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- Board Meeting #14 -

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, June 20, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Janice Melnychuk
George Nicholson

Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosdall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Angus McBeath

Lorraine Berg
Don Blackwell
Ronda Borchert

Audrey Gardiner
Jennifer Lawley
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – P. McNab

A. O Canada

Students from Strathearn School sang O Canada.

B. Roll Call: (6:00 p.m.)

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

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman reported on the media conference held yesterday regarding Amiskwaciy Academy. The Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning, announced that Edmonton Public Schools and the Government of Alberta have joined forces to open Amiskwaciy Academy for September 2000.

Dr. Oberg announced that the province will provide \$12 million dollars in support of Amiskwaciy Academy, -- \$2 million per year for the next six years. The Honourable Mr. Dave Hancock, Minister of Justice, and Mayor Bill Smith also attended and spoke to the importance of the work Amiskwaciy Academy will be doing and commended the board on its leadership in initiating the Academy. The district is committed to improving its success rate with respect to Aboriginal students as well as the significance of Amiskwaciy Academy as part of the district's programs of choice.

Mr. Bernie Makokis, Director Tribal Chiefs Institute, spoke to the Aboriginal peoples' hopes for this school. He stated that the school will focus not only on student achievement but also on transmitting important cultural values to the students. The Board of Trustees is looking forward to opening Amiskwaciy Academy in the fall. Close to 300 students have expressed an interest in approaching their education from an Aboriginal perspective and are expected to attend the high school in September 2000. Amiskwaciy will be housed at a temporary site located at 10312 – 105 Street for the upcoming school year. Negotiations for a permanent site are currently underway.

D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dossdall advised that on Thursday, June 15, 2000 at the YMCA 2000 Tribute to Women of Distinction Awards gala, Shirley Stiles, Assistant to the Superintendent, was the recipient of the award in the education category. This award is given for significant contribution or outstanding achievement in the field of education for the educational advancement of Edmontonians.

Jennifer Lawley, principal of W.P. Wagner School and Karen Linden, principal of Oliver School, were among the nominees in this category.

Also, at the gala, Liv Lunde, an 18 year old Victoria School student was the first winner of the YWCA's Women of Distinction Youth Award for women 18 and under. This new award is given for significant contribution or outstanding achievement in any accomplishment or volunteer capacity, showing the promise of a continuing, maturing and meaningful contribution in Edmonton.

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Kristie Papsdorf, a student at W.P. Wagner School, was also a nominee in this category.

Heather Raymond, currently on leave, was a nominee in the category Social Sciences, Social Services & Advocacy.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – May 23, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held May 23, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Meeting – May 30, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held May 30, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Developing a Foundation of Literacy – Strathearn School

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Developing a Foundation of Literacy – Strathearn School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

4. Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Reports:

6. Report #18 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 30 and June 13, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #18 of the conference committee from the meetings held May 30, 2000 and June 13, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Establishment of Private Corporation for the Purpose of Expanding Continuing Education Programming

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the issuing of one share in 871367 Alberta Inc. to the Board of Trustees be confirmed.**
- 3. That the election of Jim Davies as sole director of the corporation for a term of five years be confirmed.**
- 4. That the granting of authority to the superintendent of schools to instruct the sole director of 871367 Alberta Inc. to appoint, on an annual basis, a president and a chief financial officer for 871367 Alberta Inc. in accordance with the directions of the superintendent, be confirmed.**
- 5. That the extension of district officers’ and directors’ liability coverage to the directors and officers of 871367 Alberta Inc. be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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Leadership Appointment

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “6. That the designation of Nancy Pardy, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2000, to August 31, 2001, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Leadership Appointment – Millwoods Christian School

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “7. That the designation of Howard Lund, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2000, to August 31, 2001, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools for Schools in Twin Brooks and the Lake District

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “8. That the letter supporting a partnership with Edmonton Catholic Schools on the provision of two new schools under a joint multi-use proposal for Twin Brooks and the Lake District, for forwarding to the Minister of Infrastructure, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools

Trustee Williams, chair of the superintendent of schools evaluation subcommittee, provided a verbal report regarding the evaluation of the superintendent of schools. The highlights of the verbal report included:

- Dr. Dosdall continued to receive a first-class rating in all areas of performance.
- The board expressed confidence in the leadership of the superintendent and conveyed its appreciation for his vision and leadership, which continues to be focused on student achievement, safety, and quality leadership. Dr. Dosdall provided this leadership within the flattest organizational structure in North America – operating significantly below the four per cent cap on central administration.
- Dr. Dosdall, once again, visited all schools at least once during the school year to review the results achieved and the goals established.
- The Edmonton community demonstrated confidence in the superintendent’s leadership through its expression of high levels of satisfaction in key areas.

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- Dr. Dosedall's accomplishments are numerous and varied. Accompanied with the district's continued enrolment growth is the expansion of programs of choice, i.e., third site for the Nellie McClung program, Amiskwaciy Academy, additional Cogito site, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy, and Millwoods Christian School.
- The work of Edmonton Public Schools is recognized worldwide. This year visitors to the district included delegations from Sweden, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Vietnam, Israel and Texas. Journalists and reporters from across North America have also expressed interest in the superintendent's leadership style and initiatives.
- Dr. Dosedall is acknowledged for his visionary leadership in both the field of education and the community at large. He serves on the board of directors for the United Way, Edmonton Space and Science Centre, the Alberta Centre for International Education, Scientists 2010 and the Advisory Board of Economic Edmonton.
- Dr. Dosedall has been recognized by the University Council for Educational Administration by being awarded the Excellence in Educational Leadership Award.

Trustee Williams noted that the very positive evaluation must be viewed in the context of the board's continued high expectations. The board expects the achievement results to continue to increase. It also expects the superintendent to:

- continue the positive working relationships with Alberta Learning on curriculum matters
- pursue adequate funding for educating Edmonton Public Schools students
- establish positive working relations with Alberta Infrastructure to ensure resources are made available to maintain the district's physical assets

Trustee Williams concluded by saying that Dr. Dosedall continues to provide high quality leadership and service to Edmonton Public Schools and the community. He is relentless in his pursuit of excellence in teaching and in programming to best serve the students of Edmonton Public Schools.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the verbal report regarding the evaluation of the superintendent of schools be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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Report #19 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 20, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #19 of the conference committee from the meeting held June 20, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the expulsion of Student Expulsion Case No. 1999-2000-1 from all district schools pursuant to section 19(5) of the School Act be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Curriculum Additions and Deletions

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the following locally developed courses be approved for use in the district:

Economic Study of a Foreign Nation 9

Exploratory Science 7-8

Military History 25 (3 credits)”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Arabic Language Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the *Arabic Language Arts (Kindergarten – Grade 12)* Curriculum be approved as a locally developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Hebrew Language Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the *Hebrew Language Arts Curriculum* be approved as a locally developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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10. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – American Sign Language and Deaf Culture

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the *ASL (American Sign Language) and Deaf Culture Curriculum, 3 Year Program (15/25/35)* Curriculum be approved as a locally developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.” UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Qualifications for Secondary Language Arts and Mathematics Teachers

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That the revised Board Policy HE.BP (Organization for Instruction) be approved.

2. That an Administrative Regulation be established to govern the qualifications of secondary mathematics and English teachers presently working with the district and the recruitment of new English and mathematics teachers.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Policy and Regulation Update: IH.BP Supervision of Elementary and Junior High Students During Lunch

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“1. That IH.BP Supervision of Elementary and Junior High Students During Lunch, be approved.

2. That IH.BP Student Welfare, be rescinded.

3. That principals be given the option of implementing IH.BP in 2000-2001 or 2001-2002.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

13. Revision to Board Policy AGA.BP – Recognition of Students, Staff and the Community

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the current board policy AGA.BP – Recognition of Students, Staff and the Community, as amended, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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14. Revision to Administrative Regulation II.AR – Recognition of Students

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Revision to Administrative Regulation II.AR – Recognition of Students’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

15. Spanish Academy

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Spanish Academy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

16. Students on the Internet

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Students on the Internet’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

17. Capital Budget and Design Report for Westminster School Modernization 1999/2000

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Capital Budget and Design Report for Westminster School Modernization 1999/2000’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

18. Blueprints On-line

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Blueprints On-line’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

19. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2000 to May 31, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2000 to May 31, 2000’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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20. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”

The information regarding Trustee Tracking Request #225 was deferred to the September 12, 2000 board meeting.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

21. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the death of Mrs. Ivana Di Berardino, custodian.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

22. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“1. That, in accordance with Sections 51(1), 49(2) and 49(3) of the School Act, any special board meetings during the summer of 2000 be at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman.

2. That, in accordance with Section 45(1) of the School Act, authority to make decisions during the summer recess of 2000 on behalf of the board, which would not be deemed sufficient reason to call a special meeting, be delegated to the superintendent of schools.

3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2000.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

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J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, thanked the board on behalf of the Executive and teachers for the giant step forward they had made with the establishment of Amiskwaciy Academy. He wished the board the best.

Mr. McNab, on behalf of the Local, wished everyone a relaxing and happy summer.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

The chairman requested that the superintendent communicate to staff the board's wish that all staff have a rewarding, relaxing and refreshing vacation and the board's thanks for the dedication and diligence they have shown through their work during this school year.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 12, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (8:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary