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- Board Meeting #3 -

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, November 27, 2001 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
Donna Barrett
Ken Dropko
Gary Reynolds
Marion de Man

Bruce Coggles
Pam Hall
Ron MacNeil
Dennis Melnyk

Maureen Stratton Lamieux
Carol Wolanski
Susan Laudenklos

Board Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

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 this year, White Ribbon Week began November 25th and will run through December 6, 2001. The White Ribbon Campaign is a national effort intended to raise public awareness that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. He also thanked CUPE Local 474 for providing white ribbons to district staff and for its continuing commitment to this very important cause.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 13, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held November 13, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Reports:

2. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 21, 2001)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #1 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held November 21, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That submission of the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2001 to the minister of learning be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“3. That the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Edmonton School District No. 7 for the fiscal year September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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3. Motion Regarding Financial Disclosure Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the Policy and Planning Committee prepare for the board’s consideration a financial disclosure policy that would apply to candidates seeking election to the board of trustees in the 2004 election.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Martin and Odynski

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Nicholson and Woodrow

The Motion was DEFEATED.

4. Curriculum Addition

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the locally developed course *Horsemanship 7/8/9* be approved for use in the district.”

Trustee Martin asked how many special curriculum initiatives (locally developed courses) there are in the district.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. 2001-2002 Modernization Block Fund

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the following projects for inclusion in the district’s 2001-2002 block modernization fund from Alberta Infrastructure be approved:

- 1. Ottewell School modernization - \$2.77 million**
- 2. Kildare School modernization - \$1.81 million**
- 3. Queen Elizabeth School Career and Technology programming upgrades - \$0.62 million**
- 4. Contingency - \$0.18 million” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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6. City Centre Education Project – Status Report

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘City Centre Education Project – Status Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Concept Development Studies: Update

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Concept Development Studies: Update’ be deferred to the December 11, 2001 board meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership Annual Report 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership Annual Report 2000-2001’ be received for information.”

Trustee Bonko requested information on the number of hours being provided to each student for speech language services.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

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

G. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Hansen advised that he had represented the board at the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Montrose School held last Friday and had presented a plaque.

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

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I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Martin requested that the following information be provided:

- How many students in the district have been identified as being in the “at risk” category?
- What general factors put them in this category?
- What role does poverty play in putting students in this category?

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding how much money is being raised through fundraising initiatives in each district school and what those funds are being used for.

Trustee Hansen requested information regarding what priority Kenilworth School is on the block modernization funding listing.

J. Notices of Motion – None.

K. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, December 11, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: (7:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary