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- **Board Meeting #6** -

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, January 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Avi Habinski
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Corinne McCabe
Ron MacNeil

Fred Buffi
Charlotte Corothers
Gord Hanson

Maureen MacDonald
Lori Price-Wagner
Morrie Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: S. Robbins (for K. Beaton)

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting

A. **O Canada** – *Alberta School for the Deaf*

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Nicholson was absent. All other trustees were present.

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C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that Justice John D. Bracco, a former trustee in the 1960s, passed away this weekend. He noted that a bereavement report will be brought to the next public board meeting.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 13, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 13, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. **Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Alberta School for the Deaf (ASD): Character Counts

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta School for the Deaf (ASD): Character Counts’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. **Reports:**

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 19, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“1. That report #4 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held January 19, 2004 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“2. That, in accordance with the board motion approved June 17, 2003 to discontinue the \$100 honorarium for Grade 12 honour students effective the 2003-2004 school year, a reduction to the 2004-2005 budget allocation for D.U. 315 – Board Administration by a corresponding amount of \$63,000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “3. That, effective immediately, the addition of Jamie Pallett, as a member of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be confirmed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “4. That, in accordance with Alberta Learning’s Superintendent of Schools Regulation, authorization for the board chairman to seek the prior approval of the Minister of Learning to reappoint the Superintendent of Schools for a new three-year term effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007 be approved.

5. That, subject to the prior approval of the Minister of Learning, authorization for the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the board a new three-year contract of employment with the superintendent of schools effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007 which provides for:

- a) the addition of one week of vacation and one week of sabbatical entitlement to the current contract; and
- b) a one-time performance bonus of \$5,000 payable at the convenience of the superintendent of schools within one year of contract renewal be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Revised Timelines for 2004-2005 Planning Process

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the timeline for the 2004-2005 Planning Process be amended as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Proposed Base to Board	Jan 27	Mar 9
Allocations to Schools/Central	Feb 4	Mar 11
Planning Documents Due	Feb 24	Apr 8
Trustee Subcommittee	March 8-19	Apr 19-30
Budget Presented to Board	Apr 13	May 11
Board Budget Review/Approval	Apr 27	May 25”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Obesity in School Age Children

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Obesity in School Age Children’ be received for information.”

Trustee Odynski provided a copy of a report for the administration regarding a study being conducted called Action in Schools for Physical Education and Nutrition and suggested that, prior to making a decision with respect to further action a copy of the final report be requested and reviewed.

Trustee Bonko requested that information on the cost implications of options being considered be provided in the followup report.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Revitalization of Queen Elizabeth School

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Revitalization of Queen Elizabeth School’ be received for information.”

Trustee Odynski suggested that the promotional materials include reference to the development of literacy skills to assist students in completing high school.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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8. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2004-2005 Budget:
- CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff)
 - Exempt Staff Liaison Committee
 - CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff)

The chairman advised that a report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 10, 2004 board meeting. The presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

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

Ms Meluccia DiMarco, a representative from the district's Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, verbally presented the Committee's brief.

Mr. Bruce Cutting, president CUPE Local 784, verbally presented the Local's brief.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the verbal presentations from the President of CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff), the representative from the district's Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, and the President of CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff) be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustees were provided with written copies of the three staff group presentations.

- 7. Lease Revenue Distribution
- 9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Reports 7 and 9 were deferred to the next board meeting.

- 10. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the passing of Mr. Felix Corpuz, a member of the district's custodial staff.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

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

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H. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Martin reported that the Linkages Committee met last week. The focus of the discussion was changes to the *Child Welfare Act* and the implications for district schools.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Woodrow requested that an information report be brought to board regarding the findings of the feasibility study on a district foundation which will include a presentation by the consultant who undertook the study and an opportunity for trustees to ask questions.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 10, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (9:10 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary