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**- Board Meeting #15 -**

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 10, 2008 at 6:05 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Ken Gibson  
Sue Huff  
George Rice

Catherine Ripley  
Ken Shipka

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Donna Barrett  
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles  
Ron MacNeil  
Betty Tams

Elizabeth Norris-Kartz  
Jane Moore  
Pat Davidson  
Philip Grehan

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Employee Representatives:**

Edmonton Public Teachers: Ed Butler for Mark Ramsankar, President

A. **Roll Call:** (6:05 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Gibeault was absent. All other trustees were present.

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### **B. National Aboriginal Recognition Day**

Students from Prince Charles School sang O Canada.

### **C. Communications from the Board Chair – None.**

### **D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The superintendent advised that five district teachers have been honoured with *2008 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence*. Receiving *Certificates of Achievement* are: Ailwin Boulet, Highlands School; Trish Fermaniuk, Tevie Miller Heritage School Program; Alison Hancox, Argyll Centre; Jodi O'Laney, Menisa School; and Leanne Topma, Dovercourt School.

The superintendent expressed appreciation to district staff for their efforts this past school year.

### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #14 – May 27, 2008

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Fleming**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held May 27, 2008 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **F. Recognition:**

2. An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:**

3. Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs

The board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Catherine Burke, Chair of the Parent Council for the Academy at King Edward and Vice President of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
- Ms Kim Edwards

**MOVED BY Trustee Huff:**

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

4. Edmonton Public Schools’ Three-Year Education Plan 2008-2011

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

**“That the district’s *Three-Year Education Plan 2008-2011* be approved for forwarding to Alberta Education.”**

Trustee Colburn requested that an update on the growth and progress of SchoolZone since its inception be provided.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a short break at this point.

5. Plan for Comprehensive School Health Symposium

**MOVED BY Trustee Rice:**

**“That the proposal and preliminary plan be approved for implementation.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Curriculum Addition and Deletions, Locally Developed Courses

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the following new locally developed course, acquired from another school jurisdiction during the 2007-2008 school year, be approved for a three-year term:**

Course Name	Acquired from
Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35	Calgary Board of Education”

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

7. District Ten-Year Facilities Plan: 2009-2018

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2009-2018 be approved.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2009-2012

The board heard from Mr. Jan Pierzchajlo, Chair Crestwood School Facilities Committee.

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the District *Three-Year Capital Plan 2009-2012* be approved for submission to Alberta Education.”**

Trustee Colburn left at this point in the meeting.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Trustee Colburn was absent for this vote.**

Trustee Colburn returned at this point in the meeting.

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9. Draft Annual Implementation Plan: 2008-2009

**MOVED BY Trustee Huff:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Draft Annual Implementation Plan: 2008-2009’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Leasing Summary for 2007-2008

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2007-2008’ be received for information.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. 2008-2009 Major Maintenance Plan

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the report entitled ‘2008-2009 Major Maintenance Plan’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

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

13. Bereavement

The board chair reported on the death of Mr. Alan Bart Dortch a member of the district’s support staff.

**MOVED BY Board Chair Esslinger:**

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

**H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

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14. Report #13 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting May 27, 2008)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “1. That Report #13 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 27, 2008 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “2. That the designation of Tannis Marshall as principal to the District, effective September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Sandra Erickson as principal to the District, effective September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed.
4. That the designation of Les Hansen as principal to the District, effective September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “5. That the following designation for the period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011 be confirmed:
- Mark Liguori - Director.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “6. That the process and timelines for and administration of the 2007-2008 board self-evaluation be approved.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “7. That the following recommendations be confirmed:

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- That Cambridge Strategies Inc. be awarded the contract for the large-scale discrete choice survey (Outcome 2)
- That Johnston Research be awarded the contract for the sustainability review focus groups (Outcome 1).”

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

15. Motion re Uncommitted Operating Surplus or Capital Reserves

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

“That the expenditure of any uncommitted operating surplus or capital reserves in the district require the formal approval of the Board of Trustees.”

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

“That the motion be amended to read: That the expenditure of any uncommitted operating surplus or capital reserves exceeding one-half of one percent of the total budget in the district require the formal approval of the Board of Trustees.”

**The board chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Huff, Rice and Ripley**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the motion be referred to the Policy and Planning Committee for the development of a comprehensive financial oversight policy.”**

**The board chair called the question on the Referral Motion.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Fleming, Esslinger, Gibson, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn**

**The Referral Motion was CARRIED.**

16. Delegation of Authority – 2008 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

- “1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the *School Act*, any special board meetings during the 2008 summer recess be at the call of the board chair or, in her absence, the board vice-chair.**
  
- 2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, delegation of authority to the superintendent of schools to make decisions during the 2008 summer recess on behalf of the board be approved.**
  
- 3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2008.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**I. Other Trustee Reports**

The board chair advised that she and the superintendent had met with a delegation from Norway on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The board chair advised that she attended the inaugural Outreach Graduation for 30 students from the district’s various Outreach Programs.

The board chair advised that she had attended the Safe and Caring Schools breakfast this morning. Satoo and Lorelei schools were showcased at this event.



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The board chair advised that, last night, she had attended the Refugee Completion Certificate Ceremony for 18 refugee students who had never been in school before and who completed their programs at Queen Elizabeth School.

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Mr. Ed Butler, Vice President Edmonton Public Teachers, spoke on behalf of President Mark Ramsankar in thanking the board for working together with the Local to enhance teaching and learning this past year. Edmonton Public Teachers looks forward to working with the board again in the coming school year.

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**L. Notices of Motion - None.**

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: Organizational Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.  
McCauley Chambers, Centre for Education**

**N. Adjournment: (9:55 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary