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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, April 16, 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

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 Laura Halvorsen, a grade 12 student from Jasper Place School.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

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The chairman advised that April 9th, was the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. By its name, Edmonton Public Schools' L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy acknowledges the Battle of Vimy Ridge and honours all those Canadians who made such great sacrifices so long ago for Canada and its future. With its emphasis on Canada, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy focuses on building strong Canadian citizens who honour their past and desire to build a strong nation for tomorrow. This year, the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge reminds us of the men and women of the Edmonton Garrison currently overseas. Our thoughts and prayers (best wishes) are with them and their families.

The chairman advised that Monday, April 22, 2002 is International Earth Day. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Week – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The board encourages schools to participate. 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 -- everyday of the year.

The chairman advised that, on average, over a million cases of occupational injuries have been reported by Worker's Compensation Boards across Canada for each of the last 10 years. There are at least 1,000 occupational deaths reported each year. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28 each year as a Day of Mourning for victims of workplace accidents and disease. In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, on April 27 1998, the Edmonton Public School Board proclaimed every April 28th as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible.

The chairman announced that 26 Edmonton Public Schools teachers have been selected as finalists for the 14th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. These teachers were chosen from 82 nominees by a selection committee of representatives from stakeholder groups and education partners in the learning community. The board of trustees looks forward to the opportunity to pay tribute and honour these finalists at a special board meeting on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m. in McCauley Chambers.

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D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 12, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 12, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Jasper Place High School AISI Project – Career Directions

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Jasper Place High School AISI Project – Career Directions’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Edwin Parr Teacher Award’ be received for information.”

Ms Kerry Donahue, of Brightview School, was selected as the district’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

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

There was a short break in the meeting at this point.

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H. Reports:

8. Inclusive Education Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Inclusive Education Committee’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 2, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 2, 2002 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

Custodial Negotiations:	Bob Holt
Maintenance Negotiations:	Brian Fedor
Support Staff Negotiations:	Faye Parker”

Trustee Nicholson left at this point in the meeting.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

Trustee Nicholson returned at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“3. That the nomination of the Centre for Family Literacy for an ASBA Friends of Education Award be approved.

- 4. That the nomination of the board for a Premier’s Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence for its role in establishing Amiskwaciy Academy be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Tawa School Site

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the surplus declaration of the vacant elementary site in Tawa neighbourhood be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Tenders – Meyonohk School Four Classroom Addition

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“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 Meyonohk School Four Classroom Addition to Jen-Col Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$526,500, excluding GST, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. An Interim Evaluation of the LearnCanada Project

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘An Interim Evaluation of the LearnCanada Project’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002

This item was deferred to the April 30, 2002 board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”

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

OPPOSED: Trustees Martin and Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

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10. WebCT

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

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

12. 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)

13. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the death of Gary Zacharuk, a teacher.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

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

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Karen Beaton, President Edmonton Public Teachers, provided a copy of the preliminary report of the class size census taken in December 12, 2001 by the Edmonton Public Teachers Local to trustees. A copy of the preliminary summary report was provided to each teacher in the Local today. The Local believes that the report provides a very realistic picture of the kinds of conditions that students and teachers find themselves in any given day. The Executive of the Local looks forward to discussing the report with the board sometime in the future.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Hansen referred to an article in the April 9, 2002 edition of the ATA News entitled “Government Leaves IOP High and Dry”. The article says that Alberta Learning has disbanded the IOP Curriculum and Development and IOP Achievement Test Projects. He requested that an information report be provided to confirm this and what the implications would be on the IOP programs in the district.

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L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 30, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:25 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary