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- Board Meeting #13 -

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, May 11, 2004 at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

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

Charlotte Corothers
Joan Gibson
Maureen MacDonald

Scott Millar
Lorne Parker
Ros Smith

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Beaton, President
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President
CUPE Local 474: Doug Luellman, President

A. O Canada – Abbott School

B. Roll Call: (6:05 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that, on Tuesday, April 20th, the Board of Trustees hosted the district's 38 finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Awards. These teachers were among 130 finalists selected from across the province. On April 28th, Alberta Learning announced the recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2004 -- of the 20 award recipients from across the province, seven were from Edmonton Public Schools. They are: Gail Spivak, Avonmore; Glen Hornland, Ross Sheppard; Phyllis Jenson, Daly Grove; Wanda Musclow, Glenrose; Shannon Sookochoff, Jasper Place; Laurel Usher, McNally and Victoria Wynn, Dunluce. He offered congratulations on behalf of the board to each of the award recipients and sincere appreciation for their dedication and outstanding contributions to the district and the students we serve.

The chairman noted that Trustee Gibeault had his hair shorn on May 5, 2004 to raise funds for Cops for Cancer.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #12 – April 27, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held April 27, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Abbott School: Writing in Order to Communicate Clearly and Reflect Organized Thought

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Abbott School: Writing in Order to Communicate Clearly and Reflect Organized Thought’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Reports:

3. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 27, 2004 and May 4, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held April 27, 2004 and May 4, 2004 be received and considered.
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Hansen left the meeting at this point and Trustee Nicholson assumed the chair.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Marsha Nelson as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Mike Beaudoin as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Bryan Evans as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Hansen was absent for this vote.

Trustee Hansen returned to the meeting at this point and resumed the chair.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That the appointment of Donna Barrett – Assistant to the Superintendent for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “6. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005 be confirmed:**

**Carol Suddards – Director Metro Community College
Stuart Wachowicz – Director Curriculum”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “7. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed:**

**Jenise Bidulock – Director Planning and Student Transportation
Veda Lastiwka – Director Personnel Recruitment and Staffing
Betty Tams – Director Consulting Services”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “8. That the board's negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification with respect to custodial negotiations.**

- 9. That the following objectives be approved with respect to custodial negotiations:**

- To maintain the rights of management to effectively and efficiently operate the services of the district.**
- To achieve maximum flexibility for the board to organize, manage and operate the schools and the district.**
- To conclude a total compensation package (salaries, benefits and all other monetary items) within the context of existing fiscal realities and the board's responsible stewardship of public funds.**
- To explore mutual issues related to staff wellness and professional development.**

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- To achieve a new collective agreement with a length of term that reflects current circumstances.
- To achieve a collective agreement with continuity of service.
- To reduce the district's costs related to sick leave and workers' compensation."

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “10. That the board's negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification with respect to maintenance negotiations.
11. That the following objectives be approved with respect to maintenance negotiations:
 - To maintain the rights of management to effectively and efficiently operate the services of the district.
 - To achieve maximum flexibility for the board to organize, manage and operate the schools and the district.
 - To conclude a total compensation package (salaries, benefits and all other monetary items) within the context of existing fiscal realities and the board's responsible stewardship of public funds.
 - To explore mutual issues related to staff wellness and professional development.
 - To achieve a new collective agreement with a length of term that reflects current circumstances.
 - To achieve a collective agreement with continuity of service.
 - To reduce the district's costs related to sick leave and workers' compensation."

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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Trustee Nicholson left at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “12. That the board's negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification with respect to support staff negotiations.**
- 13. That the following objectives be approved with respect to support staff negotiations:**
 - To maintain the rights of management to effectively and efficiently operate the services of the district.**
 - To achieve maximum flexibility for the board to organize, manage and operate the schools and the district.**
 - To conclude a total compensation package (salaries, benefits and all other monetary items) within the context of existing fiscal realities and the board's responsible stewardship of public funds.**
 - To explore mutual issues related to staff wellness and professional development.**
 - To achieve a new collective agreement with a length of term that reflects current circumstances.**
 - To achieve a collective agreement with continuity of service.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

Trustee Nicholson returned at this point in the meeting.

- 4. Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Research**

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Research’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. Community Christian Education Alternative Program: Meadowlark Christian School

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

- “1. That the agreement between Edmonton Public Schools and Meadowlark Christian School be approved.**
- 2. That the Community Christian Education (CCE) Alternative Program for offering in the district, beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, be approved.**
- 3. That the facilities use agreement between Edmonton Public Schools and Meadowlark Christian School be approved.”**

Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided with respect to the differences in fees being charged by Talmud Torah School and Meadowlark Christian School.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

6. Request for Capital Funding to Undertake a Partnership Development Study at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That a request to Alberta Infrastructure for emergent capital funding to undertake a partnership development study jointly with the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord (Francophone School District) respecting L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Ten-Year Facilities Plan (2005-2014)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the district’s Ten-Year Facilities Plan (2005-2014) be approved for submission to the Minister of Infrastructure.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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8. Obesity in School Age Children: Follow Up

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Obesity in School Age Children: Follow Up’ be received for information.”

Trustees suggested that future reports be entitled more broadly such as Healthy Lifestyles for School Age Children.

Trustee Woodrow suggested that eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia be addressed.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Ellerslie Campus Conservation Project

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Ellerslie Campus Conservation Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

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11. Bereavement

Trustee Nicholson reported on the death of Kimberly-Ann Stokowski, a teacher.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Woodrow advised that she and the chairman had attended the Edmonton Catholic Schools Celebration of the Arts last week.

Trustee Woodrow advised that she and Trustee Martin had attended the awards ceremonies for City of the Future at the Butterdome on May 5th. The competition was for grade 8 students who wrote or created visual images of the City of the Future.

Trustee Odynski advised that she had brought greetings on behalf of the board to the Magic Moments Children's Benefit last week. This was a fundraiser for early intervention and head start programming.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Woodrow asked whether any consideration has been given to funding projects through AISI in the next school year that will strengthen the arts district wide, as has been done in Calgary Public.

Trustee Odynski asked what is or can be done for students in special programs such as language or religion in stand-alone facilities to provide social opportunities with other students to promote understanding and respect.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Woodrow noted, that given that the Board has received a presentation on the Foundation Feasibility Study in which it was identified that the establishment of a foundation could result in major benefits to the district in terms of garnering wider public support and increasing resources for the purchase of non - basic supplies, equipment and services (as

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permitted by Alberta Learning) that will enhance the teaching and learning of students, and served notice of the following motion:

That the Board approve in principle the establishment of a District Foundation, and request the Administration to bring forward a document outlining a 'next steps' plan for the Board's consideration relative to the establishment of a Foundation plus the broader issues of school fundraising and recognition initiatives.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, May 25, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (9:15 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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