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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 12, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson
Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall
Ken Dropko
Gary Reynolds

Del Bouck
Laurie Elkow
Mack Fysh

Stephen Lynch
Les McElwain
Lesley Sonnen

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P.McNab
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

A. O Canada

Students from Fraser School sang O Canada.

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 extended an invitation from the Board of Trustees to staff from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Continuing Education and Victoria School to join them in the Atrium, Centre for Education, on Wednesday, December 13, 2000, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for coffee, pastries, entertainment and caroling. He advised staff coming from other sites that there will be free underground parking available the morning of the party.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 28, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 28, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Meeting – December 5, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held December 5, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Fraser School: “Working Together to Develop Responsible Life-long Learners”

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the report entitled ‘Fraser School: *Working Together to Develop Responsible Life-long Learners*’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Recognition:

4. "An Act to Follow" Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

"That the report entitled 'Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program' be received for information." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports:

5. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 5, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- "1. That report #4 of the conference committee from the meeting held December 5, 2000 be received and considered." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- "2. That a 24-month extension of the appointment of Avison Young as commercial real estate agent to assist in the sale of district property be approved." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. District Priorities 1999-2002

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

"That the *District Priorities 1999-2002 be reaffirmed.*" (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Curriculum Addition: Networking Technologies

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

"That the locally developed senior high courses Networking Technologies 25C/35C or 25N/35N for use in the District, be approved for submission to Alberta Learning."

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Mr. Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Schools, expressed concern with public school board curriculum being developed to meet the needs of private business. He also expressed concern that Edmonton Public Schools alone would undertake the costs to develop these courses rather than the government if private business is concerned about a province-wide shortage of trained personnel. He asked the board to refer the report for further consideration.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Delegation – Junior High School in the Burnewood, Meadows, Wild Rose and Jackson Heights Area

Mr. Roger Abbott and Ms Colleen Albus presented a petition to the board with respect to a request for junior school in the Burnewood, Larkspur, Meadows, Wild Rose and Jackson Heights area.

The chairman advised Mr. Abbott and Ms Albus that, in keeping with board policy, they would receive a response to their request at the next board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Junior High School in the Burnewood, Meadows, Wild Rose and Jackson Heights Area’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Delegation – Twin Brooks School Committee

Ms Carrie Grossman and Mr. Ed Reid made a presentation with respect to a school in the Twin Brooks community.

The chairman advised Ms Grossman and Mr. Reid that, in keeping with board policy, they would receive a response to their request at the next board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Twin Brooks School Committee’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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10. 2000-2003 Capital Submission

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the submission to Alberta Infrastructure of capital projects for 2000-2003 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The board took a short break at this time.

16. Edmonton Public Schools’ Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools’ Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

15. Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Development

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Development’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

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

11. Victoria School Redevelopment

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the submission of a request to Alberta Infrastructure for the redevelopment of Victoria School based on the Alberta Infrastructure Value Management Workshop be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Closure of Westview Village School

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the closure of Westview Village School effective December 31, 2000 be approved.”

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Trustee Nicholson suggested that the Minister of Infrastructure be notified that the school has now been officially closed.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. Plan for the Use of the 2000/2001 Modernization Block Fund

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

**“That the district’s plan for utilization of the one-time block fund be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. Multiple Campus Project Evaluation – Year One

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the report entitled ‘Multiple Campus Project Evaluation – Year One’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

17. Monitoring of Charter Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Monitoring of Charter Schools’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

Trustee Hansen noted in the letter to Mayor Bill Smith that Councillor Dave Thiele was also present for the official opening of Edmonton Hall.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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19. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the passing of Mrs. Sharon Neuman, a member of the teaching staff.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

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

- I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**
 - Community Relations Activities – None.**

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Ed Hoyes noted that the Key Communicators had won an award at the District Recognition Awards held November 28, 2000. He extended a thanks to the trustees who served on last year’s as well as those serving on the current year’s Key Communicators Advisory Committee – Trustees Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson and Sulyma for their work. He also thanked George Rice who served as the Superintendent’s Council Representative. He extended the Key Communicators’ thanks, in particular, to Elaine Decker from Communications and felt that it would be fitting that the board recognize her for her commitment to this program.

- K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

- L. Notices of Motion – None.**

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, January 16, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

- N. Adjournment: (9:40 p.m.)**

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary