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- Board Meeting #4 -

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, December 11, 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

Joan Fouts
Paulette Kernaghan
Larry Payne

Shelly Pepler
Hans Van Ginhoven

Board Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton
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 wished everyone the best of the season on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He invited staff from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Bennett Centre, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Metro Community College and Victoria School to join trustees for the Trustees' Coffee Party in the Atrium at the Centre for Education tomorrow from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for coffee, pastries, entertainment and caroling. He noted that free underground parking is available the morning of the party for staff attending from other sites.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 27, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 27, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 2001-02

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 2001-02’ be received for information.”

Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided on the number of "out of district" high school students who access special needs programming or are classified as students at risk.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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G. Reports:

3. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 4, 2001)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #2 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held December 4, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That beginning in January 2002 to October 2004, a change in the regularly scheduled time for MST and Conference Committee meetings from 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings to 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively, Tuesday mornings, with the proviso that the times be reviewed in June 2002 and 2003, be approved.
3. That, in order to accommodate guests at conference committee for such purposes as appeals, expulsion and termination hearings, the third Tuesday evening of the month continue to be held in reserve.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Concept Development Studies: Update

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

- “That the report entitled ‘Concept Development Studies: Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. District Priorities 2002-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the *District Priorities 2002-2005* be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the following statement: *strengthens program delivery for Aboriginal students* be amended to: *strengthens program delivery for Aboriginal students and students at risk.*”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson and Odynski

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the following statement be added after the statement regarding Aboriginal students: *improves educational outcomes for disadvantaged students at risk of not completing their schooling.*”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin and Nicholson

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Curriculum Addition – Chinese Mandarin Language and Culture 15/25/35

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the locally developed course *Chinese Mandarin Language and Culture 15/25/35* be approved for use in the district.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (A.I.S.I.) Monitoring Information: Year One Results

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (A.I.S.I.) Monitoring Information: Year One Results’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson requested that the number of students involved in the individual projects be provided in the next A.I.S.I. results report.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

8. Edmonton Public Schools Annual Education Results Review 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools Annual Education Results Review 2000-2001’ be received for information.”

Trustee Gibeault noted on page 23 of the booklet that the board is referred to as “government and administration” – it should be “board governance and administration.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

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

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10. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the passing of Mr. Al Solinski, a principal.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

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

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Karen Beaton, president Edmonton Public Teachers, on behalf of teachers and principals, thanked the board for reducing the number of district priorities to three. She extended best wishes for a good holiday and a wonderful 2002. She expressed appreciation for the good working relationship between the board and its teachers.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided regarding the number of custodians working in more than one school and whether they are covered by WCB.

Trustee Martin asked that information be provided regarding where Eastglen School is on the district’s priority list for modernization.

Trustee Woodrow requested (further to the information provided for Trustee Request #27) that information be provided regarding what other jurisdictions’ policies are for providing speech and language therapy services.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, January 15, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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M **Adjournment:** (9:00 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary