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- Board Meeting #13 -

Minutes of the 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, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson
Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe
Tanni Parker
Betty Tams

Bruce Coggles
Bryan Evans
Gerry Falk
Henry Madsen
Nancy Iriye

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District's O Canada DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair announced the following ten district teachers who have been selected as recipients of the *2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards*:

- Anita Armstrong, Parkview
- Carol Bohnet, Capilano
- Doug Senuik, Ross Sheppard
- Heather Jubenvill, Oliver
- Ian Phillips, Ross Sheppard
- Jan Hamilton, LaPerle
- Jim Ashton, Centre High Campus
- Jon Carstensen-Sinha, M. E. LaZerte
- Sharlyne Cheung, King Edward
- Thomas Yonge, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

The board chair added that the following district teachers are recipients of the *SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards*:

- Alison Hancox, Argyll Home Education Centre
- Pete MacKay, Jasper Place

The board chair congratulated each of the district award recipients on behalf of the board of trustees.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #12– May 8, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held May 8, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Belgravia – A School in the “Deepening Literacy Instruction” AISI Project

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Belgravia – A School in the *Deepening Literacy Instruction* AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Danielle Dardis

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

H. Reports:

4. Report #14 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 8 and 15, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #14 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held May 8 and 15, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That the designation of Dennis Kuchta as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Carolyn Gardiner as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Noreen Billey as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
5. That the designation of Fran Galbraith as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.”

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The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “6. That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, a disposition of land with the City of Edmonton for Argyll School site be approved.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “7. That the nomination of Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta and N.W.T. for an ASBA Friends of Education Award be approved.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Report #15 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 22, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #15 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 22, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That, for consideration of revisions to Board Policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority, the board’s requirement for three readings of policy revisions be waived.**
- 3. That Section 1 of Board Policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority be rescinded.**

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4. That the following new Sections 1 to 5 of Board Policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority (as shown below) be approved:
1. *The board authorizes the administration, under the direction of the superintendent of schools, to do any act or thing or exercise any power that the board may or is required to do or exercise except those matters which, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, cannot be delegated.*
 2. *In accordance with Section 105(2) of the School Act, the board authorizes the superintendent of schools to suspend the services of a teacher when the superintendent of schools is of the opinion that the welfare of students is threatened by the presence of the teacher.*
 3. *In accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, the board delegates authority to the superintendent of schools to suspend the services of a teacher under Section 105(1) of the School Act.*
 4. *In accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, the board delegates authority to the superintendent of schools to terminate the services of a teacher.*
 5. *A decision of the superintendent to suspend or terminate the services of a teacher is not appealable to the board.”*

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Fleming advised that he had to leave the board meeting for a time in order to speak at the Old Scona School graduation ceremonies.

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5. Trustee Aboriginal Education Task Force: Recommendation Report

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “1.1. That proposed Board Policy IAA.BP - Aboriginal Education be considered for the first time.**
- 1.2. That proposed Board Policy IAA.BP – Aboriginal Education be considered for the second time.**
- 1.3. That in accordance with the provisions of section 69 of the *School Act*, proposed Board Policy IAA.BP – Aboriginal Education be considered for the third time at this meeting.**
- 1.4. That proposed Board Policy IAA.BP – Aboriginal Education having been considered three times at this meeting, be approved.**
- 2. That the administration provide information to board with regard to the implementation of Board Policy IAA.BP - Aboriginal Education and Administrative Regulation IAA.AR – Aboriginal Education prior to December 2007 to enable the board to consider staffing and other implications for the 2008-09 budget.**
- 3. That the administration provide an annual Aboriginal Education report to board regarding progress as it relates to Board Policy IAA.BP - Aboriginal Education and Administrative Regulation IAA.AR – Aboriginal Education.**
- 4. That the board and administration advocate to Alberta Education that changes be made to the Attendance Board to better serve the needs of Aboriginal students and families.**
- 5. That, based on the work done under contract to Alberta Education and submitted to them on March 31, 2004 entitled *Infusing Aboriginal Perspectives into Alberta Core Curriculum*, the board and administration advocate to Alberta Education (i) that identified perspectives be incorporated into core curriculum and (ii) that teaching resources be identified and developed to support the implementation.**
- 6. That National Aboriginal Day be celebrated by the board every year at the board meeting closest to National Aboriginal Day.”**

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The board chair called the question on Recommendation #1.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair called the question on Recommendation #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair called the question on Recommendation #3.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair called the question on Recommendation #4.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair called the question on Recommendation #5.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair called the question on Recommendation #6.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

6. Review – Board Policy EEA.BP – Student Transportation Services

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That revised Board Policy EEA.BP – Student Transportation be considered for the third time and approved.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. Review – Board Policy FF.BP – Naming of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That revised Board Policy FF.BP – Naming of Schools be considered for the third time and approved.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Review - Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That revised Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities be considered for the third time and approved.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a three year term:

Course Name (Year):	Credit Value	Subject Area	Course Code	First Approved
American Sign Language Arts K-9	EL	SL	ELM0193 ELM0293 ELM0393 ELM0493 ELM0593 ELM0693 JHS7040 JHS8040 JHS9040	9/20/01

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Bible Studies 1-9	EL-JR		ELM0191 ELM0291 ELM0391 ELM0491 ELM0591 ELM0691 JHS7012 JHS8012 JHS9012	12/1/98
Jewish History and Israel Studies 1-9	EL-JR		ELM0169 ELM0269 ELM0369 ELM0469 ELM0569 ELM0669 JHS7013 JHS8013 JHS9013	8/16/04
Judaic Studies K-9	EL-JR		KGN0090 ELM0190 ELM0290 ELM0390 ELM0490 ELM0590 ELM0690 JHS7011 JHS8011 JHS9011	12/1/98
Tanach Studies K-6	EL		KGN0097 ELM0197 ELM0297 ELM0397 ELM0497 ELM0597 ELM0697	8/16/04
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Creative Writing 9	JR		JHS9035	6/24/03
Drill and Parade 7-9	JR		JHS7017 JHS8017 JHS9017	5/26/99

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Economics of a Foreign Nation 9	JR		JHS9018	6/28/04
Survey of English Literature 9	JR		JHS9053	6/23/03
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Algebra 35 (2007)	5	MA	LDC3535	4/4/05
AP Calculus 35 (BC) (2007)	5	MA	LDC3228	4/19/02
Audio 15-25-35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC1471 LDC2471 LDC3471	8/26/98
Directing 25-35 (2007)	5 5	FA	LDC2468 LDC3468	8/26/98
Drill and Parade 15-25-35 (2007)	3 3 3 or 5	PD	LDC1462 LDC2462 LDC3462	8/12/99 8/30/00 6/25/01
Fire Protection 25 (2007)	3	OT	LDC2078	8/16/04
Fluid Power 25-35 (2007)	5 5	CT	LDC2073 LDC3073	8/16/04
Forensic Science 25 (2007)	3	SC	LDC2754	8/16/04
History of Cinema 35 (2007)	3	FA	LDC3076	8/16/04
Philosophy 35 (2007)	3 or 5	SS	LDC3184	8/12/01
Reading 15 (2007)	3 or 5	LA	LDC1148	8/16/04
Shooting the Screenplay 15-25-35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC1473 LDC2473 LDC3473	8/26/98
Technical Theatre EPS 25-35 (2007)	5 5	FA	LDC2474 LDC3474	8/26/98
Video 15-25A-25B-35 (2007)	5 5 5 5	FA	LDC1081 LDC2081 LDC2082 LDC3081	8/16/04
World Literature 35 (IB) (2007)	3	LA	LDC0039	8/16/04

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Writing for Stage and Screen 15-25-35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC2472 LDC3472	8/26/98
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2. That the following new locally developed course, developed during the 2006-2007 school year, be approved for a three year term:

Course Name	Credit Value	Subject Area	Course Code
Late French Immersion Language Arts, 7, 8			
Biology 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Chemistry 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Physics 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Film Studies 15¹	5	FA	
Film Studies 25¹	5		
Film Studies 35¹	5		
Extended Essay 35²	3	LA	LDC3147
Theatre Performance 15	3 or 5	FA	
Theatre Performance 25	3 or 5		
Theatre Performance 35	3 or 5		
Dance Performance 15	3 or 5	FA	
Dance Performance 25	3 or 5		
Dance Performance 35	3 or 5		

¹ Acquired from Calgary Board of Education

² Acquired from St. Albert Protestant Schools

3. That the following locally developed courses, be deleted:

Course Name	Credit Value	Subject Area	Code	First Approved
Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15-25-35			LDC1327 LDC2327 LDC3327	8/1/92''

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. Punjabi Language and Culture 15, 25, 35

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the Locally Developed Course, Punjabi Language and Culture 15, 25, 35 for use within the district be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Mandarin Language Arts K-12 Revision

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the Hanyu Pin Yin phonetic system to be formally introduced at grade 4 in Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts instruction within the district be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. 2007-2008 Non-Resident Fees

Trustee Fleming returned at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their special needs resident students, be approved:**

<u>Level</u>	<u>Category of Student</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Level 5	Communication, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Learning Disability, Literacy, Mild Cognitive Disability, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Hearing, Multiple, Visual Disability, Non-verbal Learning Disability, Strategies	11,426
Level 6	Moderate Cognitive, Physical, or Medical Disability	12,799
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioural, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability	22,544

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Level 8	Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability	31,721
All	Transportation	Cost

2. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into to provide programming for students who are Canadian citizens who are not residents of Alberta be approved:

<u>Allocation Level</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Level 1 Kindergarten	3,377
Level 1	6,203
Level 2	6,374
Level 3	7,683
Level 4	7,726
Level 5	11,976
Level 6	13,349
Level 7	23,094
Level 8	32,271
Transportation	Cost

3. That an International Student Tuition Fee of \$11,000 be approved for the 2007-2008 school year.
4. That the International Student Application Fee of \$250 be approved.
5. That the Homestay Registration Fee of \$750 be approved.”

The board chair called the question on the recommendation as amended.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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13. Student Transportation Fees for 2007-2008

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the following schedule of bus pass fees for the 2007-2008 school year be approved, to be effective August 2007.

A. <u>Edmonton Transit Passes</u>		<u>Fees:</u>		
		Current 2006-07	Proposed 2007-08	
		Monthly	Monthly	Annual
Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)		\$22	\$22	\$180
Elementary Special Needs		\$22	\$22	\$180
Elementary – Bilingual or Immersion		\$38	\$22	\$180
Elementary – Other Programs of Choice		\$38	\$38	\$340
Elementary (other than to designated school)		\$38	\$38	\$340
Junior High		\$38	\$38	\$340
Senior High		\$38	\$38	\$340
Replacement ETS Pass (any category)		\$42	\$42	N/A
B. <u>Charter Yellow Bus</u>				
		Current 2006-07	Proposed 2007-08	
		Monthly	Monthly	Annual
i)	Regular:			
	Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)	\$22	\$22	\$180
	Elementary Special Needs	\$22	\$22	\$180
	Rural Elementary	\$22	\$22	\$180

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	Family Maximum three or more elementary children (Kindergarten not included)	\$60	\$60	\$540
	Replacement Elementary Yellow Bus Pass	\$6	\$6	N/A
	Junior High (student attends same school as was attended in elementary)	\$22	\$22	\$180
	Junior High	\$38	\$38	\$340
	Senior High	\$38	\$38	\$340
	Replacement Jr. or Sr. High Yellow Bus Pass	\$6	\$6	N/A
ii)	Alternative Programs:			
	Elementary – Bilingual or Immersion	\$42	\$22	\$180
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Maximum three or more elementary children (Kindergarten not included) 	\$120	\$60	\$540
	Elementary – Other Programs of Choice	\$42	\$42	\$380
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Maximum three or more elementary children (Kindergarten not included) 	\$120	\$120	\$1140
	Replacement Elementary Alternative Program Yellow Bus Pass	\$6	\$6	N/A
iii)	Special Needs Curb:			
	Elementary	\$22	\$22	\$180
	Replacement Elementary Yellow Bus Pass	N/A	\$6	N/A
	Junior High	\$38	\$38	\$340
	Senior High	\$38	\$38	\$340
	Replacement Jr. or Sr. High Yellow Bus Pass	N/A	\$6	N/A

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iv)	Conditional Ridership Kindergarten to Grade 12	\$42	\$42	N/A
	Replacement Elementary Conditional Rider Yellow Bus Pass	\$6	\$6	N/A
	Replacement Jr. or Sr. High Conditional Rider Yellow Bus Pass	\$6	\$6	N/A

C.	Kindergarten, Early Education, Awasis, City Centre	No charge	No charge”
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The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

14. Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2008-2017

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2008-2017 be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson requested clarification of the utilization criteria for the high school sector.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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15. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2008-2011

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the District Three-Year Capital Plan 2008-2011 be approved for submission to Alberta Education.”

Trustee Gibeault asked that information be provided as soon as it is received regarding the cost for the Ellerslie Campus Urban Infrastructure Project.

Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding what would be included in the \$9 Million general upgrade of Avalon School.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

16. 2007 Major Maintenance Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘2007 Major Maintenance Plan’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

17. Leasing Summary for 2006-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2006-2007’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

19. Bereavement

Board Vice-Chair Nicholson reported on the passing of Former Trustee Bob Dean.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

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- 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 Keiver requested that information be provided regarding the possibility of reducing the lease rate to Terra at Braemar School when the lease ends September 30, 2007.

Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided regarding what options are available to ELL students who have surpassed the age requirement of high school completion but not the education requirement of high school completion.

- L. **Notices of Motion**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That all elementary students attending the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed have their transportation costs waived until their tenure in that school has been completed.

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the board send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern about the lack of a consistent timely response to the district's three-year capital plan.

- M. **Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

- N. **Adjournment:** (10:05 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary