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- Organizational Meeting -

Minutes of the organizational 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, October 26, 2004 at 7:30 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

Avi Habinski
Bob Holt

Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Chairman: Svend Hansen (pro tem)

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada – District DVD.

B. Call to Order by the Incumbent Chairman: (7:30 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. Reading of the Declaration of Election Results

1. Declaration of Election Results

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Declaration of Election Results’ be received for information.”

Mrs. Sherwood reported that the following trustees had been elected for the ensuing three years:

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Ward A – Bev Esslinger
Ward B – Wendy Keiver
Ward C – Don Williams
Ward D – David Colburn
Ward E – Ken Gibson by acclamation
Ward F – Don Fleming
Ward G – Svend Hansen
Ward H – George Nicholson
Ward I – Gerry Gibeault

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

D. Receipt of Oaths of Office

All the Oaths of Office were received.

E. Report:

Confirmation of Committees, Board Representation and Regular Meetings

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“1. That the following standing committees of the whole be confirmed:

- **Conference Committee**
- **Audit Committee**

2. That the following standing subcommittees be confirmed:

- a) **Community Relations**
- b) **Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools**
- c) **District Priorities**
- d) **Board Evaluation and Results**
- e) **Planning and Policy**
- f) **Budget Review**
- g) **Results Review**
- h) **Interpretations**

3. That board membership and representation on the following district staff negotiating committees be confirmed:

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- Teaching
 - Custodial
 - Maintenance
 - Support
4. That board representation on the following external agencies be confirmed:
- a) Alberta School Boards Association
 - Provincial Executive
 - Zone 23 Executive
 - ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee
 - Alberta School Boards Association for Bilingual Education (ASBABE)
 - b) Public School Boards' Association of Alberta
 - provincial executive nominee
 - liaison representative
 - c) City of Edmonton Names Advisory
5. That the board's membership and representation on the Linkages Advisory Committee for the Capital Region be confirmed.
6. That the board's ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee comprised of the board chairman or vice-chairman, the ASBA Provincial Executive Board of Directors representative and the Zone 23 representative be confirmed.
7. That the following dates and times of regular meetings be confirmed:
- a) Board
- Regular board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Special meetings may be held at the call of the chairman.

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b) Conference Committee

Regular meetings of the conference committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The third Tuesday morning of each month will be held as a reserve meeting date for special meetings which may be held at the call of the chairman.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

1. Chairman of the Board

Trustee Hansen called for nominations for the position of chairman of the board.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Hansen for the position of chairman of the board.

Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Fleming for the position of chairman of the board.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That voting be done by secret ballot.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The superintendent of schools and the board secretary left the room to count the ballots.

Mrs. Sherwood announced that the majority of the board had elected Trustee Hansen as chairman of the board for the forthcoming year.

2. Vice-Chairman of the Board

The chairman called for nominations for vice-chairman of the board.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Gibeault for the position of vice-chairman of the board.

Trustee Colburn nominated Trustee Williams for the position of vice-chairman of the board.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Fleming for the position of vice-chairman of the board.

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That voting be done by secret ballot.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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The superintendent of schools and the board secretary left the room to count the ballots.

Mrs. Sherwood announced that the majority of the board had elected Trustee Fleming as vice-chairman of the board for the forthcoming year.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the ballots be destroyed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. Chairman of Standing Committees of the Whole:

- i) Conference Committee
- ii) Audit Committee

The chairman noted that the practice of the board has been to have the same trustee serve as chairman of both the conference committee and audit committee. He then called for nominations for the position of chairman of conference committee and audit committee.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Nicholson for the position of chairman of conference committee and audit committee.

The chairman, noting that there were no further nominations, declared that Trustee Nicholson would be the chairman of the conference and audit committees for the forthcoming year.

4. Representatives on Other Standing Committees

- i) Community Relations

The chairman called for nominations for two trustee representatives to serve on the community relations committee. The board chairman serves as the third member of the committee.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That representation on the community relations committee be changed so that three trustees and the board chairman serve on the community relations committee.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Esslinger.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Colburn.

Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Keiver.

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Trustee Hansen, as board chairman, serves as the fourth member of the committee

The chairman declared Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Keiver and himself, as board chairman, as the board's representatives on the community relations committee for the forthcoming year.

ii) Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the evaluation of the superintendent of schools committee.

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Williams.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Colburn.

The chairman declared Trustees Colburn, Gibeault and Williams as the board's representatives on the evaluation of the superintendent of schools committee for the forthcoming year.

iii) District Priorities Committee

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the district priorities committee.

Trustee Colburn nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Esslinger.

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Gibson.

The chairman declared Trustees Esslinger, Gibson and Hansen as the board's representatives on the district priorities committee for the forthcoming year.

iv) Board Evaluation and Results Committee

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the board evaluation and results committee.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Nicholson.

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Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Keiver.

Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Gibeault.

The chairman declared Trustees Gibeault, Keiver and Nicholson as the board's representatives on the board evaluation and results committee for the forthcoming year.

v) Planning and Policy Review

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the planning and policy review committee.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Gibson.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Esslinger.

The chairman declared Trustees Esslinger, Fleming and Gibson as the board's representatives on the planning and policy review committee for the forthcoming year.

vi) Budget Review and Results Review Committees

The chairman noted that all trustees serve on budget and results review committees as determined in the approval of the budget process.

vii) Interpretations Committees

The chairman noted that all trustees serve on interpretations committees on a rotational basis.

5. Ad Hoc Negotiation Assignments:

i) Teaching Staff

No representatives were required for the forthcoming year.

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ii) Custodial Staff

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to be assigned to the negotiations with custodial staff.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Esslinger.

The chairman declared Trustees Esslinger and Fleming as the board's representatives assigned to the negotiations with custodial staff.

iii) Maintenance Staff

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to be assigned to the negotiations with maintenance staff.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Keiver.

The chairman declared Trustees Fleming and Keiver as the board's representatives assigned to the negotiations with maintenance staff.

iv) Support Staff

The chairman called for nominations for trustee representatives to be assigned to the negotiations with support staff.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Colburn.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Gibeault.

The chairman declared Trustees Colburn and Gibeault as the board's representatives assigned to the negotiations with support staff.

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6. Representatives to Other Agencies:
- i) Alberta School Boards' Association Positions
 - a) Provincial Executive

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve on the ASBA provincial executive.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Gibeault.

The chairman declared Trustee Gibeault as the board's representative to serve on the ASBA provincial executive.

Alternate

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as Trustee Gibeault's alternate on the ASBA provincial executive.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Esslinger.

The chairman declared Trustee Esslinger as Trustee Gibeault's alternate on the ASBA provincial executive.

- b) Zone 23 Executive

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Fleming.

The chairman declared Trustee Fleming as the board's representative to serve on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Alternate

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as Trustee Fleming's alternate on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Esslinger.

The chairman declared Trustee Esslinger as Trustee Fleming's alternate on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Alberta School Boards Association for Bilingual Education (ASBABE)

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The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve on the Alberta School Boards Association for Bilingual Education.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Colburn.

The chairman declared Trustee Colburn as the board's representative to serve on the Alberta School Boards Association for Bilingual Education.

ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee

Trustee Hansen (as board chairman), Trustee Gibeault (as the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive) and Trustee Fleming (as the board's representative on the ASBA Zone 23 executive) will serve as the board's representatives on the ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee.

ii) Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Positions:

a) Executive

No nominations were required.

b) Liaison

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as the board's liaison with the PSBAA.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Keiver.

The chairman declared Trustee Keiver as the board's liaison representative with the PSBAA for the coming year.

iii) City of Edmonton Names Advisory Committee

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as the board's representative on the City of Edmonton Names Advisory Committee.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Fleming.

The chairman declared Trustee Fleming as the board's representative on the City of Edmonton Names Advisory Committee for the forthcoming year.

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iv) Linkages Advisory Committee for the Capital Region

The chairman called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as the board's representative on the Linkages Advisory Committee for the Capital Region.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Keiver.

The chairman declared Trustee Keiver as the board's representative on the Linkages Advisory Committee for the Capital Region.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Trudy Grebenstein, President CUPE Local 3550, welcomed the board members and presented each trustee with a CUPE Local 3550 pen and pin. The Local looks forward to working with the new board as partners in education.

G. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding the status of the review of accommodation at southside high schools and the steps that have been taken to date.

Trustee Hansen served notice of the following motion:

That the administration bring to the November 2, 2004 conference meeting of the board, a draft copy of a questionnaire that could be submitted to each capital city candidate running for election on November 22nd. This questionnaire should determine where the candidates stand on matters such as:

- *Candidate commitment to local bargaining by school boards*
- *Sufficient funding to repair our schools that are in disrepair*
- *Sufficient funding to ensure building of needed schools in outlying communities*
- *The need for necessary funding to ensure access to appropriate health and mental health services for Alberta children*
- *Level of support for full day kindergarten for high needs students*
- *Provision of funding support for the transportation of students to alternative programs (e.g. Second Languages, Science and Sports Alternatives)*

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MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That waiver of notice be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED).

The chairman called the question on the Motion.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Notices of Motion

Trustee Hansen served notice of the following motion:

That a letter be forwarded from the Chairman on behalf of the Board to the Premier with copies to the Ministers of Infrastructure and Learning urging the provincial government to shield school districts from Natural Gas price increases.

I. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, November 9, 2004	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

J. Adjournment: (8:20 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary