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- **Board Meeting #10** -

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, March 23, 2004 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  
Norm Diemert  
Donna Barrett  
Bob Holt  
Avi Habinski  
Corinne McCabe  
Ron MacNeil

Fred Buffi  
Mary Butlin  
Joan Gibson

Lori Price-Wagner  
Morrie Smith  
Ros Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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, on Thursday, March 25, 2004 the Board of Trustees will pay tribute to staff members who have provided twenty-five and thirty years of service to Edmonton Public Schools. This year there are 214 staff members with 25 years of service and 149 staff members with 30 years of service. The staff presentations will be held in the Eva O. Howard Theatre, Victoria School, with a reception to follow in the Centre for Education Atrium.

**D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.**

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 9, 2004

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 9, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Norwood School: Focused on Research

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Norwood School: Focused on Research’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Recognition:**

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Edwin Parr Teacher Award’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

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

**H. Reports:**

5. Board Determined Accountability Measure

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the following be adopted as the Edmonton Public School Board’s selected indicator in the accountability framework.**

- 1. Grade level of achievement in language arts and mathematics (grades 1-9).**
- 2. Successful completion of grade 10 high school core courses.”**

Trustee Hansen requested that the administration convey to Alberta Learning that, even though the district’s indicator is the successful completion of grade 10 high school core courses, all courses are considered to be equally important.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. Resource Development Services – Supporting Teaching and Learning in Edmonton Public Schools and Beyond

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Resource Development Services – Supporting Teaching and Learning in Edmonton Public Schools and Beyond’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Hansen suggested working with the communications department to profile the work that Resource Development Services does.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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7. District Training Plan for the 2004-2005 School Year

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘District Training Plan for the 2004-2005 School Year’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. District Rates for 2004-2005

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘District Rates for 2004-2005’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault suggested that, with respect to textbook rental fees, a rationale for the fees in relation to total cost be developed that can be used to communicate to parents why fees are being charged.

Trustee Gibeault requested that the administration give consideration to gradual modest fee increases over the years rather than a single large increase; e.g. textbook rental fee.

Trustee Fleming asked whether information regarding payment options for the music enrichment program fees are provided to parents.

Trustee Hansen asked how much of the music enrichment fees are salary costs.

Trustee Hansen requested information on how the maintenance rates compare to those in the private sector.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

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

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Trustee Odynski, further to TT#394 regarding on-line courses through the Argyll Home Education Centre, requested that the following information be provided:

- How many students who complete the on-line courses actually pass the courses?
- How do we ensure that the students who enrol for on-line courses are good candidates for on-line courses?
- What plans are in place to ensure that we see improvement in the completion rates of on-line courses at the high school level.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

Trustee Hansen advised that on March 15, 204 he had attended the professional development day at Centre High on Career Counselling. He noted that it was an excellent session.

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

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Bonko referred to an article in today's Edmonton Sun with respect to the use of drug-sniffing dogs in schools. He asked whether the district has a position with respect to the use of drug-sniffing dogs in high schools.

Trustee Woodrow requested a report on what financial and other benefits City Centre Schools derive from the district, government agencies and other fundraising in addition to the normal allocation. She also asked what can and should the district do to extend these benefits to schools with similar needs and problems in other parts of the city.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, April 13, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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N. Adjournment: (8:40 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Board Secretary

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