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- Special Board Meeting -

Minutes of the 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 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Angus McBeath
Edgar Schmidt
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Redhead, President

CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

CUPE Local 474: Felix De Los Santos, Treasurer CUPE Local 474

A. **O Canada** – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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

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

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting – June 13, 2005
2. Board Meeting #15 – June 14, 2005
3. Board Meeting – June 21, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of the board meetings held June 13, 14 and 21, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Reports:

4. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 21, 2005)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“1. That Report #16 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 21, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“2. That the designation of Hector Pothier as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Recommendations Regarding the Proposed Closure of Strathearn School

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That the closure of Strathearn School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year be approved.

- 2a. That an emergent request to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation for capital funding to complete essential facility modifications at receiving schools, to accommodate students for September 2005, (minor modifications at Rutherford School in the amount of \$75,000, and Holyrood School in the amount of \$40,000) be approved.

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- b. That in the event that a commitment for funding the above from the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation is not forthcoming prior to October 15, 2005, that a transfer of these funds from the Capital Reserve be approved.
3. That once September 2005 enrolment has been confirmed, the Three-Year Capital Plan be amended as appropriate for general upgrades to receiving schools.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board took a 15-minute recess at this point.

Trustee Fleming asked about the feasibility of providing free transportation for those elementary students currently attending Strathearn School who live in the Strathearn attendance boundary to one of the two designated schools for the duration of their elementary school career.

Mr. McBeath indicated that, if this was the board’s desire, he would undertake to authorize arrangements under the summer delegation of authority.

The chairman polled the trustees and indicated that there was general consent.

6. Recommendations Regarding the Proposed Closure of Wellington School

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

- “1. That the closure of Wellington School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year be approved.

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- 2a. That an emergent request to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation for capital funding to complete essential work at receiving schools, to accommodate students for September 2005; (minor modifications would be required at Rosslyn School in the amount of \$80,000, at Queen Elizabeth School in the amount of \$129,000, and Dickinsfield School in the amount of \$92,000) be approved.
- b. That in the event that a commitment for funding the above from the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation is not forthcoming prior to October 15, 2005, that a transfer of these funds from the Capital Reserve be approved.
3. That once September 2005 enrolment has been confirmed, the Three-Year Capital Plan be amended as appropriate for general upgrades to receiving schools.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

7. Recommendations Regarding the Proposed Closure of North Edmonton School

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “1. That the closure of North Edmonton School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year be approved.
- 2a. That an emergent request to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation for capital funding to complete essential facility modifications at Balwin School to accommodate students for September 2005; (minor modifications would be required at Balwin School in the amount of \$200,000) be approved.

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- b. That in the event that a commitment for funding the above from the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation is not forthcoming prior to October 15, 2005, that a transfer of these funds from the Capital Reserve be approved.
3. That once September 2005 enrolment has been confirmed, the Three-Year Capital Plan be amended as appropriate for general upgrades to Balwin School.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That recommendation #1 be amended to read: That the closure of North Edmonton School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year be approved *and that the board seek Ministerial approval to delay implementation of the closure to the end of the 2005-2006 school year.*”

The chairman called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Colburn, Gibeault and Keiver

OPPOSED: Trustee Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

The Amendment was **DEFEATED**.

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The chairman called the question on the original recommendation.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn and Fleming

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

G. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.
•Community Relations Activities – None.

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Felix De Los Santos, Treasurer CUPE Local 474, urged the board on behalf of the Local, to join CUPE Local 474 in speaking against changes in the province’s child labour policy.

Mr. McBeath advised that the administration will examine this issue and provide a report to board September 13, 2005.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

J. Notices of Motion – None.

K. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 13, 2005	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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L. Adjournment: (9:30 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary