

## MINUTE BOOK

### **- Board Meeting #10-**

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, April 10, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Present:**

##### Trustees:

Bill Bonko  
Carol Anne Dean  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen  
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson  
Terry Sulyma  
Don Williams

##### Officials:

Emery Dosdall  
Ken Dropko  
Gary Reynolds

Laurie Elkow  
Mack Fysh  
Stephen Lynch

Les McElwain  
Lesley Sonnen

Chairman: D. Fleming

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

#### Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab  
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

**A. O Canada** - Students from Donnan School sang O Canada.

**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 advised that, yesterday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, was the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. By its name, Edmonton Public Schools' L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy acknowledges the Battle of Vimy Ridge and honours all those Canadians who made such great sacrifices so long ago for Canada and its future. With its emphasis on Canada, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy focuses on building strong Canadian citizens who honour their past and desire to build a strong nation for tomorrow. Today students at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy have a strong sense of being Canadian as did the Canadian soldiers who fought at Vimy Ridge in 1917. The victory at Vimy Ridge was a result of teamwork, leadership, commitment, hard work, persistence and the ability to organize and carry out a plan---all skills that are emphasized in the program at the Academy.

The chairman advised that Sunday, April 22, 2001 is International Earth Day. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Week – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. We encourage schools to participate. While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter-free is a worthy cause for all – every day of the year.

### D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dosdall presented the board with a plaque from the Children's Health Foundation for the district's participation in the *Veronica's Tiles for Smiles* project. This program was a three-year project of the Children's Health Foundation. Grades 2 to 5 students from 31 Edmonton schools were recruited to hand paint tiles with messages for sick children. The completed tiles were used to decorate the renovated in-patient areas of the Stollery Children's Health Centre at the University of Alberta Hospital. On Tuesday, March 20, 2001, *Tiles for Smiles* reached its goal of 5,000 tiles. The project was launched in November 1998 at Rio Terrace School. Edmonton Public Schools' efforts were coordinated by district Art consultant Sharon Busby. Fifteen Edmonton Public schools and hundreds of students participated in the program over the last three years. Veronica Whidden, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 22, was the inspiration for the project. After she passed away in 1997, a memorial was set up to implement the *Veronica's Tiles for Smiles* project.

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### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 13, 2001

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 13, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

2. Board Meeting – April 3, 2001

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the minutes of the board meeting held April 3, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

3. Donnan School: Sports Alternative Program

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Donnan School: Sports Alternative Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.)**

### **G. Recognition:**

4. Charmaine Letourneau – Member of the Order of Canada

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Charmaine Letourneau – Member of the Order of Canada’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **H. Reports:**

5. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 21 and April 3, 2001)

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“1. That report #12 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held March 21 and April 3, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “2. That the following appointment for the period September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed:**

**DIRECTOR – Lisa Wright” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “3. That the following appointment for the period September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed:**

**DIRECTOR – Faye Parker” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “4. That the following appointment for an indefinite term be confirmed:**

**DIRECTOR – Robert (Bob) Clark” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “5. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed:**

**A. DIRECTOR**

**Carol Suddards  
Stuart Wachowicz” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “6. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2004 be confirmed:**

**A. DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**Angus McBeath**

**B. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Ken Dropko**

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**C. DIRECTOR**

**Jenise Bidulock  
Mary-Ellen Deising  
Bob Holt  
Veda Lastiwka” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“7. That the following appointment for an indefinite term be confirmed:**

**A. DEPARTMENT HEAD**

**Gary Reynolds**

**B. DIRECTOR**

**Victor Tanti” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“8. That the designation of Nancy Weber, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

**9. That the designation of Linda Craig, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

**10. That the designation of Sandra Irving, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

**11. That the designation of Wendy Spratt, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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Trustee Fleming left the meeting for the next item and Trustee Williams assumed the chair.

6. Motion Regarding the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the funds proposed in DU #315 Board Administration for membership in the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) be deleted and those funds redirected towards district schools.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Gibeault**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

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

**Trustee Fleming returned to the meeting at this point and resumed the chair.**

7. Motion Regarding the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

Trustee Williams withdrew the motion.

8. Parkdale School – Modified School Calendar

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the Parkdale modified school calendar beginning in the 2001-2002 school year be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Board Policy CH.BP – Policy Development and Review and Board Policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “1. That board policy CH.BP – Policy Development and Review be affirmed.**  
**2. That board policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority be affirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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10. Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2001 School Board Election

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That in accordance with the Local Authorities Election Act:**

- a) Section 2(2), authorization for the chairman and the board secretary to sign an agreement with the City of Edmonton for the conduct of the school board election for Edmonton School District No. 7 in conjunction with the 2001 civic election, be approved.**
- b) Section 12(1), the appointment of the City’s Returning Officer as the Returning Officer for the purposes of the school board election be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Board Policy JJA.BP - Electioneering

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “1. That revised board policy JJA.BP – Electioneering be approved.**
- 2. That current board policy JJA.BP – Electioneering be rescinded.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That item 3.a. of the proposed revision to JJA.BP – Electioneering be amended to read: *The board of trustees believes that a locally elected school board is integral to public education. To that end the district shall play an active role in disseminating information to the electorate about school board elections.*” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**The chairman called the question on the Recommendation as Amended.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

13. Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association

Ms Sonya Olsen, a representative of the Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association, made her presentation requesting that Queen Mary Park School not be closed and presented the board with a petition.

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**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The chairman advised that decisions regarding requests made by delegations are normally dealt with at the next meeting of the board unless otherwise agreed to by a majority vote of the board. The next public board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at which time the board will be considering a number of recommendations arising from the school closure consultation process. A decision with respect to Queen Mary Park will be made at that time. The information presented by the delegation this evening will be included as part of the consultation process and will be considered by the administration in its preparation of recommendations and by the board in its deliberations.

12. Proposed Revision to JJ.BP – Advertising in School

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “1. That revised Board Policy JJ.BP – Assisting Community Organizations be approved.**
- 2. That current Board Policy JJ.BP – Advertising in Schools be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

14. 2001-2002 Non-Resident and International Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

- “1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their resident students be approved:**

Level	Category of Student	Total Cost*	Net Cost*
Level 4	Academic Transition, Mild Academic Disability, Terra	5,894	992
Level 5	Communication, Hearing, Learning, Mild Mental, Moderate Academic, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple & Visual	9,151	4,249



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Level 6	Physical, Medical, Moderate Mental Disability	10,216	5,314
Level 7	Severe Emotional/Behavioral Disability	17,453	1,281
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical, Severe Mental Disability	17,453	0
Level 8	Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical or Medical, Severe Mental Disability, Woodside	24,441	6,355
All	Transportation	Cost	Cost

\* These amounts reflect the average net cost and do not include the cost of additional services that are unique to individual student programming.

2. That a Non-Alberta Student Fee based on the total average cost per student, plus \$500 be approved.
3. That a Homestay Registration Fee of \$650 be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 15. Edmonton Public Schools’ Sector Model

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools’ Sector Model’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Nicholson requested comparable information regarding Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Trustee Melnychuk expressed concern regarding the sector model being used to deny modernization in the low utilization sectors.

Ms Denboer advised that these concerns would be expressed to the province in the letter accompanying the sector model proposal.

The chairman called the question.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 16. Introduction of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2001-2002 Proposed Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2001-2002 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Nicholson requested that a revenue page for the budget be provided to trustees at the April 23, 2001 board meeting.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 17. Disposition of Trustee Initiatives in Revised Three-Year Plans

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Disposition of Trustee Initiatives in Revised Three-Year Plans’ Sector Model’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Melnychuk referred to trustee budget initiative #7 and requested an interim report regarding vocational education.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was 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 Hansen requested a report on the status of the previous two years’ trustee budget initiatives.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

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**M. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Monday, April 23, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**N. Adjournment: (8:55 p.m.)**

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Secretary**