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- Board Meeting #9 -

Minutes of the 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 14, 2006 at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger

Don Fleming
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Donna Barrett
Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe
Tanni Parker

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

CUPE Local 474: Doug Luellman, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

B. **Roll Call:** (6:05 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustees Gibeault and Gibson were absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair** – None.

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

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #8 – February 28, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 28, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Inglewood School – Focus on Reading Comprehension

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Inglewood School – Focus on Reading Comprehension’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Edwin Parr Excellence in Teaching Award

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

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

The acting superintendent announced that Tina Fermaniuk of Brightview School is the district’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Excellence in Teaching Award.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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H. Reports:

4. Motion re Funding for District Infrastructure

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That, in light of the surplus recently announced by the provincial government, the board write a letter to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure asking that funding be provided to address the serious backlog of infrastructure projects within the district.”

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That a ‘friendly’ amendment be approved by substituting the following motions:

- 1. That a letter be sent to Premier Klein requesting that, in light of the recently announced government surplus in excess of \$7 billion dollars, the Edmonton Public School District be allocated infrastructure funding sufficient to address our current serious backlog of new capital construction and major modernization requirements.**
- 2. That the administration prepare an immediate News Release detailing the history of our infrastructure shortfalls as well as our present and future infrastructure requirements.**
- 3. That, as soon as possible, the administration facilitate a press conference for the Board Chair to identify and clarify for the citizens of Edmonton our district’s significant infrastructure deficit and needs.”**
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED by General Consent.)

The board chair called the question on the amended motion.

The Amended Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Proposed Bylaw Amendment and Issues for the 2006 ASBA Spring/Fall General Meetings

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the following items for submission to the ASBA for policy development and or consideration at the 2006 Spring/Fall General Meeting, be approved:

1. **Bylaw Amendment (Spring General Meeting): That the Alberta School Boards Association amend Bylaw No. 4 section 4. (b) and 5. (a) and (b) as indicated in the proposed bylaw appended hereto to remove the arbitrary term limits for all individuals serving on the Board of Directors and update the month and year references used to establish the election pattern.**
2. **Emergent Directive for Action (Spring General Meeting): That, given the recently announced provincial government budget surplus, the ASBA request the Alberta government to provide immediate and sufficient additional funding for school modernization and capital projects to address the serious and growing infrastructure deficit affecting all school boards.**
3. **Directive for Action (Fall General Meeting): That the Alberta School Boards Association requests the Minister of Education and other appropriate Ministries to undertake a review of an Ontario program which provides dedicated funding to School Boards for the purpose of increasing and enhancing after hours community use of schools. The review would assess the feasibility of implementing this program or a similar program in Alberta.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2006-2007 Budget:
 - CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff)
 - Exempt Staff

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Mrs. Donna Nicoll, representative for the district’s exempt staff, verbally presented the staff group’s brief.

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The board chair advised that a report in response to the employee group presentations will be prepared and that the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2006-2007 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

**“That the verbal presentations from the President of CUPE Local 784 and the representative for exempt staff be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Copies of the briefs were distributed to trustees.

The board took a short break at this point.

7. District Rates for 2006-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘District Rates for 2006-2007’ be received for information.”

Trustee Keiver requested clarification of the “out of district” participants for music enrichment and why there has been no increase in rates.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Trustee Planning Initiatives for 2006-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Planning Initiatives for 2006-2007’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2006-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2006-2007’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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10. Victoria School Update Report

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Victoria School Update Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Update on the New High School in Riverbend - Terwillegar

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on the New High School in Riverbend - Terwillegar’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

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

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 18, 2006	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (8:55 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary