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- **Board Meeting #14** -

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, June 10, 2003 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
Norm Diemert
Avi Habinski
Bob Holt

John Beaton
Patti Christensen
Richard Dietrich
Kathy Goudreau
Betty Matwichuk
David Morris
Tanni Parker

Rick Anderson
John Eshenko
Elvira Loewen
Mary Michailides
Nancy Petersen
Dale Skoreyko

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein
CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting

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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** – None.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
 - 1. Board Meeting #13 – May 27, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 27, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Reports:

- 2. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 27, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #12 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 27, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Janet Hancock, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.**
- 3. That the designation of Jan Sawyer, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.**
- 4. That the designation of Audrey Gibson, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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3. Process for Developing a District Position Regarding Facility Procurement through P3 Initiatives

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Process for Developing a District Position Regarding Facility Procurement through P3 Initiatives’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Board Review of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2003-2004 Budget:

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Board Review of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2003-2004 Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

- a) Discussion of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget:

Trustee Hansen suggested that the accuracy of the teacher/full time equivalent student ratio in the budget documents be examined.

Trustee Hansen noted that some schools expressed concern with not being able to carry forward the LRC credit.

Trustee Odynski noted that some schools expressed the desire to be able to use the LRC credit to purchase specialized equipment for special needs students rather than being required to purchase resources. She suggested that this be communicated to Alberta Learning.

Trustee Woodrow suggested that MAP be tried in more schools.

Trustee Woodrow suggested that perhaps the board should be putting dollars in strengthening music throughout the district rather than putting it into music enrichment administered by Victoria School.

5. Delegation – Ward C & E School Councils Regarding the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

Mr. Jim Kupczak, Steering Committee Chair for Ward C, made a presentation requesting that the board not approve the proposed 2003-2004 budget.

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MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Ward C & E School Councils Regarding the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Delegation – EPSB Students Regarding Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

Ms Kathryn Lennon, Ms Alicia Howery and Ms Hayley Grundy, EPSB students, made a presentation requesting that the board not approve the proposed 2003-2004 budget.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – EPSB Students Regarding the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Delegation – Riverview Public Education Coalition Regarding the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

Mr. Kelly Steeves and Dr. Paul Grundy, Chair and Member respectively of the Riverview Public Education Coalition, made a presentation requesting that the board not approve the proposed 2003-2004 budget.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Riverview Public Education Coalition Regarding the Proposed 2003-2004 Budget’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a break at this point.

a) Discussion of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget:
(continued)

- Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews
 - Elementary Schools
 - Elementary/Junior High Schools
 - Junior High Schools
 - Senior High Schools

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- Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews
 - b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2003-2004 Budget
 - c) Consideration of Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2003-2004 Budget

There were no trustee motions for amendments to the 2003-2004 budget.

8. Approval of the 2003-2004 Expenditures Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the 2003-2004 expenditures budget in the amount of \$581,966,000 be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

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

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Odynski

The Motion was CARRIED.

- 9. Career-Focused Education - Update
- 10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Reports 9 and 10 were deferred to the June 17, 2003 board meeting.

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

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

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Ms Trudy Grebenstein, President CUPE Local 3550, expressed concerns regarding the working conditions for support staff members next year but indicated that Local members will continue to support the work in the schools. She commended the board for its actions in making the impact of the underfunding of education public.

Mr. Thomson Leung, a district student, advised that he along with his brothers have organized the group *United Students for Education* and the group is organizing a rally on June 21, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Winston Churchill Square for people to show support for public education.

Ms Karen Beaton, President Edmonton Public Teachers, expressed support for the board. The next strategy is to encourage people to become politically active and elect MLAs who are supportive of public education in the next provincial election.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

J. Notices of Motion

Trustee Bonko served notice of the following motion:

That effective the 2004-2005 school year: (a) The \$100 honorarium awarded to Grade 12 students achieving honours standing be discontinued; and (b) The allocation for the \$100 honorarium for Grade 12 honour students be allocated to the City Centre Education Project.

K. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, June 17, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: (9:20 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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