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- **Board Meeting #12** -

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 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Donna Barrett
Norm Diemert

Avi Habinski
Bob Holt
Rick Anderson
John Eshenko

Elvira Loewen
Nancy Peterson
Dale Skoreyko

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** - Oliver School's *Singing Citizens*

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that, this year, Alberta Learning selected 128 teachers from across the province as finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Award. A selection committee of education partners and stakeholder groups – which considered a total of 418 nominees, determined the finalists. These teachers were chosen because of their excellence in a variety of areas – including knowledge of subject matter, effectiveness with students, creative and innovative teaching practices, involvement with parents and collaboration with colleagues. Forty-three district teachers were selected as finalists for the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award. This is testament to the outstanding teachers we have working in Edmonton Public Schools. On Thursday, May 8, 2003 Alberta learning announced the Award recipients for this year. Seven of our district finalists were selected – they are: Joanne Aldridge, Highlands; John Anderson, Westmount; Fred Antoniw, Westmount; Laurie Helland, Lymburn; Cheryle Kachman, Old Scona; Norman Sieweke, Rideau Park; and Kelly Lynn Undershultz, W. P. Wagner. The influence these teachers have had on their students cannot be underestimated. They have demonstrated their commitment to – and their passion for – teaching. He offered his congratulations, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to all of the district finalists and award recipients.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 22, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 22, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Oliver School’s Whole School Implementation of Thinking Maps

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Oliver School’s Whole School Implementation of Thinking Maps’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Reports:

3. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 22, 29, May 6 and 8, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held April 22, 29, May 6 and 8, 2003 be received and considered.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Sig Jensen, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
3. That the appointment of David Kun for a one-year term at Woodcroft, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Lisa Wright, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
5. That the appointment of Ron MacNeil, as Assistant to the Superintendent, for a three-year term commencing with the 2003-04 school year be confirmed.
6. That the appointment of Corinne McCabe, as Assistant to the Superintendent, for a three-year term commencing with the 2003-04 school year be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “7. That the request of the parent with respect to Appeal Case No. 2002-2003-2 be granted.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Aboriginal Art Project 2003: “The Shield Project: *Kwanahikun* (Protector)”

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Art Project 2003: *The Shield Project: Kwanahikun (Protector)*’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. Motion Regarding International Travel for Students

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“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.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a three year term:

**Arabic Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
Canadian History Pre-Confederation
Canadian History Post-Confederation
Creative Writing 7, 8
Discovery Option 7, 8, 9
Drill and Parade 7, 8, 9
German Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
Hebrew Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
Humanities 9
ICT Foundations 7
Military History 7, 8
Speech and Debate 7
Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7, 8, 9
Television Production and Writing 7, 8, 9
Women's History 9
World History 7, 8
Applied Graphic Arts 15, 25, 35
Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture 15, 25, 35 (Second Language)
Deaf Cultural Studies 15, 25, 35
Drill and Parade 25
Military History 25
Performing Arts 15, 25abc, 35abc**

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2. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a one-year term:

Coaching 15

3. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district and revised during the 2002-2003 school year, be renewed for a three year term:

Ballet 7, 8, 9
Ballet 15, 25, 35
Contemporary Dance 25, 35
Dance 7, 8, 9
Dance 15, 25, 35
Dance Composition 35
Jazz Dance 25, 35

4. That the following new locally developed course, developed during the 2002-2003 school year, be approved for a three year term:

Black History/Studies 25

5. That the following locally developed courses, be deleted:

Aviation Education 9
Ball Dance 25
Contemporary Dance 15
Economic Study of a Foreign Nation 9
Exploration Science 7, 8
Geometry 15, 25
Jazz Dance 15
National Dance 25
Strategies for Learning How to Learn 7
World History 9”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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The board took a break at this point and Trustee Hansen left for the remainder of the meeting.

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The chairman advised that the information provided by the delegations would be included as part of the public consultation process and would be considered by the administration in its preparation of recommendations and by the board in its deliberations. Board deliberation of the possible school closures is scheduled for a public board meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

8. Delegation Regarding Potential Closure of Bellevue School

Ms Jillian Scrimger and Ms Gaenor Bond made a presentation regarding the position of Bellevue parents and community members regarding the potential closure of Bellevue School.

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation Regarding Potential Closure of Bellevue School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Delegation from Metis Child and Family Services Regarding Sherbrooke School

Mr. Donald Langford, Director Metis Child and Family Services, made a presentation regarding the future of Sherbrooke School.

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation from Metis Child and Family Services Regarding Sherbrooke School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Delegation Regarding Sherbrooke School

Ms Laurie Callihoo made a presentation regarding Sherbrooke School.

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation Regarding Sherbrooke School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Process for Developing a District Position Regarding Facility Procurement through P3 Initiatives

This item was deferred to the May 27, 2003 board meeting.

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11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ 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 – None.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding the status of the Federal Government funding for second languages.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, May 27, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (8:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary