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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 24, 2006 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

Lyall Thomson
Donna Barrett

Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives: None.

A. **O Canada** – O Canada CD.

B. **Roll Call:** (7:30 p.m.)

All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair** – None.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

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E. Reports:

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**
- 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:

- **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)**

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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.

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.

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 Keiver:

"That voting be done by secret ballot for positions where more nominations are received than required." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Fleming 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 the majority of the board had re-elected Trustee Esslinger as board chair for the forthcoming year.

Trustee Esslinger accepted the chair.

2. Board Vice-Chair

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

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

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Nicholson for the position of board vice-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 the majority of the board had elected Trustee Nicholson as board vice-chair for the forthcoming year.

Trustee Nicholson accepted the vice-chair.

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3. Board 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 Esslinger 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) Community Relations

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 Fleming nominated Trustee Keiver.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Colburn.

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

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

- ii) Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

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

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Colburn nominated Trustee Williams.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Hansen.

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

The board chair declared Trustees Fleming, Hansen 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 board chair called for nominations for trustee representatives to serve on the district priorities committee.

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Gibson.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Nicholson.

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

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

iv) Board Evaluation

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

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Nicholson.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Gibeault.

Trustee Keiver nominated Trustee Esslinger.

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

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

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v) Planning and Policy

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 Keiver.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Hansen.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Colburn.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That representation on the Planning and Policy Committee be changed so that four trustees serve on this committee.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board chair declared Trustees Colburn, Fleming, Hansen and Keiver 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.

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5. Ad Hoc Assignments:

- 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 Gibson nominated Trustee Colburn.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Keiver.

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

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

- b) Custodial Staff
- c) Maintenance Staff
- d) Support Staff

No representatives were required for the forthcoming year.

- ii) Names for the New High School in South West Edmonton

No representatives were required for the forthcoming year.

- iii) Aboriginal Task Force

No representatives were required for the forthcoming year.

6. Board Representatives:

- i) Alberta School Boards' Association Positions
 - a) Provincial Executive

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve on the ASBA provincial executive following the expiration of Trustee Gibeault's term which will occur after the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June 2007.

Trustee Gibeault nominated Trustee Esslinger.

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

The board chair declared that she would serve as the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive following the expiration of Trustee Gibeault's term which will occur after the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June 2007.

Alternate

The board chair called for nominations for a trustee representative to serve as her alternate when she becomes the board's representative on the ASBA provincial executive following the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June 2007.

Trustee Fleming nominated Trustee Nicholson.

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

The board chair declared that Trustee Nicholson would serve as her alternate on the ASBA provincial executive commencing after the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June 2007.

b) Zone 23 Executive

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

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Fleming.

Trustee Esslinger nominated Trustee Colburn.

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

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the board's candidate be selected 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.

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Mrs. Sherwood announced that the majority of the board had selected Trustee Fleming as the board's candidate to serve on the ASBA Zone 23 executive.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the nomination of Trustee Fleming as the board’s representative to serve on the ASBA Zone 23 executive be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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 Gibeault nominated Trustee Keiver.

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

The board chair declared that Trustee Keiver 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 Nicholson nominated Trustee Colburn.

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

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

ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee

Trustee Esslinger (as board chair), 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 until after the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June 2007.

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The representatives on the ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee following the ASBA Spring General Meeting in 2007 will be: Trustee Nicholson (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).

ii) Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Positions:

a) Board Nominee for Election

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President

Trustee Fleming was elected as PSBAA President on November 19, 2005 at the PSBAA Fall General Meeting and will continue in that capacity until his two-year term expires in November 2007.

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 Fleming nominated Trustee Keiver.

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

The board chair declared Trustee Keiver 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 Keiver's alternative on the PSBC.

Trustee Hansen nominated Trustee Williams.

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

The board chair declared Trustee Williams as Trustee Keiver's alternate on the PSBC.

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iii) Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee

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 Nicholson nominated Trustee Keiver.

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

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

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

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

F. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None
• **Community Relations Activities** - None

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Hansen served notice of the following motion:

1. *That the administration prepare a board report which addresses potential infrastructure issues which may arise as a consequence of the “Sustainability Review” process approved at the October 10, 2006 board meeting.*
2. *That the administration prepare a strategy for addressing and communicating the need for prior provincial government commitment for infrastructure funding in support of facility needs and recommendations resulting from the “Sustainability Review”.*

J. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, November 7, 2006	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

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K. Adjournment: (8:05 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary