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- Board Meeting #8 -

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, February 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Don Fleming
Gerry Gibeault

Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk
George Nicholson

Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Gary Reynolds

Diana Bolan
Mike Burke
Mary-Lou Cleveland
George Rice

Pat Semeniuk
Betty Tams
Fran Yeske

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab

A. O Canada

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Dean was absent.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that the district has received immediate school modernization funds in the amount of \$50,000 for Victoria School and \$4,033,374 for Westminster School.

The chairman noted that the board had met with the Minister of Learning last fall and advised that he had written a letter on behalf of the board to Dr. Oberg requesting another meeting to discuss issues of concern.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #7 – February 8, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #7 held February 8, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Meeting – February 15, 2000

A revised set of board minutes was distributed prior to the board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held February 15, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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G. Recognition:

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Reports:

5. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 15, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma

“1. That report #7 of the conference committee from the meeting held February 15, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma

“2. That the following principal designations to the district, effective September 1, 2000, be confirmed:

**Bob Boruszcak
Deborah Cooper
Tom Davey
Joan Fouts
Darren Fuchs
Marlene Hanson
Peter Jonkman**

**Maureen MacDonald
Ken Marshall
Louise Osland
Shelly Pepler
Lorraine Ringrose
Helen Thomson
Hans Van Ginhoven”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. Board Policy HSHA.BP - Tutoring

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the revised board policy HSHA.BP Tutoring be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Bio-DiTRL Partnership

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Bio-DiTRL Partnership’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Ukrainian Language Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Ukrainian Language Arts’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Children’s Forum Final Report

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the report entitled ‘Children’s Forum Final Report’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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10. Student Volunteer Service

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Student Volunteer Service’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

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

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

Trustee Gibeault requested that an information report be brought to board reviewing the district’s current hiring practices for teachers addressing the following points:

- What factors are contributing to the fact that our teaching force does not reflect as much diversity as our student population?
- Are there enough minority students graduating from the University of Alberta and elsewhere from which the district can hire?
- Would there be any merit in offering teacher applicants an opportunity to self identify their minority status on application forms?
- Are principals of schools with high enrolments of minority students encouraged to consider the importance of good role models for all their students when making staffing decisions?

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Trustee Fleming requested information as to whether communications and technological support processes have been established with Edmonton Police Services to rapidly deal with internet threats targeted at students.

Trustee Sulyma requested information regarding what the success rate is of our special needs students particularly in programs like behaviour disordered in the transition from grade 9 to 10. Also what is the retention rate in grade 12?

Trustee Williams requested information regarding the rationale for not providing meningitis vaccinations in elementary and junior high schools. Should this be something that our board approaches Capital Health about?

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 7, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (7:45 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary