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- Board Meeting #12 -

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, May 22, 2001 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
Shirley Stiles
Donna Barrett
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds
Marion de Man

Lorraine Boggs
Bev Crossman
Vlad Eshenko

Ken Marshall
Ellen Ogilvy
Bonnie Zack

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein
Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

A. O Canada - Students from Waverley 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 advised that trustees will be attending the spring general meetings and conferences of the Public School Boards' Association and the Alberta School Boards' Association in Red Deer – June 2 to 5, 2001. Trustees will have an opportunity to dialogue with other trustees from both urban and rural boards and attend a variety of sessions and workshops focussing on issues in public education.

The chairman provided a reminder that the 7th Annual Pancake Breakfasts for Central Services Staff will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at the Centre for Education and on Thursday, June 14th at the Distribution Centre. Once again, trustees and senior administration are looking forward to flipping pancakes, pouring coffee and the opportunity to spend time with staff. He encouraged staff to attend.

The chairman took the opportunity, as the end of the school year draws near and the constraints of time become even more of a reality to all, to acknowledge on behalf of the board of trustees the tremendous work of district staff. Trustees hope that staff will take a moment to savour their many and significant achievements during the past year. The board knows that as students are anxiously awaiting the summer break, it can be difficult to sustain momentum and focus. The Board of Trustees thanks all members of the district staff for their dedicated focus on achievement and their continued commitment to students.

D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dosdall advised that two district teachers, Carolyn Lewis–Shillington of McNally High School, and Vasile Bratu of Jasper Place–Stratford Campus, are recipients of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence. The winning teachers' schools each receive \$1,000 to be spent under the recipients' direction.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – May 8, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held May 8, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Waverley School: Fostering a Community of Learners

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Waverley School: Fostering a Community of Learners’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.)

G. Recognitions:

3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Jenna Livergant

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Jenna Livergant’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Government of Spain Scholarship Winners

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Government of Spain Scholarship Winners’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports:

5. Report #15 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 8 and 15, 2001)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That report #15 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held May 8 and 15, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the designation of Rob Hutchinson, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**
- 3. That the designation of Tami Dowler-Coltman, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

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4. That the designation of Leesa Kazeil, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
5. That the designation of Elizabeth Yule, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
6. That the designation of Sylvia Clarke, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the verbal report with respect to the evaluation of the superintendent of schools be received for information.”

Trustee Sulyma called upon Trustee Fleming to provide the verbal report with respect to the evaluation of the superintendent of schools.

Trustee Fleming provided the following verbal report:

The Board of Trustees recently completed its annual review of the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Dosdall continues to receive an excellent rating from trustees in all areas of performance. The board has expressed confidence in the leadership of the superintendent and has conveyed its appreciation for his outstanding leadership which continues to be focused on student achievement. It was noted that Dr. Dosdall is a strong advocate for a well funded and accountable public education system and believes that quality staff and quality leadership are critical to achieving success.

Dr. Dosdall's accomplishments are numerous and varied accompanied with our continued enrollment growth is the expansion of programs of choice offered within Edmonton Public Schools in response to the learning needs of children and adults.

The work of Edmonton Public Schools continues to be recognized world wide and the successes of our board and school district are chronicled in educational publications, newspaper features and requests for delegations to visit the district. Dr. Dosdall was featured on the cover of the May 2001 issue of The School Administrator, not only was this the first time a Canadian

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superintendent was featured in this magazine but this issue devoted over half of its content to the work of Edmonton Public Schools.

Dr. Dosdall continues to serve our community beyond his role as superintendent as a member of the Board of Directors for the United Way, Edmonton Space and Science Centre, the Alberta Centre for International Education, Scientist 2010. He is also the Education Chair for the 2001 World Championships in Athletics.

The reputation of Edmonton Public Schools as a model of education practice, enterprise, and accountability — both among other educational communities and within the City of Edmonton — can be attributed in large part to the excellent entrepreneurial and leadership skills of Dr. Dosdall and his relentless efforts at advancing the student achievement agenda of the board.

The evaluation process provides an opportunity for the board to express publicly its overwhelming satisfaction for the superintendent and his exemplary work. The board continues to expect the superintendent to:

- *focus on teaching and learning for the betterment of all students and staff*
- *ensure student safety*
- *advocate for funding that will ensure quality programming, compensate staff fairly and keep school facilities in safe and good repair*

Dr. Dosdall continues to provide high quality service to our community. He demonstrates an openness to collaborate with all staff groups and all levels of government to provide greater opportunities for student success.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. The Learning Store at West Edmonton Mall

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That board support for the application to offer a high school outreach program at West Edmonton Mall be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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8. Presentation by the Edmonton YMCA

Mr. Franco Savoia, President and CEO of the Edmonton YMCA, made a presentation formally recognizing the success of the relationship between the YMCA and Edmonton Public Schools.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Presentation by the Edmonton YMCA’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Response to the Delegation from the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “1. That the request by the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education to create a new policy to support inclusion for all students with special needs be denied.**
- 2. That a committee be struck of parents with children with special needs including representation from the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education, community partners and district staff to review obstacles and best practices of inclusion.**
- 3. That the administration ensures services to staff in schools facilitates inclusion as a viable option for parents and their children.**
- 4. That the Board request the Alberta School Boards Association examine issues and options for students with special needs at it’s Urban Board Caucus meeting in June 2001.”**

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MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That Recommendation #1 be referred to the committee in Recommendation #2 for consideration and that a report be brought back to a future meeting.”

The chairman called the question on the Referral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dean and Gibeault

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Fleming, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

The Referral Motion was DEFEATED.

Trustee Melnychuk requested information regarding how Alberta Learning has responded to the Special Needs Review.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #1.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Fleming, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Dean and Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That recommendation #2 be amended to read: That a committee be struck of parents with children with special needs including representation from the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education, community partners and district staff to review current board policy, obstacles to inclusion and best practices of inclusion.”

The chairman called the question on the Amendment.

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2 as Amended.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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The chairman called the question on Recommendation #3.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Melnychuk, Sulyma and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #4.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Hebrew Language and Culture Three and Six Year Programs of Studies

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That the Hebrew Language and Culture Three Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.**
- 2. That the Hebrew Language and Culture Six Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. Arabic Language and Culture Three and Six Year Programs of Studies

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That the Arabic Language and Culture Three Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.**
- 2. That the Arabic Language and Culture Six Year Program of Studies as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.”**

The chairman called the question Recommendation #1.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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The chairman called the question Recommendation #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Curriculum Addition – Islamic Studies 7

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That Islamic Studies 7 be approved as a locally-developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. Locally Developed Courses: Advanced Techniques (Ceramics and Sculpture)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the following revised locally developed courses for use in the district be approved:

**Advanced Techniques (Ceramics) 15/25/35
Advanced Techniques (Sculpture) 15/25/35”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

13. Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan, 2001-2004*

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan, 2001-2004* be approved for forwarding to Alberta Learning.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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14. Amendments to 2001 Capital Plan and 2000/2001 Modernization Block Fund

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That the submission of the listed modernization projects related to the City Centre Education Project (CCEP) to Alberta Infrastructure as the district’s number one priority for 2001 be approved:

- **John A. McDougall School**
- **McCauley School**
- **Spruce Avenue School**
- **Parkdale School**
- **Eastwood School**

2. That the submission of Ottewell School to Alberta Infrastructure as the district’s number two modernization priority for 2001 be approved.

3. That the following amendments to the 2000/2001 Modernization Block Fund be approved:

- **Phase II completion, Terrace Heights School: \$1.6 million**
- **Avalon School, barrier-free access: \$0.1 million**
- **Programming and peripheral requirements for CCEP: \$0.3 million**
- **Harry Ainlay School, long range facility development plan: \$0.1 million**
- **Various student drop-offs and related site improvements: \$1.1 million**
- **Contingency fund: \$0.3 million**
- **Delete Ottewell School from block fund”**

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the capital project priorities listing as indicated in Appendix III of the report be amended so that the projects listed in Recommendations #1 and #2 follow the Kildare School Modernization Project.”

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The chairman called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Melnychuk

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendations #1 and #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #3.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

15. Policy and Regulation Updates – Terms and Conditions of Employment

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That new board policy GDB.BP – Terms and Conditions of Employment be approved.**
- 2. That current board policy GIB.BP Vacations and Holidays be rescinded.**
- 3. That current board policy GHA.BP Salaries and Wages be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

16. Policy and Regulation Updates – Employee Relations

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “1. a) That revised board policy GBC.BP – Employee Relations be approved.**
- b) That current board policy GBC.BP – Employee Relations be rescinded.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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17. Policy and Regulations Update – Personnel Services Part 3

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

- “1. a) That revised board policy GIA.BP Group Insurance and Pensions be approved.**
- b) That current board policy GIA.BP Group Insurance and Pensions be rescinded.**
- 2. That current board regulation GJB.BR Leaves for Witness and Jury Duty be rescinded.**
- 3. That current board policy GJC.BP Illness be rescinded.**
- 4. That current board policy GLA.BP Retirement Provisions be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

18. Policy and Regulation Updates – Deaths and Bereavements

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “1. That new board policy GM.BP Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements be approved.**
 - 2. That current board regulation GM.BP Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements be rescinded.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**
19. Issues, Budget and Bylaw Amendment for the 2001 ASBA Spring General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

- “That the report entitled ‘Issues, Budget and Bylaw Amendment for the 2001 ASBA Spring General Meeting’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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20. District Response to the Proposed New Social Studies Curriculum

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘District Response to the Proposed New Social Studies Curriculum’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson requested that a board position with respect to the proposed new Social Studies curriculum be prepared for the next board meeting.

Dr. Dosdall noted that the Minister of Learning has indicated that prior to any changes to secondary curriculum, a committee comprised of representatives from the four urban boards and two rural boards would be struck to examine the proposed changes. He indicated that the district would be pleased to take the lead role in organizing this committee so that the concerns that have been raised with respect to the proposed new Social Studies curriculum can be brought forward and that a status report will be provided to trustees.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

21. Leasing Summary for 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2000-2001’ be received for information.”

Trustee Nicholson asked for a summation of the number of square metres leased out in operational and non-operational district facilities.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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22. Parent Input Regarding the Decision to Close Queen Mary Park School

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Parent Input Regarding the Decision to Close Queen Mary Park School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

23. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided on how many special needs district sites are operating with less than the guaranteed number of students provided for in their allocation, how much do we subsidize those sites and where do the additional funds come from.

Trustee Nicholson requested information on the dollar implication to rectify the “similar” situations identified in the response to trustee request #320.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was 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 – None.**
- L. Notices of Motion – None.**
- M. Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, June 19, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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N. **Adjournment:** (9:25 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary