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- Board Meeting #11 -

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, April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson
Wendy Keiver
Don Williams

Officials

Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Jerry Bayly
Sue Bell
Linda Inglis
Elvira Loewen
Gary McCorquodale
Sherri O'Keefe

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President

CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman, President

CUPE Local 784 – Bruce Cutting, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District's O Canada DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Colburn was absent. All other trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair commended staff, students, parents and community members who provided support following the fire at Victoria School.

The board chair noted that April is Earth Month and Sunday, April 22nd was International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. Many district students have been involved in activities recognizing Earth Month and were involved in activities recognizing Earth Day – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives.

The board chair noted that this week is Support Staff Appreciation Week and tomorrow has been designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the district. On this day, schools and central service decision units will have the opportunity to recognize the contributions of all support staff for the excellent work that they do in supporting the success of students and staff.

D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 10, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held April 10, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Braemar School A School in the “Using Assessment to Enhance Learning and Success” AISI Project

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Braemar School A School in the *Using Assessment to Enhance Learning and Success* AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Reports:

3. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 10, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #12 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held April 10, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “2. That the Lease Agreement respecting Sherbrooke School between the district and Aurora Charter School Ltd. be confirmed.”

The board chair called the question.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “3. That the designation of Carolyn Lewis-Shillington as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Sandra Carl-Townsend as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
5. That the designation of Brent Zmurchuk as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
6. That the designation of René McLaws as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.
7. That the designation of Dave Devin as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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Trustee Hansen left at this point in the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “8. That the board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following Board ratification.**

- 9. That the following objective be approved:**
 - **To negotiate a collective agreement:**
 - that facilitates efficient and effective operations in support of the mission of the district,
 - that reflects existing fiscal realities and the district’s ability to pay,
 - with a duration that provides stability and opportunity for long-term planning, while enabling cost effectiveness, and
 - without disruption of service.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Hansen was absent for this vote.

Trustee Hansen returned at this point in the meeting.

4. Practices and Policies Related to School Security

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Practices and Policies Related to School Security’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007’ be received for information.”

Trustee Fleming requested information regarding the fluctuations in kindergarten enrolment both in September and February (page 2 of the Quarterly Report).

Trustee Esslinger requested information regarding whether the increase in ESL numbers on page 2 of the Quarterly Report was due to new students or newly coded students.

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The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Ritchie School: Administration Response to Referral Motion

The board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Keri Walmsley, Parent Council President Mill Creek/Ritchie Schools
- Ms Karen Bridges, President Ritchie Community League

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the speakers’ comments with respect to the report entitled ‘Ritchie School: Administration Response to Referral Motion’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the recommendation ‘That a capital request for a full general modernization of the Ritchie School building, including the 1913 building, be included as a district priority in the next Three-Year Capital Plan submission to the province be approved.’ be withdrawn.”

The board chair called the question.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

7. Board Submission to ASBA Governance Review

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the School Board Focus Group Report as the board’s corporate position for the ASBA Governance Review be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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The board took a short break at this time.

8. Proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP – Volunteers – Registration and Records Checks

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP be introduced.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “2. That proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP be considered for the first time.”

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Keiver

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “3. That proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP be considered for the second time.”

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Keiver

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

- Community Relations Activities

Trustee Keiver advised that she had attended the Ukrainian Bilingual Program Easter Celebration at Delwood School a few weeks ago. Premier Stelmach was in attendance. She commended the organizers of the event.

Trustee Keiver advised that she brought greetings last week at the French Gala held at Harry Ainlay School.

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Trustee Keiver advised that she received an e-mail from a parent of an M.E. LaZerte student commending the Tri for Cancer fundraiser spearhead by teacher Marion McIlwraith on April 19th and describing the positive impact it had on her daughter.

Trustee Keiver advised that the 5th Annual Literacy and Learning Day 2007 was held on Saturday at NAIT. She commended EPSB for the variety of in-kind supports and services for the conference and read a proclamation from Mayor Stephen Mandel declaring April 19th Annual Literacy and Learning Day in Edmonton.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers, advised that tomorrow he would be presenting a School and Community award to Mr. David Jones and Shauna Shore of Queen Elizabeth School for their Living Classroom Project.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Appointment of the New Superintendent of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the appointment of Mr. Edgar Schmidt as superintendent of schools for a three-year term commencing May 1, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the board’s appreciation for the excellent support and the leadership of Mr. Bob Holt as acting superintendent be formally acknowledged.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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M. Adjournment: (8:15 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary