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- **Board Meeting #15** -

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 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Bill Bonko
Bob Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Ray Martin

George Nicholson
Lynn Odynski
Jean Woodrow

Officials

Angus McBeath
Donna Barrett
Norm Diemert
Avi Habinski
Les McElwain

Rick Anderson
John Eshenko
Kathy Goudreau

Mary Michailides
Nancy Petersen
Dale Skoreyko

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

Employee Representatives:

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

A. O Canada - Mr. Greg Maluzynsky, music teacher Kennedale School

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – June 10, 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held June 10, 2003 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. The Learning Stores

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘The Learning Stores’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Recognition:

3. 2002-2003 Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2002-2003 Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. “An Act to Follow – Act III” Staff Recognition Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘*An Act to Follow – Act III* Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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H. Reports:

5. Report #13 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 10, 2003)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That report #13 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 10, 2003 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That the designation of Will Deys, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Shirly MacNeill, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Russell Hunter, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.
5. That the designation of Mark Stukoski, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “6. That the appointment of Les McElwain to the position of Director, for the period September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “7. That the appointment of David Fraser to the position of Director, effective September 1, 2003 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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6. Career-Focused Education - Update

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“That the report entitled ‘Career-Focused Education - Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

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

8. Motion Regarding Honorarium for Grade 12 Honour Students

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That effective the 2004-2005 school year:

- a) The \$100 honorarium awarded to Grade 12 students achieving honours standing be discontinued; and**
- b) The allocation for the \$100 honorarium for Grade 12 honour students be allocated to the City Centre Education Project.”**

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

“That the item be deferred until such time as input is obtained from the student advisory committee prior to it being brought back to board.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Odynski and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Martin and Nicholson

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

The chairman called the question on part a) of the Recommendation.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson and Woodrow

OPPOSED: Trustee Odynski

The Motion was CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That item (b) be referred to the administration to bring forward a recommendation regarding the reallocation of funds and how they may address high needs.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin and Odynski

OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Nicholson and Woodrow

The Referral Motion was CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

9. Numeracy Pilot Proposal

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That the draft numeracy materials created by the district be piloted in at least ten district schools over the 2003-2004 school year.**
- 2. That the district adopt the definition of numeracy approved in May 2003 by the Mathematics Council of the Alberta Teachers’ Association, with the additional expectation that students become proficient in pencil and paper and mental calculation.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Student Transportation Fees for 2003-2004

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That for the 2003-2004 school year the following schedule of monthly bus pass fees, effective August, 2003 be approved:

A. <u>Edmonton Transit Passes</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$ 6.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (new students in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	\$ 6.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Junior High	\$ 22.00

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Senior High	\$ 22.00
B. <u>Charter Yellow Bus</u>	
i) Regular:	
Kindergarten & Elementary	\$ 6.00
(in rural areas and	
neighbourhoods where schools	
have not been built)	
Kindergarten & Elementary	\$ 6.00
(new students in	
neighbourhoods where schools	
have been closed)	
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Junior High (student attends	
same school as was attended in	
elementary)	\$6.00
Junior High	\$ 22.00
Senior High	\$ 22.00
ii) Alternative Programs:	
Kindergarten & Elementary	
1st child	\$ 39.00
2nd child	\$ 39.00
Family Maximum:	\$ 98.00
iii) Special Needs Curb:	
Elementary	\$ 6.00
Junior	\$ 22.00
Senior High	\$ 22.00 ”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. District Capital Priorities 2003-2005

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the district capital submission for 2003-2005 be approved.”

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Trustee Nicholson suggested that in future reports the total amount of money spent in previous years be indicated (eg. For 1998-99, 2000-2001) as well as the total amount allocated by the province.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. Castle Downs Senior High School Feasibility Study

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the submission of the Castle Downs Senior High School Feasibility Study to Alberta Infrastructure be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

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

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. 2003 Major Maintenance Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2003 Major Maintenance Plan’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

14. Inclusion of Students with Special Needs

MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:

“That the report entitled ‘Inclusion of Students with Special Needs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

15. Provincial Utilization Rates

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Provincial Utilization Rates’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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16. Edmonton Public Schools' Three Year Education Plan 2003-2006

MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

"That the report entitled 'Edmonton Public Schools' Three Year Education Plan 2003-2006' be received for information." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

17. 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)

18. Delegation of Authority – Summer 2003

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- "1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the School Act, any special board meetings during the summer of 2003 be at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman.**
- 2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, authority to make decisions during the summer recess of 2003 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 2003." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

•Community Relations Activities – None.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Nicholson suggested that a letter of concern be sent with respect to cuts to ESHIP.

Trustees concurred.

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Trustee Odynski asked whether it would be possible for the following questions to be answered:

1. Would it be possible for the district to develop a hypothetical budget based on the actual costs of providing programming and supports and resources that our students need to succeed?
2. Would it be possible for the district to calculate the value of a K-12 education over the average lifetime of the average Albertan?
3. Would it be possible to determine if the district is obtaining value for the money currently being spent on the Focus on Instruction?

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the rationale for the district's policy for school-entrance age requirements.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 16, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:50 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary

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