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- Board Meeting #9 -

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, March 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen

Ray Martin

Officials

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

Ted Biggs
Charlotte Corothers
Pat Dougherty
Gord Hanson

Maureen MacDonald
Scott Millar
Lorne Parker

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 – Kildare Recorder Club

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustees Fleming, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow were absent. All other 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 #8 – February 24, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 24, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. **Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Kildare School: The Three R’s – Reading, Respect, Responsibility

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Kildare School: The Three R’s – Reading, Respect, Responsibility’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. **Recognition:**

3. National Recognition Award from Canadian Association for Community Living

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘National Recognition Award from Canadian Association for Community Living’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. **Reports:**

4. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 2, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“1. That report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 2, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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Trustee Bonko noted that Alberta Learning has advised that information regarding the 2004-2005 budget will be released in two stages. The clarification of the impact of the new Funding Framework and the provincial budget speech at the end of March will contain information that will impact the 2004-2005 budget. Delaying the entire budget process will provide the administration with the information required to calculate the school allocations and prevent the need to revise the plans at both schools and central decision units.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“2. That the following changes to the budget timelines be confirmed:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Proposed Base to Board	March 9	April 13
Allocations to Schools/Central	March 11	April 15
Planning Documents Due	April 8	May 4
Trustee Subcommittee	April 19-30	May 10-21
Budget Presented to Board	May 11	May 25
Board Budget Review/Approval	May 25	June 15”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Review of the District’s Music Enrichment Program

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Review of the District’s Music Enrichment Program’ be received for information.”

Trustee Dean requested that information be provided on the number of students in the strings program taking private music lessons.

Trustee Dean requested that information be provided on whether any consideration has been given to a combined district orchestra similar to the choral enrichment program.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. ASBA Emergent Directive for Action – Math Transitions 101

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the following Directive for Action regarding Math Transitions 101 for forwarding to and consideration by the Alberta School Boards Association Board of Directors as an emergent directive for action be approved:

Directive for Action: The Alberta School Boards Association believes that the course now called Math Transitions 101 should become a basic education funded course, to be offered to students who have taken Applied Math 30 within the Basic Education program, permitting high school students to articulate smoothly to post secondary programs.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2004 School Board Election

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

- a) **Section 2(2), authorization for the board chairman and the board secretary to sign an agreement with the City of Edmonton for the conduct of the school board election for Edmonton School District No. 7 in conjunction with the 2004 civic election, be approved.**
- b) **Section 13(1), the appointment of the City’s Returning Officer as the Returning Officer for the purposes of the school board election be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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8. School Year Calendar 2005-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the 2005-2006 school year calendar be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Healthy Interactions Pilot Project

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Healthy Interactions Pilot Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended a campaign launch for the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations at W.P. Wagner School yesterday. The United Nations has declared March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination. He noted that the Drama 20 students at W.P. Wagner gave a very moving presentation of the kinds of discrimination occurring worldwide.

Trustee Hansen requested that district schools be advised that March 21st is the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination.

The superintendent advised that Communications would prepare information for the schools regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination on March 21st.

Trustee Dean advised that he had attended seminars on Monday and Tuesday sponsored by the ASBA on Drug Abuse and Character Education. He expressed concern that the information provided indicates that Edmonton is on the verge of an epidemic of Methamphetamine abuse.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko expressed concern with the lack of elementary French programs. He asked whether there were any plans to have French programs in the northwest end of the city.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

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M. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 23, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (7:20 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary