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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 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil
Tanni Parker
Betty Tams

Pat Davidson
Phillip Grehan
Jane Moore
Elizabeth Norris-Kartz

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger (pro tem)

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada  O Canada CD.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Reading of the Declaration of Election Results

1. Declaration of Election Results

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

- Ward A – Bev Esslinger
- Ward B – Ken Shipka
- Ward C – Sue Huff
- Ward D – David Colburn
- Ward E – Ken Gibson
- Ward F – Don Fleming
- Ward G – George Rice
- Ward H – Catherine Ripley
- Ward I – Gerry Gibeault

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

D. Receipt of Oaths of Office

All Oaths of Office were received.

E. Report from the Superintendent of Schools:

Confirmation of Committees, Board Representation and Regular Meetings

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson

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

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

2. That the following standing committees be confirmed:

- a) **Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools**
- b) **District Priorities**
- c) **Board Evaluation**
- d) **Community Relations**
- e) **Planning and Policy**

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- f) **Budget Review**
 - g) **Results Review**
 - h) **Interpretations**
3. **That board membership and representation on the following district staff negotiating committees be confirmed:**
- **Teaching**
 - **Custodial**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Support**
4. **That board membership and 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 Languages Education (ASBALE)**
 - b) **Public School Boards' Association of Alberta**
 - **provincial executive nominee**
 - **liaison representative**
5. **That the board's membership and representation on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee be confirmed and that an alternate to the board's representative also be appointed.**
6. **That the board's ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee comprised of the board chair or board vice-chair, the ASBA Provincial Executive Board of Directors representative and the Zone 23 representative be confirmed.**

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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 chair.

b) Conference Committee

Regular meetings of the conference committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.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 conference committee chair.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

1. Board Chair

Trustee Esslinger called for nominations for the position of board chair.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

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

Trustee Huff nominated Trustee Colburn for the position of board chair.

Trustee Rice nominated Trustee Fleming for the position of board chair.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Esslinger for the position of board chair.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

Ballots were distributed and collected by the board secretary.

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

Mrs. Sherwood announced that none of the candidates had received a majority vote and that a second ballot was necessary for Trustees Colburn and Esslinger.

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Ballots were distributed and collected by the board secretary.

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 re-elected Trustee Esslinger as board chair for the forthcoming year.

Trustee Esslinger accepted the chair and thanked her colleagues.

2. Board Vice-Chair

The board chair called for nominations for board vice-chair.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Gibeault for the position of board vice-chair.

Trustee Rice nominated Trustee Fleming for the position of board vice-chair.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

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

Ballots were distributed and collected by the board secretary.

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 Gibeault as board vice-chair for the forthcoming year.

Trustee Gibeault accepted the vice-chair.

The ballots were destroyed.

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3. Chair of Standing Committees of the Whole:

- i) Conference Committee
- ii) Audit Committee

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

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Gibson for the position of conference committee and audit committee chair.

The board chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared that Trustee Gibson would again be the conference and audit committee chair for the forthcoming year.

4. Representatives on Other Standing Committees

- i) Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools Committee

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

Trustee Colburn nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Shipka.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustees Fleming, Gibeault and Shipka as the board's representatives on the evaluation of the superintendent of schools committee for the forthcoming year.

- ii) District Priorities Committee

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

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Esslinger.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Rice.

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Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Huff.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustees Esslinger, Huff and Rice as the board's representatives on the district priorities committee for the forthcoming year.

iii) Board Evaluation Committee

The board chair called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the board evaluation committee.

Trustee Huff nominated Trustee Gibson.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Shipka.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Ripley.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustees Gibson, Ripley and Shipka as the board's representatives on the board evaluation committee for the forthcoming year.

iv) Community Relations Committee

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

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Ripley.

Trustee Shipka nominated Trustee Huff.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Colburn.

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MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the rule regarding membership on the community relations committee be suspended to permit three trustees in addition to the board chair to serve on the committee.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Huff, Rice and Ripley

OPPOSED: Trustee Shipka

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustees Colburn, Huff, Ripley and herself (as board chair) as the board's representatives on the community relations committee for the forthcoming year.

v) Planning and Policy Committee

The board chair called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the planning and policy committee.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Rice.

Trustee Shipka nominated Trustee Colburn.

The board chair declared Trustees Colburn, Fleming and Rice as the board's representatives on the planning and policy review committee for the forthcoming year.

vi) Budget Review and Results Review Committees

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

vii) Interpretations Committees

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

5. Ad Hoc Assignments:

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i) Negotiations

a) Teaching Staff

The board chair called for nominations for two trustee representatives to be assigned to the negotiations with the district's teaching staff.

Trustee Huff nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Rice nominated Trustee Colburn.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustees Colburn and Gibeault as the board's representatives assigned to negotiations with the district's teaching staff.

b) Custodial Staff

c) Maintenance Staff

d) Support Staff

No representatives were required for the coming year.

6. Board Representatives:

i) Alberta School Boards' Association Positions

a) Provincial Executive

The board chair confirmed that she would continue to serve as the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive until the expiration of her term in November 2008.

Alternate

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as her alternate on the ASBA provincial executive.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Colburn.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared that Trustee Colburn would serve as her alternate on the ASBA provincial executive.

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b) Zone 23 Executive

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

Trustee Huff nominated Trustee Fleming.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared that Trustee Fleming would continue to serve as the board's representative on the ASBA Zone 23 Executive.

Alternate

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

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Ripley.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared that Trustee Ripley would serve as Trustee Fleming's alternate on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education (ASBALE)

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve on the Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Ripley.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustee Ripley as the board's representative to serve on the Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education.

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ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee

Trustee Gibeault (as board vice-chair), Trustee Esslinger (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) Board Nominee for President

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee to be the board's nominee for President of the PSBAA.

Trustee Shipka nominated Trustee Fleming.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared that Trustee Fleming will be the board's nominee for President of the PSBAA.

b) Liaison/Public School Boards Council (PSBC)

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as the board's liaison on PSBC.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Rice.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustee Rice as the board's PSBC representative with the PSBAA for the coming year.

c) Liaison/Public School Boards Council (PSBC) - Alternate

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as Trustee Rice's alternate on the PSBC.

Trustee Rice nominated Trustee Huff.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

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The board chair declared Trustee Huff as Trustee Rice's alternate on the PSBC.

iii) Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee

Board Representative

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

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Gibson.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

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

Alternate

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

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Huff.

The board chair, seeing no further nominations, declared the nominations closed.

The board chair declared Trustee Huff as Trustee Gibson's alternate on the Linkages Advisory Committee for the Capital Region.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Trudy Grebenstein, President CUPE Local 3550 (support staff), congratulated the newly elected board of trustees on behalf of the Local. The Local distributed "house warming gifts" to the trustees.

Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers, also congratulated the new board members.

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G. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Esslinger requested that a copy of the province's draft nutrition guidelines be provided to trustees and that the administration review and advise on implementation of the guidelines.

H. Notices of Motion – None.

I. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, November 13, 2007	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

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

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary