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- Board Meeting #11 -

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, April 13, 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

Ted Biggs
Charlotte Corothers
Joan Gibson
Maureen MacDonald

Scott Millar
Lorne Parker
Ros Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Beaton, President
CUPE Local 3550: Rosemary Kostiuk, Vice President

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 Tuesday, April 20th, the board of trustees will host a ceremony honouring the district's Excellence in Teaching Award Finalists. Thirty-eight Edmonton Public Schools' teachers have been selected as finalists. They are among the 130 finalists selected from across the province. The board of trustees is looking forward to meeting and offering our congratulations to each of the district finalists.

The chairman advised that April is Earth Month and April 22nd is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Earth Month – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives. He noted that, several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The board encourages schools to participate. He concluded by saying that, while Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter-free is a worthy cause for all – every day of the year.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 - March 23, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held March 23, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Crestwood School – A Community of Critical Thinkers

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Crestwood School – A Community of Critical Thinkers’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Reports:

3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 23 and April 6, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #6 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held March 23 and April 6, 2004 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That Board commitment to paying \$4,560 to the Alberta School Boards Association to receive a precise cost estimate for participation in the proposed Supplementary Integrated Pension Plan (SiPP) program be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Bonko

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “3. That the designation of Frances Kroeker, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “4. That the following principal designations to the district, effective September 1, 2004, be confirmed:

Nigel Butterfield	Henry Madsen
Will Deys	Shirly McNeill
Audrey Gibson	Karen Patterson
Janet Hancock	Jan Sawyer
Russell Hunter	Mark Stukoski
Sig Jensen	Lisa Wright”
Jane Klaray	

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The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That David Kun’s confirmation of principal designation to the district, effective September 1, 2004, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “6. That the appointment of Lisa Austin as Director, Communications, effective April 7, 2004, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “7. That the following spokespersons for negotiations with the District’s CUPE Locals be approved:**

**Custodial Negotiations: Brian Fedor
Maintenance Negotiations: David Fraser
Support Staff Negotiations: Ellen Ogilvy/David Fraser”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 4. Allendale Elementary Program Closure**

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the closure of the elementary program at Allendale School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year be approved.”**

Trustee Hansen asked that the administration examine providing free transportation for a period of time for the 15 students currently in the regular elementary program at Allendale School.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Issues for the 2004 ASBA Spring/Fall General Meetings

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the following items for submission to the ASBA for policy development and consideration at the 2004 Spring/Fall General Meeting, be approved:

- 1. Directive for Action (Spring General Meeting): That the Alberta School Boards Association undertake a provincial campaign to inform the public about the importance of voting for school board trustees.**
- 2. Directive for Action: That the Alberta School Boards Association request Alberta Infrastructure to fund an independent study to examine public-public partnership opportunities for effective use of new and existing school facilities for the benefit of the communities these facilities serve.**
- 3. Directive for Action: That the Alberta School Boards Association urge the Alberta government to address increased operating costs incurred by school boards resulting from municipalities shifting the funding of municipal services from the property tax base to user-based utility charges and service fees. The province needs to either affirm the tax-exempt and utility cost exemption status of school boards with municipalities or, provide additional Plant Operation and Maintenance funding to offset the new operating costs being incurred by school boards for municipal utility charges and service fees.**
- 4. Directive for Action: (Spring General Meeting) That the ASBA urge the Minister of Learning and the Minister of Infrastructure to ensure that any amendments to the Disposition of Property Regulation will recognize that school boards must continue to play a vital role in determining the use of surplus school space to meet community needs, and in protecting the capital asset value of district property. The Alberta School Boards Association believes that Boards must exercise jurisdiction in these areas as a means of maintaining direct accountability to their electorate, which ultimately provided the capital resources to fund school facilities.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

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6. Establishment of the 2004-2005 Budget Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the following planning base for the preparation of the 2004-05 operating budget be approved:

	Sept 30, 2003 Actual	Dec 2003 Adjustment	2004-05 Forecast
a) Allocations to Schools	\$ 400,600,000	\$ 410,800,000	\$ 421,800,000
b) Allocations to Central	37,300,000	38,000,000	39,100,000
c) Supply Services	5,100,000	5,100,000	5,100,000
d) Teacher Unit Cost	1,300,000	1,300,000	0
e) Utilities	15,300,000	15,300,000	15,800,000
f) Institutions	21,900,000	25,300,000	25,300,000
g) Mandatory Operating Costs	0	0	800,000
h) School Generated Funds	20,900,000	23,300,000	23,300,000
i) Professional Impr. Leaves	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
j) Transportation	21,800,000	22,100,000	22,400,000
k) Metro Community College	7,600,000	7,800,000	7,800,000
l) Debt	37,200,000	37,200,000	37,400,000
m) External Revenue	5,400,000	5,400,000	4,900,000
n) Deficit Repayment	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Allocations	<u>\$ 579,200,000</u>	<u>\$ 595,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 605,000,000</u>
Revenue Available	<u>\$ 579,200,000</u>	<u>\$ 596,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 605,000,000</u>
Enrolment	81,425	81,425	81,200

The shaded area represents discretionary allocations.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Distribution of Additional Revenue to Schools for 2004-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Distribution of Additional Revenue to Schools for 2004-2005’ be received for information.”

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Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided regarding how many students there will be from the additional 25 high needs schools.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Foundation Feasibility Study Findings

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Foundation Feasibility Study Findings’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete items G.9, G.8, G.10 and G.11 as well as the regular business items on the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Trustee Initiatives

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Initiatives’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Update

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. District Emergency Preparedness Support Team

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘District Emergency Preparedness Support Team’ be received for information.”

Trustee Odynski suggested that school councils be provided an opportunity to provide input.

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The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 12. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004
- 13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Reports 12 and 13 were deferred to the April 27, 2004 board meeting.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Odynski noted that Delwood School would be hosting a Literacy Day on April 17, 2004.

Trustee Odynski noted that APPEAL (Albertans Promoting Public Education and Learning) will be holding an important parent conference May 1, 2004 in Westeros and sponsored by Alberta Community Development called Leading in Learning – What can we do so that ALL kids succeed in school? More information is available at: <http://www.appealalberta.com>

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 27, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (9:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary