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- **Board Meeting #5** -

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 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bill Bonko  
Bob Dean  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Lynn Odynski  
Jean Woodrow

**Officials**

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

Ted Biggs  
Mary Butlin  
Pat Dougherty  
Joan Gibson

Scott Millar  
Lorne Parker  
Ros Smith

Chairman: S. Hansen

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

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

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### C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman welcomed everyone back after the winter break.

### D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent introduced Mr. David Cowie, an exchange principal at Baturyn School for the next year. Mr. Cowie is from New South Wales, Australia.

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 9, 2003

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held December 9, 2003 be approved as printed.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Scott Robertson School: A Place to Shine

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Scott Robertson School: A Place to Shine’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### G. Recognition:

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**H. Reports:**

4. Trustee Electoral Ward Boundary Review

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Electoral Ward Boundary Review’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Gibeault, Hansen, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Fleming**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

5. Motion Re Trustee Electoral Ward Boundary Criteria

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That the following be added to the trustee electoral ward boundary criteria: *ensure, if possible, that each ward includes within its boundaries at least one elementary, junior high and senior high school.*”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Nicholson and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen and Odynski**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

7. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2004-2005 Budget:

- Edmonton Public Teachers
- CUPE Local 3550 (support staff)

The chairman advised that CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff), CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff) and exempt staff would make their presentations at the January 27, 2004 board meeting. He also 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

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disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

Ms Karen Beaton, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the teachers' brief.

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, president CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local's brief.

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the verbal presentations from the Presidents of Edmonton Public Teachers and CUPE Local 3550 (support staff) be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

6. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) Monitoring Information: Initial Three-Year Cycle Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) Monitoring Information: Initial Three-Year Cycle Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Bonko requested that a report be provided regarding the proactive practices being used in the district with respect to security.

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the ongoing increase in elementary suspensions.

Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding the district's policy on compassionate leave.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

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

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

**•Community Relations Activities – None.**

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding the completion rates for district ESL students over last three years.

Trustee Woodrow requested that a report be provided regarding the number of sick days employees are taking compared to previous years, how this information is tracked, and what can be done to encourage a good balance between work and “play”.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, January 27, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**N. Adjournment: (8:35 p.m.)**

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Board Secretary**