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- Board Meeting #13 -

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, May 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Angus McBeath
Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Ronda Borchert
Les Duxbury
Tony Fernhout
Darren Fox

Lorraine Ringrose
Diane Rolin
Lloyd Ungeran

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers - Mark Ramsankar, President Elect
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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

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D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #12 – April 26, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held April 26, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Recognition:

2. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

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

G. Reports:

3. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 26, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That Report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 26, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Eddie Mah as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Diane Smarsh as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “4. That the Edmonton Public School Board support the work of the Alberta School Boards Association’s Steering Committee by endorsing the Metro School Boards Study: An Analysis of the Impact of the Renewed Funding Framework.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The meeting was adjourned to conference committee at 6:25 p.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

4. Strathearn School Closure
5. Wellington School Closure
6. North Edmonton School Closure

These reports were postponed as a result of a judicial injunction.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That an immediate application be made to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure for an extension to the deadlines imposed by the *School Act* which specifies that the school closure process must be completed in the same school year in which it began.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn

The Motion was CARRIED.

7. Terrace Heights School Closure

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the closure of Terrace Heights School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year be approved.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn.

The Motion was CARRIED.

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The chairman requested that a letter be prepared for his signature to the Minister of Infrastructure indicating that there are plans for the use of Terrace Heights School for district purposes.

8. Board Policy Updates – Staff Qualifications

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report be deferred to the May 24, 2005 board meeting.”

The chairman called the question.

The Deferral Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Policy Review Process for 2005-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the process and timelines for the review of policies older than five years in 2005-2006 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Introduction of the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Deanna Dixon, President Strathearn School Parent Committee, commented on her frustration with the cluster study process and school closure process. She reiterated points raised in an eleven-page report that the group had previously presented to board members in support of keeping Strathearn School open. She noted that the group had also presented board members with a solutions report in April. She noted that the group has shown a strong commitment to Strathearn School.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

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L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, May 24, 2005	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (7:35 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary