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- Board Meeting #13 -

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 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Gerry Gibeault

Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk
George Nicholson

Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Donna Barrett
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds
Marion de Man

Del Bouck
Laurie Elkow
Mack Fysh

Stephen Lynch
Les McElwain
Lesley Sonnen

Acting Board Chairman: D. Williams

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

A. **O Canada** - District Video.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Fleming was absent and that all other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

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Trustee Williams advised that Tara Westworth and Kercelyn Gervais, Grade 8 students from the Nellie McClung Program Oliver site, received a "Silver" at the National Science Fair held in Kingston, Ontario. Their project examined the effect of road salt on Daphnia. Tara and Kercelyn are putting together a presentation which may be chosen to compete in the International Science Fair. They have also been asked to present their Science Fair project at the opening of the newly renovated Edmonton Space and Science Center. Stephanie Brass, another grade 8 student from the Nellie McClung Oliver Site, has been chosen to go to the National Heritage Fair being held in Kamloops, B.C. this summer.

Trustee Williams advised that on June 7, 2001 Trustee Carol Anne Dean had the privilege of being one of the Master of Ceremonies for the Gauss Math Contest Winners. Sixty-two of the top math students in Grade 7 and 8 in Edmonton were honoured at the Centre for Education. They were among 2,054 students from 46 public, Catholic and Francophone schools who participated in the Gauss Mathematics Competition. The Gauss contest is an hour-long exam which tests superior mathematical ability. This competition was founded by the University of Waterloo and has been administered annually across Canada. Of the 62 math students who were honoured, 56 were from Edmonton Public Schools. Four district students who achieved a perfect score of 150: they are grade seven students--John Maidens from Kenliworth and Brian Yu from Grandview Heights and Grade 8 students – Alexander Chan and Matthew Michalchuk both from John D. Bracco.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #12 – May 22, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held May 22, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) at Metro Community College

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) at Metro Community College’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team Activities 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team Activities 2000-2001’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognitions:

4. Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

5. Advocate for Public Education – Award of Appreciation

Mr. Steven Brodie, a parent, acted as Master of Ceremonies for presentations made by students, parents, community members, government officials who paid tribute to Dr. Dosedall and his contributions to Edmonton Public Schools. Mr. Brodie provided a copy of his speaking notes for the record.

Trustees paid tribute to Dr. Dosedall’s accomplishments and the acting board chairman presented him with a student painting by Adrienne Lee of Ross Sheppard School.

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H. Reports:

6. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 12, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #16 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 12, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the appointment of Noel Gareau, Internal Auditor, as the independent accountant to audit Edmonton Public Schools Public Service Pension Plan Account be approved.
3. That, for the sole purpose of auditing Edmonton Public Schools Public Service Pension Plan account, the reporting of the Internal Auditor directly to the Audit Committee of the Board be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “4. That an offer to purchase the former King’s College (Assumption Academy) as received from the Good Samaritan Society in the amount of \$825,000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “5. That Trustee Carol Anne Dean’s continuation as Director on the ASBA Board of Directors until the October 23, 2001 Organizational Board Meeting be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “6. That the Board Role and Responsibilities Statement be affirmed.
7. That the Principles of Board Operation be affirmed.
8. That the revised board statement regarding Representatives of the Board for external organizations such as the ASBA and PSBAA be approved.
9. That the revised board statement regarding Meetings of the Board – Format of Agendas be approved.

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10. That the revised board procedures for Delegations be approved.
11. That the revised board statement regarding the taping of board meeting proceedings be approved.
12. That the revised board statement regarding Committees of the Whole-Conference and Committees of the Whole –Audit be approved.
13. That the revised board procedures on Process for Trustees to Initiate Action on Selected Concerns – Notice of Motion be approved.
14. That the revised board procedures on Direct Requests of the Administration be approved.
15. That the revised board statement on Trustee Remuneration be approved.
16. That the addition of an annual meeting of the National School Boards Association (N.S.B.A.) once in the three year term as a Board Paid Conference be approved.
17. That the revised Trustees Manual inclusive of the above-specific board authorizations be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Report #17 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held June 12 and 18, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That report #17 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held June 12 and 18, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That the appointment of Angus McBeath, as acting superintendent of schools, effective July 1, 2001 until such time as a new superintendent of schools appointed by the Board commences office, subject to the terms and conditions of the employment agreement, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “3. That an ad hoc superintendent search committee, comprised of Trustees Hansen, Melnychuk and Nicholson, charged with facilitating the search for a superintendent of schools and ensuring the full involvement of the conference committee at key points in the process, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “4. That the selection of Jacobson Consulting Inc. as consultant to the board with respect to the search for a superintendent of schools be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. School Year Calendar

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That one of the two required school operational days at the end of the 2001-02 school year be waived, in order to provide one extra instructional day on June 27, 2002.**
- 2. That revisions to the school calendars for 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 be deferred until further consultation with affected stakeholders.**
- 3. That approval of the 2005-06 school calendar as per Board Regulation HCA.BR - School Year Calendar be delayed until the preceding calendar years are revised.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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9. Clareview Head Start Facility Agreement and Land Exchange on the Overlanders School Site

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

- “1. That the agreement with the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation to construct and operate a Head Start Facility on the Overlanders School Site be approved.**
- 2. That an equal-area land exchange with the City of Edmonton to facilitate the development and pending City Council approval in August 2001, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Curriculum Additions

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

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

**Horsemanship 7/8/9
Television Production and Writing 7/8/9
Women’s History 9
Drill and Parade 35 (3 Credits)
Philosophy 35 (5 Credits)”**

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the locally developed course regarding Horsemanship 7/8/9 be referred to the administration to provide further information.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson and Sulyma

OPPOSED: Trustees Gibeault and Williams

The Referral Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on the Recommendation as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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11. New Social Studies Framework

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

- “1. That support be given to the report of the Capital Region Curriculum Committee regarding the Western Canadian Protocol Common Curriculum Framework for Social Studies.**
- 2. That a letter be sent by the Board providing input to Alberta Learning about the development of the new Alberta Program of Studies (K-12) for Social Studies.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Curriculum Addition – Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) Foundation 7

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

- “That the locally developed course Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) Foundation 7 for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. French as a Second Language (Grades 1 to 3)

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the locally developed course French as a Second Language Three Year Program for use in Edmonton Public Schools, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. Mandarin Language Arts K-12

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

- “1. That the following courses for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved:
- Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts K-9
- Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15/25/35**
- 2. That characters and phonetic systems used in the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program be in accordance with the implementation section of this report.**

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3. That for the extension of the Bilingual Program at Division III there be a recommended time allocation of 150 or more minutes of instruction per week be allotted, to permit teachers sufficient time to implement the new curriculum and to teach both the traditional and simplified characters.”

The chairman called the question.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

15. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

16. Professional Development and Professional Improvement Leaves

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Professional Development and Professional Improvement Leaves’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

17. Board Approved Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Board Approved Committee’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

18. Concept Development Studies: Update

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Concept Development Studies: Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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19. Numeracy Initiative

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

**“That the report entitled ‘Numeracy Initiative’ be received for information.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

20. Alberta Language Enhancement Project

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Language Enhancement Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

21. School to Work Transitions Programming

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘School to Work Transitions Programming’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

22. Character Education in Edmonton Public Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Character Education in Edmonton Public Schools’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

23. Feasibility of an All Boys Program

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Feasibility of an All Boys Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

24. Investigating the Total Cost of Technology in Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Investigating the Total Cost of Technology in Schools’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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25. Blueprints for Success 2001 Conference

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Blueprints for Success 2001 Conference’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

26. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2001 to May 31, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Third Quarterly Report: March 1 2001 to May 31, 2001’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

27. Implementation of the Special Education Review

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Implementation of the Special Education Review’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

28. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

29. Bereavement

The Acting Board Chairman reported on the death of Mrs. Karin Fechner, a teacher assistant.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

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

28. Delegation of Authority – Summer 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“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 2001 be at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman.

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2. That, in accordance with Section 45(1) of the School Act, authority to make decisions during the summer recess of 2001 on behalf of the board, which would not be deemed sufficient reason to call a special meeting, be delegated to the acting superintendent of schools.
3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2001.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports •Community Relations Activities

Trustee Bonko presented a petition from the Castledowns Association for a High School to the Board Secretary.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, noted with respect to the report on Character Education that district schools teach Character Education through the teachers as role models and the curriculum. He was pleased that the district will consult with stakeholders regarding revisions to the school year calendar. He believed he spoke for his members when saying that the option of spending \$1.5 million would be money well spent. He noted that this would be his last board meeting before retiring and commended the board for their dedication in an often thankless job and their incredible work behind the scenes for public education.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Nicholson served notice of the following motion:

That the administration develop a graduate student profile specific for Edmonton Public Schools.

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M. Meeting Dates:

Dr. Dosdall expressed his appreciation for the recognition at this his last board meeting by the community and the board. He wished the board every success in the future and conveyed his belief that Mr. McBeath will provide excellent leadership.

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 11, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (10:10 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary