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- Board Meeting #10 -

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, April 10, 2007 at 6:20 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson
Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Bruce Coggles
Bryan Evans
Henry Madsen
Sherri O'Keefe

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District's O Canada DVD*

B. **Roll Call:** (6:20 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair noted that, yesterday, was the 90th 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.

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 are with them and their families.

The board chair advised that thirty-seven district teachers have been named finalists for 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards. The finalists were chosen from 320 eligible nominees by representatives from Alberta's education community. This year, the awards program is recognizing 130 Alberta teachers, celebrating their outstanding creativity and innovation in their classrooms.

These teachers were chosen because of their excellence in a variety of areas – including knowledge of subject matter, effectiveness with students, creative and innovative teaching practices, involvement with parents and collaboration with colleagues.

Being named a finalist is an acknowledgement from the local school community that these teachers are held in high esteem for their valuable and lasting contribution to the lives of their students – and it is testament to the outstanding teachers we have in Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board of Trustees will recognize the district's nominees during a special ceremony on Tuesday, May 1st.

D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent

The acting superintendent provided an update regarding Victoria School.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 13, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 13, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Meeting – March 22, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held March 22, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Menisa – A School in the “Deepening Literacy Instruction” AISI Project

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Menisa – A School in the *Deepening Literacy Instruction* AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

4. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 3, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 3, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“2. That the following appointment for the period September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed: Jenise Bidulock – Managing Director Planning and Student Transportation.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “3. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed:**

**Kevin Stevenson – Director EPS Metro Continuing Education
Stuart Wachowicz – Director Curriculum
Corrie Ziegler – Director Student Achievement Services”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “4. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed:**

**John Edey – Director Personnel Support Services
Mike Falk – Director Student Information
Veda Lastiwka – Director Personnel Recruitment and Staffing
Jamie Pallett – Director Budget Services”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “5. That David Fraser and Ellen Ogilvy be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers’ Association (ATA).” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 10, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “That, in accordance with the School Act Section 113, authorization for the board chair to seek written approval of the Minister of Education to appoint Candidate #1 to the position of Superintendent of Schools and to conclude the contract subject to the terms agreed upon at the April 10, 2007 conference committee meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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5. Motion re Transportation for Students from Closed Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the students currently enrolled in the regular program at (High Park, Newton, Mount Pleasant, Mill Creek schools) be provided with free transportation to the designated receiving school for the duration of their elementary enrolment at that school.”

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the recommendation be deferred.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Gibson

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

Trustee Hansen asked that consideration be given for providing transportation at no cost to parents for students currently designated to attend Hazeldean School who live in the Mill Creek designated attendance area. He also offered a friendly amendment to the motion to clarify that the offer is for students residing in the designated attendance areas for the closed schools.

Trustee Gibeault suggested that clarification be given to parents that this is not “free” transportation but rather is subsidized transportation, the cost of which is borne by the district and asked that this be considered a friendly amendment.

The board chair seeing no objections to the friendly amendments called the question on the amended recommendation:

“That the students currently enrolled in the regular program at High Park, Newton, Mount Pleasant, Mill Creek schools and residing in the designated attendance area be provided with transportation at no cost to the parents to the designated receiving school for the duration of their elementary enrolment at that school.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Keiver

The Motion was CARRIED.

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6. Response to Delegation - Re: Sports Programs in Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the request of the delegation, for the school board to develop a district-wide policy for student participation in interschool athletics that would ensure a fair opportunity for non-sports club athletes to fairly compete on school teams, be denied.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn

The Motion was CARRIED.

7. Framework for a District-Level Foundation

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the framework for a district-level foundation be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the recommendation be deferred to the new board for consideration.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming and Keiver

The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.

8. Board Policy ACA.BP – Respectful Learning and Working Environments

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

**“That revised Board Policy ACA.BP – Respectful Learning and Working Environments be considered for the third time and approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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9. 2007-2008 Proposed Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the framework of the planning base be approved.**

- 2. That the administration be authorized to adjust the resources in the planning base in accordance with the Alberta Education funding announcements contained in the April 2007 provincial budget.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

10. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2007-2008

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

- “That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2007-2008’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Trustee Planning Initiatives for 2007-2008

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “That the report entitled ‘Trustee Planning Initiatives for 2007-2008’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Practices and Policies Related to School Security

14. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007

Items 13 and 14 were deferred to the April 24, 2007 board meeting.

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MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

12. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

- Community Relations Activities

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had recently attended the Metro Japanese Community School 30th Anniversary.

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 Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary