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- Board Meeting #11 -

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 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Ronda Borchert
Les Duxbury
Darren Fox
Heather Raymond

Lorraine Ringrose
George Rice
Lloyd Ungeran

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Karen Redhead, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada – District Video

B. Roll Call: (6:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman introduced Maureen Kubinec, President of the Alberta School Boards Association, who presented a plaque to the board in recognition of Trustee Don Fleming's service as the board's representative on the ASBA Board of Directors.

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D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – March 22, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held March 22, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Satoo School – Focus on Reading Comprehension

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

G. Reports:

3. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 22, 2005 and April 5, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That Report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held March 22, 2005 and April 5, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Chris Coggins as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Kathy Cammarata (Muhlethaler) as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “4. That, subject to the satisfactory completion of a banking agreement, the appointment of the Bank of Nova Scotia as the principal banker for Edmonton School District #7 for the five year term commencing September 1, 2005 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

- “5. That the following statement for inclusion in the board’s existing policy on Parent and Community Involvement: *In order to assist community groups wishing to support teaching and learning, the superintendent is authorized to approve district endorsement of community activities or projects that reflect the district’s mission statement, priorities and mandate to achieve superb results from all students. Endorsement may be in the form of referral letters for groups to use when securing funding from foundations, funding agencies or businesses and/or permission to use the district’s logo for inclusion on promotional materials.* be approved.**
- 6. That the appropriate revisions be made to the existing administrative regulation on Parent and Community Involvement to assist community groups in making application for district endorsement.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Motion Re Postponing Consideration of School Closures

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board postpone any vote on school closures until such time as the Minister of Infrastructure releases the results of his review of the utilization formula and the board has an opportunity to study the impact of this review on provincial funding policies.”

The chairman ruled the motion as being out of order because it is in effect a motion to reconsider the board’s decisions to embark on the school closure processes for four schools. Action has already been taken on the board’s decisions and a motion to postpone the vote on school closure to a time indefinite would in effect nullify the school closure processes for this school year –as the school closure process must be completed in the same school year as it is begun.

The chairman called the question on his ruling.

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

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault and Fleming

The Chairman's Ruling was UPHELD.

5. 2005-2006 Proposed Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the framework of the planning base as outlined 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 2005 budget.**
- 3. That the administration be authorized to proceed with allocations to schools and central decision units as outlined in the timeline approved by the board March 24, 2005.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Proposed Issues for the 2005 ASBA Fall General Meetings

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the following items for submission to the ASBA for policy development and consideration at the 2005 Fall General Meeting, be approved:

- 1. Directive for Action: Given that the Alberta School Boards Association believes that the adequacy and consistency of funding for Alberta school infrastructure is insufficient to meet the existing and future needs of school jurisdictions and that government plans to address the matter have faltered, and further that a comprehensive and committed plan is necessary to properly plan for and manage this important public asset, the ASBA request an independent government funded study to establish such a plan.**

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2. **Directive for Action:** That the Alberta School Boards Association urge the Minister of Education to initiate a joint project with those Ministries linked under the Alberta Children and Youth Initiative to fund the use of the Early Development Instrument and of community mapping province-wide for the effective and efficient collection of information that will enable timely and equitable decisions to improve early childhood outcomes and student success in school.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Trustee Initiatives

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Initiatives’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson noted that the intent of his initiative was to create an offsetting account for the surpluses held in schools.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Response to Presentation by Exempt Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘Presentation by Exempt Staff’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

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

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

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Redhead, President Public Teachers, noted that her term as president will end June 30, 2005. She then introduced Mark Ramsankar, a teacher at Harry Ainlay, who will serve as the new president of Edmonton Public Teachers commencing on July 1, 2005.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Colburn requested that a report be provided regarding the number of librarians, physical education teachers and counsellors employed by Edmonton Public Schools in 1990, 1996 and 2004. He asked the report also include the number of students in schools in each of those years.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 26, 2005	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (7:00 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary