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- **Board Meeting #17** -

Minutes of a 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, September 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
George Nicholson

Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Norm Diemert
Bob Holt
Avi Habinski

Donna Barrett
Corinne McCabe
Ron McNeil
Ted Biggs

Fred Buffi
Charlotte Corothers
Pat Dougherty
Gord Hanson
Lori-Price Wagner

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

- A. **O Canada** - District video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Martin was absent. All other trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that October 2nd is Custodial Workers Recognition Day. The district appreciates and values the members of CUPE Local 474, our custodial staff, whose work helps create clean, safe environments that support teaching and learning every day.

The chairman noted that on October 5th over 90 countries including Canada will celebrate World Teachers' Day on its 10th anniversary. This year's theme is *Teachers – Opening Doors to a Better World*. The board values the contributions teachers make to students every day.

The chairman advised that October 6-10 marks the 14th anniversary of Read-In Week. This year's theme is *harmony in words*. Read-In Week is a remarkable success story, thanks to the support of our many partners, our community and generous sponsors. This week-long celebration has expanded partner involvement, renewed interest and focused on the joy of reading within the entire Edmonton community. He invited, on behalf of the board of trustees, all Edmontonians to participate in Read-In. The opening ceremonies will be held on Monday, October 6th at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall.

The chairman noted that the district's 44th Annual Student Awards Night will be held Thursday, October 9th. The board will be recognizing 91 students for their accomplishments at this event. He added that 779 students received honours standing this year and that 1,321 students received Alexander Rutherford Scholarships representing a dollar value of over \$2.5 million.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent introduced the following members of superintendent's council: Ted Biggs, Fred Buffi, Pat Dougherty, Gord Hanson and Lori Price-Wagner.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #16 – September 16, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held September 16, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Student Achievement Services

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Student Achievement Services’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Report #15 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held September 23, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That report #15 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held September 23, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That, effective immediately, the addition of Corinne McCabe and Ron MacNeil to the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Motion Re Regular Elementary Program at Allendale School

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the administration begin the required process to initiate closure of the regular elementary program at Allendale School.”

The superintendent advised that a report will be brought to the next board meeting regarding the process required for consideration of the closure of the regular elementary program at Allendale School.

Trustee Woodrow requested that the report include information regarding the impact of closing the program mid-year.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism (CATT)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That a Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism be piloted in Edmonton Public Schools at Centre High.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Introduction of Student Achievement Information
7. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2003
8. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2003
9. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Participation Rates 2002-2003
10. International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2003
11. Advanced Placement Examination Results: 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the reports entitled ‘Introduction of Student Achievement Information’, ‘Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2003’, ‘Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2003’, ‘Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Participation Rates 2002-2003’, ‘International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2003’, and Advanced Placement Examination Results: 2003’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Creating Conditions for Collaboration to Support Teaching and Learning

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Creating Conditions for Collaboration to Support Teaching and Learning’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

13. Out of Province Field Trips

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the amendment to Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips be approved.”

Trustee Woodrow asked the administration to examine the merits of having students sign the consent form to acknowledge that they accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

14. Update on District Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Issues

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on District Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Issues’ be received for information.”

Trustee Hansen requested that a letter be prepared for the chairman’s signature to the provincial government expressing the district’s concerns regarding the financial impact of implementing OHS requirements.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

15. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Trustee Request for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

16. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the passing of Former Trustee Herb Jamieson.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Odynski advised that she had attended PSBAA University Year 3 on the weekend. The focus was the critical importance of local governance and the role school boards play in addressing community values. Guest speakers included: Former Alliance MP Deborah Grey, professors from the University of Calgary and University of Alberta, MLA Ian McLelland, Former Trustee Joan Cowling, Leslie Primo, Former ATA President Larry Booi and PSBAA Executive Director David King.

Trustee Fleming also noted that he had attended PSBAA University Year 3.

Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended, on behalf of the board, the 10th Anniversary of Velma Baker School last night. He noted that the school's namesake Velma Baker, former president of CUPE Local 474, was in attendance.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko requested that information clarifying the board's authority to direct a student or students to an alternative location with respect to Allendale School be provided.

Trustee Woodrow referred to the dress code at M.E. LaZerte School and asked that information be provided regarding which schools have a dress code.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, October 14, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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M. **Adjournment:** (9:15 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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