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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 23, 2001 at 7:30 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  
Ken Dropko  
Gary Reynolds  
Marion de Man

Bruce Coggles  
Joan Fouts  
Pam Hall  
Paulette Kernaghan  
Susan Laudenklos  
Ron MacNeil

Dennis Melnyk  
Larry Payne  
Shelly Pepler  
Maureen Stratton Lamieux  
Helen Thomson  
Hans Van Ginhoven  
Carol Wolanski

Edmonton Public Teachers – Karen Beaton  
CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman

**Chairman:** D. Fleming (pro tem)

**Secretary:** A. Sherwood

**A. O Canada** – district video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

The chairman noted that Former Trustees Janice Melnychuk and Don Williams were in the audience.

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**C. Reading of the Declaration of Election Results**

1. Declaration of Election Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“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:

Ward A - Bill Bonko  
Ward B – Bob Dean  
Ward C – Lynn Odynski  
Ward D – Ray Martin  
Ward E – Jean Woodrow  
Ward F - Don Fleming  
Ward G - Svend Hansen  
Ward H - George Nicholson by acclamation  
Ward I - Gerry Gibeault

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**D. Receipt of Oaths of Office:**

All of the Oaths of Office were received.

**E. Reports:**

2. Confirmation of Committees, Board Representation and Regular Meetings

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

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

- Conference Committee
- Audit Committee

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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) Results Review
  - g) Budget Review
  
3. That board representation on the following district staff negotiating committees be confirmed:
  - 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.

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6. That the board's ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee comprised of the board chairman or vice-chairman, the ASBA provincial executive member 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.

- b) **Conference Committee**

Regular meetings of the conference committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The third Tuesday of each month will be held as a reserve meeting date for special meetings which may be held at the call of the chairman.

- c) **Meeting of the Superintendent and Trustees (MST)**

Regular meetings of the superintendent and trustees (MST) are held on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 5:30 p.m. Special meetings may be held at the call of the superintendent."

**The chairman** called the question.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### Election to Board Positions and Committees

#### 1. Chairman of the Board

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

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

Trustee Fleming, noting that there were no further nominations, declared that he would be the chairman of the board for the forthcoming year.

Trustee Fleming accepted the chair and thanked his colleagues.

#### 2. Vice-Chairman of the Board

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

Trustee Dean nominated Trustee Hansen for the position of vice-chairman of the board.

The chairman, noting that there were no further nominations, declared that Trustee Hansen would be the vice-chairman of the board for the forthcoming year.

#### 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 Gibeault 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.

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### 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.

Trustee Bonko nominated Trustee Woodrow.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Bonko.

Trustee Fleming, as board chairman, serves as the third member of the committee

The chairman declared Trustees Bonko, Woodrow 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 Fleming nominated Trustee Bonko

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Martin nominated Trustee Nicholson.

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

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### iii) District Priorities Committee

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

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Odynski.

Trustee Martin nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Bonko.

The chairman declared Trustees Odynski, Hansen, and Bonko 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 Odynski nominated Trustee Dean.

Trustee Bonko nominated Trustee Woodrow.

Trustee Nicholson nominated Trustee Martin.

The chairman declared Trustees Dean, Woodrow and Martin 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 Martin nominated Trustee Odynski.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Dean.

The chairman declared Trustees Odynski, Hansen and Dean as the board's representatives on the planning and policy review committee for the forthcoming year.

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### 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.

#### 5. Ad Hoc Negotiation Assignments:

##### i) Teaching Staff

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

Trustee Bonko nominated Trustee Nicholson.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Woodrow.

The chairman declared Trustees Nicholson and Woodrow as the board's representatives assigned to the negotiations with teaching staff.

##### ii) Custodial Staff

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

Trustee Woodrow nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Martin.

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



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### iii) Maintenance Staff

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

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Dean.

Trustee Woodrow nominated Trustee Bonko.

The chairman declared Trustees Dean and Bonko 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 Nicholson nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Woodrow nominated Trustee Martin.

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

## 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 Bonko nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Woodrow nominated Trustee Gibeault.

### **MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That voting for the position of trustee representative on the ASBA provincial executive be conducted by ballot vote.” (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 the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive.

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**"That the ballots be destroyed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Alternate

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

Trustee Woodrow nominated Trustee Gibeault.

The chairman declared Trustee Gibeault as his 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 Fleming nominated Trustee Odynski.

The chairman declared Trustee Odynski 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 Odynski's alternate on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Trustee Odynski nominated Trustee Woodrow.

The chairman declared Trustee Woodrow as Trustee Odynski's alternate on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

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### Alberta School Boards Association for Bilingual Education (ASBABE)

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

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Martin.

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

### ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee

Trustee Hansen (as vice-chairman of the board), Trustee Fleming (as the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive) and Trustee Odynski (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 Fleming nominated Trustee Hansen.

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

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### 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 Martin nominated Trustee Dean.

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

### 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 Woodrow nominated Trustee Martin.

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

## **F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Ms Karen Beaton, president Edmonton Public Teachers, congratulated and welcomed the new board of trustees on behalf of the Local. She noted that trustees need to recognize their important role as advocates for public education. We need to remind the provincial government that chronic underfunding in Canada's richest province has led to the deterioration of public education in three critical areas: class conditions, teacher compensation and teacher recruitment and retention. She introduced Carol Olson and Tracey Arbuthnott, vice presidents of Edmonton Public Teachers. She noted that the Local looks forward to working with trustees to ensure Edmonton Public Schools remains at the head of the class in educating its students. She then had information distributed to trustees.

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, congratulated the newly elected board of trustees on behalf of the district's custodial, maintenance and support staff. He commended the previous board for involving all of its stakeholders and considering them equal and important and hoped the new board would follow down the same path.

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**G. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Gibeault asked the administration to prepare an information report for the board on different financial disclosure statements that candidates for election to bodies similar to Edmonton Public Schools make in other jurisdictions including specifically the financial disclosure statements for Calgary Board of Education trustee candidates and City of Edmonton councillor candidates.

**H. Notices of Motion** – None.

**I. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, November 13, 2001	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

**J. Adjournment: (8:10 p.m.)**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chairman

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Secretary