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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 30, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Svend Hansen
Gerry Gibeault
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Donna Barrett
Ken Dropko
Marion de Man
Gary Reynolds

Bruce Coggles
Pam Hall
Susan Laudenklos
Ron MacNeil

Dennis Melnyk
Maureen Stratton Lemieux
Carol Wolanski

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton

A. O Canada

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

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The chairman noted that MLA Bob Maskell was present in the audience.

The chairman advised that, later in the evening, the board would be honouring the Excellence in Teaching award nominees.

The chairman noted that there has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the families of the four members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who were killed in Afghanistan. This has reached close to home for many of our students and families and the board's thoughts and sincere sympathies are with them and with the men and women of the Edmonton Garrison still overseas.

The chairman advised that the board would also like to express its sympathy for the students and families affected by the recent school tragedy in Erfurt, Germany.

The chairman noted that this week is Education Week. This year's theme is "Reaching New Heights". Education is the key to discovering new possibilities and indeed reaching new heights. It builds individual knowledge and skills, encourages innovation and creativity, and contributes to economic growth and strong communities. Teachers use their creativity and experience to produce activities, learning and great ideas, and innovative approaches to learning for students throughout the district. Education Week is a celebration, and provides an opportunity for schools to showcase how they help students reach new heights throughout the year.

The chairman noted that the Government of Alberta plans to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the education system in our province. In preparation for this review - the Board of Trustees has invited Key Communicators, School Council Chairs and Junior and Senior High School student representatives to participate in a meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at Amiskwaciy Academy. This meeting will enable the district's stakeholders to share their thoughts on our education system with trustees and one another. Their input will provide valuable information for the review and trustees are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with our partners in public education.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 16, 2002

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 16, 2002 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Archives and Museum: Supporting Teaching and Learning

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Archives and Museum: Supporting Teaching and Learning’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

5. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 16 and 23, 2002)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #6 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held April 16 and 23, 2002 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That, effective immediately, Jenise Bidulock, Mary-Ellen Deising, Dennis Huculak, and Betty Tams, as members of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be approved.
3. That, effective immediately, Angus McBeath, and effective May 17, 2002, Ken Dropko, be deleted as members of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “4. That a revision to the 2002-2003 school year calendar changing the August 30th operational day to an instructional day which will be designated as one of the two school professional development days across the district be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “5. That the following principal designations to the district effective September 1, 2002 be confirmed:**

Doug Allen	Leslie Mackay
Laurie Beggs	Corinne McCabe
Arlene Bowles	Gary McCorquodale
Patti Christensen	Dean Michailides
Sylvia Clarke	David Morris
Linda Craig	Zenia Nemish
Paula Croft	Elizabeth Norris-Kartz
Joan Dewar	Heather Raymond
Tami Dowler-Coltman	Leesa Sadden
Toni Fernhout	Darren Sweeney
Glen Haug	Donna Watson
Rob Hutchinson	Nancy Weber
Sandra Irving	Liz Yule”
Betty Kelman	

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 4. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002**

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

- “That the report entitled ‘Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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5. Student Transportation Fees for 2002-2003

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That for the 2002-2003 school year the schedule of monthly bus pass fees approved for 2001-2002, be reaffirmed:

A. <u>Edmonton Transit Passes</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$ 5.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (new students in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	\$ 5.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 20.00
Junior High	\$ 20.00
Senior High	\$ 20.00
B. <u>Charter Yellow Bus</u>	
i) Regular:	
Kindergarten & Elementary (in rural areas and neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$ 5.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (new students in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	\$ 5.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 20.00
Junior High	\$ 20.00
Senior High	\$ 20.00
ii) Alternative Programs:	
Kindergarten & Elementary	
1 st child	\$ 36.00
2nd child	\$ 36.00
Family Maximum:	\$ 90.00
iii) Special Needs Curb:	
Elementary	\$ 5.00
Junior	\$ 20.00
Senior High	\$ 20.00”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. Issues for the 2002 ASBA Fall General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the following items for submission to the ASBA for policy development and consideration at the 2002 Fall General Meeting, be approved:

1. That current ASBA policy 6.L.02 which reads:

The Alberta School Boards Association believes that the formulae used to determine capacity and space utilization of schools and educational facilities must be adaptable to take into consideration changing conditions and variable local needs.

Be amended to read:

The Alberta School Boards Association believes that the province’s formulae used to determine capacity and space utilization of schools and educational facilities must:

- **be adaptable to take into consideration changing conditions and variable local needs.**
- **exempt from capacity those uses of space that are education-related and complement the K-12 education mandate, including:**
 - **day care and before and after school child care services including both for-profit and not-for-profit groups**
 - **pre-school education classes and services such as early education, early intervention, early headstart program space needs**
 - **government-supported program initiatives such as Student Health Initiative Partnerships and the small class size project**
 - **adult learning classes**
- **recognize the legitimate role of schools in providing community services in public buildings by exempting from capacity:**
 - **community service uses**
 - **public services and space shared with federal, provincial and municipal departments and agencies such as Child and Family Services, Capital Health, Police Services, etc.**

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2. That the province be asked to make a provision in the *School Act*, analogous to section 6 of the *Municipal Government Act* which states ‘a municipality has natural person powers, except to the extent that they are limited by this or any other enactment’, which would grant school boards natural person powers.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Tenders – Michael A. Kostek School Four Classroom Addition

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and the ability of the contractor to furnish the required performance and labour and material payment bonds, the award of the contract for the Michael A. Kostek School Four Classroom Addition to RWK Construction Co. (1995) Ltd. in the amount of \$577,600, excluding GST, be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Curriculum Addition – Marine Biology 25

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the locally developed course Marine Biology 25 be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools.”

Trustee Odynski requested that the following information be provided regarding the Marine Biology summer course: How many students take the course? Who teaches this course? How do students fund this course; i.e. travel to the west coast?

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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9. Budget Review – Superintendent’s Department

This item was deferred to the May 7, 2002 board meeting.

10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Trustee Request 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 a report be prepared for conference committee with respect to the criteria or regulations pertaining to the random selection process in oversubscribed schools.

Trustee Martin referred to recent media reports regarding citizenship studies and polls where 60% of the respondents did not know the names of Canadian Prime Ministers and in another poll fewer than half the respondents could not correctly identify the Canadian Alliance party as being left or right of the NDP. He also noted that a poll statistic indicated that 7 out of 10 people believe politicians are corrupt. He has found that many young people are taking pride in the fact that they are not voting.

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided on how the social studies curriculum, especially at the high school level, addresses the topic of citizenship.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

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L. Next Meetings:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, May 7, 2002	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (7:15 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary