

- Board Meeting -

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 Monday, April 17, 2000 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
Shirley Stiles
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Berg
Don Blackwell
Mike Burke
Audrey Gardiner
Jennifer Lawley

George Rice
Pat Semeniuk
Betty Tams
Fran Yeske
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – P. McNab
CUPE Local 474 – D. Luellman

A. O Canada

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that Saturday, April 22nd is International Earth Day. Many district schools 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.

The Community Relations trustee sub-committee had identified Earth Day and Week as a possible initiative for the board to promote within the district and he encouraged schools to recognize it.

While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, keeping our school grounds and our communities beautiful and free of litter is something we should be aware of all year long.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Reports:

1. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 11, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That report #12 of the conference committee from the meeting held April 11, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“2. That, subject to the satisfactory completion of a banking agreement, the appointment of the Bank of Nova Scotia as the principal banker for Edmonton School District #7 for the five-year term commencing September 1, 2000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“3. That the submission to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) ‘Designing a Better Funding Framework’, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Board Review of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2000-2001 Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Board Review of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2000-2001 Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

- a) Discussion of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the Proposed 2000-2001 Budget
 - Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews
 - Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews

The administration undertook to make the following changes on page 665, DU #304 of the Budget Summaries Manual as per Trustee Fleming’s suggestions:

By December 2000, in cooperation with the Capital Health Authority, Edmonton Public Schools will approach the Optometrist, Ophthalmologist and Audiologist Associations to determine their interest and willingness to assist in the provision of vision and hearing testing of our Grade 1 students and by March 1, 2001 recommendations from that consultation will be developed and piloted.

By December 2000, the administrations of Capital Health and Edmonton Public Schools in consultation with parents and staff will develop other options with regard to the provision of speech and language services for students and by March 1, 2001 recommendations from that consultation will be developed and a pilot project examined.

- b) **Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 1999-2000 Budget**
- c) **Consideration of Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 1999-2000 Budget**

The administration will bring forward recommendations with respect to the following trustee initiative put forward by Trustees Bonko, Dean and Hansen (page 664, DU #304): *By January 2001, investigate the establishment of district sites where Integrated Occupational Program (I.O.P.) courses will be available.*

3. Motion Re: Transportation Policy

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the district’s transportation policy be amended to make bus passes available at half the regular rate to elementary students enrolled in a program of choice at their neighbourhood school when that program of choice is no longer offered at that school and transportation is required to another location to continue in that program until the end of grade six. And further, that this policy change take effect for the 2000- 2001 school year.”

Trustee Hansen asked how many students in the French Immersion program are in the Weinlos School catchment area as well as how many students in the program do not reside in the catchment area and whether this policy would apply to them.

Trustee Sulyma expressed concern that this would introduce another fee rate.

Trustee Nicholson asked that information be provided regarding any other anomalous situations such as this in the district.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the motion be deferred to the next regularly scheduled board meeting and that the administration consult with trustees regarding their concerns and questions about this matter and bring forward a report.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Carrier Contracts 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “1. That the transportation contracts for fixed routes for the 2000-2001 school year with the following carriers, be approved:**

**Briggs Bros. Student Transportation Ltd.:
approximately 15 a.m./p.m. routes and 4 noon routes**

**Golden Arrow School and Charter Buses Ltd.: approximately 30
a.m./p.m. routes and 9 noon routes**

**Laidlaw Transit Ltd.:
approximately 20 a.m./p.m. routes and 6 noon routes**

**Red Arrow Express Ltd.:
approximately 50 a.m./p.m. routes and 15 noon routes**

- 2. That the transportation contracts for special needs curb service transportation for the 2000-2001 school year with the following carriers, be approved.**

**Briggs Bros. Student Transportation Ltd.:
Transportation Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Red Arrow Express Ltd.:
The Academy at King Edward,
L.Y. Cairns, Early Education District Sites,
Glenrose, Tevie Miller Heritage School,
Alberta School For the Deaf, Autistic,
Trainable Handicapped, Woodside and
Special Circumstance transportation”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Student Transportation Fees for 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “That the following schedule of monthly bus pass fees, effective August 2000, be approved:**

A. <u>Edmonton Transit Passes</u>		<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Kindergarten & Elementary		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
(in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)			
Elementary Special Needs		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Elementary		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Junior High		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Senior High		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
B. <u>Charter Yellow Bus</u>			
i) Regular:			
Kindergarten & Elementary		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
(in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)			
Elementary Special Needs		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Elementary		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Junior High		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Senior High		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
ii) Alternative Programs:			
Kindergarten & Elementary			
1st child		\$ 40.00	\$ 36.00
2nd child		\$ 40.00	\$ 36.00
Family Maximum:		\$100.00	\$90.00
iii) Special Needs Curb:		<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Elementary		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Junior		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Senior High		\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00"

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. 2000-2001 Non-Resident and International Students

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- "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 Assistance, Adaptation, Terra	5,726	967

Level	Category of Student	Total Cost*	Net Cost*
Level 5	Literacy, Chimo, Heritage, Learning Disabled, Opportunity Multi-Handicapped	8,902	4,143
Level 6	Physically Handicapped, Trainable Handicapped	9,984	5,225
Level 7	Behavior Disordered	16,049	1,459
Level 8	Dependent Handicapped, Multi-Handicapped, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Physically Handicapped	17,341	0
Level 9	Autistic, Multi-Handicapped, Hearing Impaired, Physically Handicapped, Visually Impaired, Woodside, Dependent Handicapped	24,444	6,886
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 an International Student Fee of \$9,000 be approved for the 2001-2002 school year
4. That a Homestay Registration Fee of \$650 be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. By-Law No. 296 – Board Funded Capital Expenditures

A revised report was distributed prior to the board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “1. That by-law No. 296 be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “2. That by-law No. 296 be read for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Ms Sherwood read by-law No. 296 for the first time.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “3. That by-law No. 296 be read for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Ms Sherwood read by-law No. 296 for the second time.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “4. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 53 of the School Act by-law No. 296 be read for the third time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Ms Sherwood read by-law No. 296 for the third time.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- 5. That by-law No. 296, having been given three readings at this meeting, be finally passed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

- 8. Approval of the 2000-2001 Expenditures Budget**

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “That the 2000-2001 expenditures budget in the amount of \$500,417,000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The chairman asked decision unit administrators and principals to convey the board’s appreciation to their staff for their efforts.

- F. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**
•Community Relations Activities – None.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, commended trustees for their continued efforts in advocating for adequate funding of public education.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Fleming requested an update on the implementation of the district’s non-smoking policy.

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Sulyma served notice of the following motion:

That the chairman of the board write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, and the Minister of Learning indicating our concern over Bill 11.

Rationale:

- *Government health care costs are increasing and with higher premiums our costs for staff will increase and consequently these additional costs would take dollars from the classrooms.*
- *There tends to be a trend of off-loading more publicly insured services to the private domain such as ASEBP where premiums are increasing.*
- *The decision to ignore research and other evidence regarding public policy that is consistent with good governance will have great implications for health services and have direct and indirect effects on the classrooms.*

J. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, April 25, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

K. Adjournment: (8:05 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary