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**- Board Meeting #11-**

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, April 22, 2003 at 6:15 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bill Bonko  
Bob Dean  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen  
Ray Martin

George Nicholson  
Jean Woodrow

**Officials**

Angus McBeath  
Norm Diemert  
Avi Habinski  
Bob Holt

John Beaton  
Patti Christensen  
Richard Dietrich  
Kathy Goudreau

Betty Matwichuk  
David Morris  
Tanni Parker

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

- A. **O Canada** - District Video
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:15 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Odynski was absent. All other trustees were present.

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### C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman noted that April is Earth Month and today is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Earth Month – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. We encourage schools to participate. While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter free is a worthy cause for all – every day of the year.

The chairman noted that, on average, over a million cases of occupational injuries have been reported by Worker's Compensation Boards across Canada for each of the last 13 years. There are at least 1,000 occupational deaths reported each year. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28 each year as a Day of Mourning for victims of workplace accidents and disease. In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, on April 27, 1998, the Edmonton Public School Board proclaimed every April 28<sup>th</sup> as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible.

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

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – March 25, 2003

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held March 25, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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F. Reports:

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #9 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held March 25 and April 15, 2003 be received and considered.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the amendment of section 1(a) of the Resolution Regarding Indemnification replacing the words *employee of the board* with *person* be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “3. That the following principal designations to the district, effective September 1, 2003, be confirmed:

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| Jennifer Allen | Venta Kabzems |
| Cathy Bible    | Greg Kushnir  |
| Rob Cameron    | Jane Moore    |
| André Durand   | Lorne Parker  |
| Nancy Iriye    | Judy Welch”   |

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “4. That the board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That the following objectives be approved:
- To achieve a new collective agreement with no disruption in service.
  - To retain maximum flexibility for the Board to organize the schools and the district.
  - To arrive at a fair compensation package for employees within the context of existing fiscal realities and the Board’s responsible stewardship of public funds.

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- To approach financial discussions in the context of the interrelated impacts of salaries, benefits, and other monetary items.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “6. That the Board Bargaining Brief be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- 7. That the 2003 student-parent-staff and community satisfaction surveys not be administered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

3. Literacy M.A.P.: Meaningful Applied Phonics

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Literacy M.A.P.: Meaningful Applied Phonics’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Woodrow requested that longitudinal information regarding Literacy MAP effectiveness from the University of Alberta be provided when it becomes available.

Trustee Nicholson asked whether any of the six schools that have Literacy M.A.P. also have reading recovery.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

4. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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5. Idylwyld School Closure

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the closure of Idylwyld School at the end of the 2002-2003 school year be approved.”**

Trustee Nicholson requested that the communities affected by the upcoming school closure recommendations be advised of the board meeting date.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**G. Committee and Board Representative Reports**  
**•Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Woodrow commended Dave Colburne and Dianne Williamson who co-chaired the Literacy Conference sponsored by the Delwood School Council last weekend. There were 850 parents from both school systems in attendance. She commended the organizers and the consultants from each district.

Trustee Woodrow commended CUPE Local 474 for focussing on providing literacy training for their membership.

Trustee Dean advised that Sifton School would be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 1, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Current and former students, parents and staff are invited to attend.

Trustee Martin advised that Parkdale would be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

**H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Dean requested a listing of all schools including junior high schools involved in the RAP program as well as those teachers who are coordinating the program.

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**J. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hansen served notice of the following motion:

*That the administration conduct a review of present policies and regulations that relate to international travel for students. That the report either reaffirm the relevancy of present policies and regulations or recommend amendments required to address current global situations.*

**K. Next Meeting:**

| DATE                  | MEETING       | COMMENCEMENT TIME |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday, May 13, 2003 | Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m.         |

**L. Adjournment: (7:10 p.m.)**

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Board Secretary