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- **Board Meeting #16** -

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, September 16, 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  
Norm Diemert  
Bob Holt  
Brian Fedor

Donna Barrett  
Corinne McCabe  
Ron McNeil  
Mary Butlin  
Joan Gibson

Maureen MacDonald  
Scott Millar  
Lorne Parker  
Morrie Smith  
Ros Smith

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: K. Beaton  
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

**A. O Canada** - District video.

**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

The chairman welcomed all staff back from the summer recess. He noted that this year has started off on an extremely positive note with the National Post article regarding William Ouchi's book *Making Schools Work* in which Edmonton Public Schools was cited as the top school district in North America in terms of the 7 keys to success – entrepreneurial principals, school-controlled budgets, accountability, decentralization, a strong focus on student achievement, school choice and a community approach. This is great national exposure of the tremendous work going on in the district.

The chairman also noted that efforts to improve student achievement and the high school completion rate are beginning to show positive results. He concluded by saying that, although this year will present challenges for the district, we know that everyone will continue to do their very best to ensure that all students receive an outstanding education.

### D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent introduced the following members of superintendent's council present at the meeting: Mary Butlin, Morrie Smith, Joan Gibson, Maureen MacDonald, Scott Millar, Lorne Parker and Ros Smith.

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #15 – June 17, 2003

Trustee Martin referred to page five of the minutes and noted that he had voted in favour of the referral motion.

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held June 17, 2003 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Focus on Supporting Teaching and Learning: Curriculum Programs

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

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**“That the report entitled ‘Focus on Supporting Teaching and Learning: Curriculum Programs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Reports:**

3. Report #14 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held June 17, 2003 and September 2, 2003)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #14 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held June 17, 2003 and September 2, 2003 be received and considered.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the designation of Nigel Butterfield, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “3. That the nomination of the YMCA for an ASBA Friends of Education Award be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “4. That the Board of Trustees accept the resignations by mutual consent of the following teacher certificated staff in accordance with clause 18.1.4.c of the Teachers’ Collective Agreement:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Resignation Date</u>
Case No. 2002-2003-1	August 27, 2003
Case No. 2002-2003-2	August 27, 2003”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

4. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 2003 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 2003 Summer Recess’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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5. Funds for 2004-2005 Professional Improvement Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the allocation of \$1,390,000 from the 2004-2005 operating budget for the purpose of granting professional improvement leaves and tuition support for the 2004-2005 school year be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Process for Results Review and Three-Year Planning

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the process and timeline for review of 2002-2003 results, review of revised 2002-2005 plans, and review of the 2004-2005 operating budget, be approved.”**

Trustee Nicholson asked that the administration re-examine amalgamating the results review and budget review process.

Trustee Odynski requested that the administration examine the feasibility of reporting results review information by program within each school; i.e., “disaggregated” results.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a break at this point.

7. Programming for Intellectually Gifted Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Programming for Intellectually Gifted Students’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. Update on French Language Renewal Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Update on French Language Renewal Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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9. Music Performance Standards

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Music Performance Standards’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2003 to May 31, 2003

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2003 to May 31, 2003’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Bereavements

The vice-chairman reported on the passings of Dr. Marion de Man, a member of the district’s senior staff; Mrs. Esmine Campbell, a member of the district’s custodial staff; and Mrs. Karen Graf, a member of the district’s teaching staff.

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

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

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**  
**•Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Martin reported that he had attended, on behalf of the board, Take the Poetry Route Media Conference sponsored by the City Transportation Department. There were 450 entries. Winning entries will be displayed on transit buses. The following district students will have their work displayed: Kristen Boulton, Ray McLellan, Kevin Czarnecki, and Shiloh Warkentin.

**I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided on the OECD tests announced today in the Edmonton Journal – what are they testing and what reasonable conclusions can be made?

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**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Bonko served notice of the following motion:

*That the administration begin the required process to initiate closure of the regular elementary program at Allendale School.*

Trustee Martin served notice of the following motion:

*That the administration prepare a report for the board which addresses the very serious health problem of obesity in school-age youngsters.*

*The report should address:*

- *actions taken by Edmonton Public Schools to promote and support the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle*
- *suggestions regarding what the district can do to deal directly with the rise in obesity among children, and*
- *how our district would deal with the proposal for the Minister of Learning to provide all students with daily physical education*

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That notice of motion be waived with respect to this item.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Martin**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

Trustee Martin advised that he would not be in attendance at the September 30, 2003 board meeting.

The chairman advised that the motion would be placed on the agenda for the October 14, 2003 board meeting.

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L. Next Meeting:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 30, 2003	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (9:10 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Board Secretary

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