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- **Board Meeting #12** -

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, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Bruce Coggles, Acting for
Superintendent

Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker
Betty Tams

Board Chair: Don Fleming

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

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Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Ed Butler, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President
CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman, President
CUPE Local 784 – Bruce Cutting, President

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair** – None.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

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E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – February 23, 2010

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held February 23, 2010 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Improving Student Achievement

2. Improving Student Achievement Through Balanced Literacy Instruction

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement Through Balanced Literacy Instruction’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Dale Hudjik requested that the Board consider the need for greater school space to meet the educational needs of students in the 21st century in their deliberations of the possible school closure.

Ms Madeline Rainey requested that the Board consider the impact on students in the inner city in their deliberations of the possible school closure.

H. Reports

3. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 2, 2010)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“1. That Report #9 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 2, 2010 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Fleming left the meeting at this point due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Huff assumed the chair.

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MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That up to \$2,000 be transferred from Trustee Gibson’s expense allowance to the Board Chair for the 2009-2010 school year.”**

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the recommendation be substituted with the following motion: *That, subject to agreement between individual Trustees, expense allowance funds may be transferred from one Trustee to another.*”

The Board deferred discussion of the remainder of the report at this point in the meeting until the conclusion of the staff group presentations.

Trustee Fleming returned at this point in the meeting and reassumed the chair.

6. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2009-2010 Budget:

- Exempt Staff
- CUPE Local 474
- CUPE Local 3550
- CUPE Local 784

Ms Shila Klann, a member of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, verbally presented the Exempt Staff’s brief.

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, president CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

Mr. Bruce Cutting, president CUPE Local 784, verbally presented the Local’s brief.

The Board Chair advised that a report in response to the employee group presentations will be prepared and the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2010-2011 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

**“That the verbal presentations from the Exempt Staff, CUPE Local 474, CUPE Local 3550 and CUPE Local 784 be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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Copies of the staff groups' briefs were distributed to Trustees.

The Board took a short break at this point.

The Board reconvened and took up consideration of agenda item 3 "Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 2, 2010).

Trustee Fleming left the meeting at this point due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Huff assumed the chair.

The Acting Board Chair called the question on the following Substitute Motion: *That, subject to agreement between individual Trustees, expense allowance funds may be transferred from one Trustee to another.*

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Colburn

OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger, Gibeault, Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

The Substitute Motion was DEFEATED.

Trustee Fleming was not present for the vote.

The Acting Board Chair called the question on the original recommendation: *That up to \$2,000 be transferred from Trustee Gibson's expense allowance to the Board Chair for the 2009-2010 school year.*

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger and Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

Trustee Fleming was not present for the vote.

Trustee Fleming returned at this point in the meeting and assumed the chair.

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MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That a new item be added to all Conference Committee Meeting agendas called ‘Strategic Plan’ and that this item be placed early in the agenda to ensure that it is given priority.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 9, 2010)

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “1. That Report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 9, 2010 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “2. That, in accordance with Alberta Education’s Superintendent of Schools Regulation, authorization for the Board Chair to seek the approval of the Minister of Education to reappoint the Superintendent of Schools for a new two-year term effective May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “3. That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education, authorization for the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board a new two-year contract of employment with the Superintendent of Schools effective May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

- 4. Motion re Review of JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools and the Development of an Accompanying Board Policy**

MOVED BY Trustee Huff:

- “That Administrative Regulation JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools be reviewed and that the Planning and Policy Committee develop an accompanying Board Policy within this school year. (i.e. prior to June 30, 2010.)”**

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Trustee Ripley offered the following friendly amendment:

“That the recommendation be amended to read: That the Planning and Policy Committee develop a Board Policy regarding the utilization of surplus space in schools and that Administrative Regulation JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools be reviewed prior to the end of the Board’s term.”

Trustee Huff agreed to accept the friendly amendment.

The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation as Amended.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

5. Reviewed Board Policies Recommended for Affirmation, Minor Wording Changes or Rescission

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

“That the following recommendations be considered as an “omnibus” for the third time and approved:

1. That revised Board Policy KA.BP - District Technology be approved.
2. That Board Policy HK.BP – Student Achievement and Growth be affirmed.
3. That revised Board Policy IH.BP – Supervision of Elementary and Junior High Students During Lunch be approved.
4. That revised Board Policy HSHA.BP – Tutoring be approved.
5. That the following Board Policies be rescinded:
 - CCE.BP - Definition of a School
 - JBB.BP - School Sponsored Educational Displays

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6. That the change of all references to “Personnel” or “Personnel Services” in all policies and administrative regulations to “Human Resources” be approved.
7. That the change of all references to job titles as follows in all policies and administrative regulations be approved:
 - From Managing Director, Personnel Services to Managing Director, Human Resources
 - From Director, Personnel Support Services and Director, Personnel Staff Relations to Director, Staff Relations
 - From Director, Personnel Staff Recruitment and Staffing to Director, Staffing and Staff Development.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Response to Board Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Board Request for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Esslinger reported that, on March 3, 2010, she and Acting for Superintendent Bruce Coggles attended the 3rd Annual High School Culinary Challenge. Thirteen culinary teams from high schools around Edmonton took part in the challenge. Jasper Place School received the gold medal and the Skill Centre received the bronze.

Trustee Huff reported that, on February 26, 2010, she and a number of Trustees attended the MLA Breakfast hosted by ASBA Zone 23. She commended the ASBA Advocacy Committee for their efforts in organizing the event and developing the presentations to the MLAs advocating on behalf of public education. She also commended Trustee Ripley for her involvement with that committee.

Trustee Huff reported that, on March 3, 2010, she and a number of Trustees attended the Annual Night of Music at the Jubilee Auditorium. She commended the organizers and the performers.

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Trustee Huff reported that she and a number of Trustees have attended the two public meetings about possible school closure – March 4, 2010 at Eastwood and March 8, 2010 at McCauley School. She thanked the Administration for the new format of the meetings.

Trustee Huff reported that, next week, is Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. She is a member of the planning group. The colour in support of this week is orange.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

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

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Fleming, Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger and Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

Trustee Gibson reported that, on March 4, 2010, he attended the Grade 9 Leadership Class at Hillcrest Junior High Speak Out Session. He commended Malika Lahdka for organizing the session. He noted that Ms Lahdka sits on the Provincial Student Advisory Committee for Education Minister Hancock. He also expressed appreciation for the outstanding calibre of the students involved.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Huff requested that the Administration provide the most recent City of Edmonton data of preschool aged children for the following communities: Fulton, Capilano, McCauley, Parkdale, Eastwood, Delton and Spruce Avenue.

A majority of the Board concurred with the request going forward.

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding vulnerable students: identifying the needs of vulnerable students, how we identify our most vulnerable students, and how do we support the needs of our most vulnerable students.

A majority of the Board concurred with the request going forward.

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J. Notices of Motion

Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That the provincially calculated ACU be discontinued as a capacity measure for sector reviews and that the Administration provide rationale supporting either ACOL or OEL in place of the ACU.

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That a district health and wellness committee be created, consisting of Trustees, administration, and representation from all staff groups and that the mandate of the committee be to oversee and support the health and well being of students and staff.

K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: (9:10 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary