3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2002.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

Trustee Martin noted that he and Gloria Chalmers had recently attended a Linkages Committee Meeting for the Capital Region. The Committee agreed to send a letter to Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting that a change be made to the formula for calculating the capacity and utilization rate of schools taking into consideration such things as community use of school space for day cares and government-sponsored programs. A copy of the letter will be TM'd to trustees.

Trustee Odynski noted that she had attended an Edmonton Community Foundation's Annual meeting. The Foundation has produced a brochure which has been distributed along with its annual report regarding in-school mentoring. The brochure references Edmonton Public Schools' support for this program.

Trustee Odynski noted that she and Trustee Woodrow had attended a meeting last evening with school council representatives from Wards C and E to discuss establishing trustee-ward meetings. A steering committee has been established to pursue this further.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko requested that a report be provided regarding the feasibility of an all-boys school.

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided regarding special needs testing, how this is funded by schools and whether or not the cost is a disincentive.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meetings:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 10, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary