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**- Board Meeting #6 -**

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, January 30, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Trustees:

Bill Bonko  
Carol Anne Dean  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Janice Melnychuk  
George Nicholson

Terry Sulyma  
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall  
Shirley Stiles  
Angus McBeath  
Gary Reynolds

Del Bouck  
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 474: D. Luellman  
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

**A. O Canada**

Students from Meadowlark School sang O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Hansen was absent. All other trustees were present.

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**C. Communications from the Board Chairman**

Trustee Sulyma left at this point in the meeting.

The chairman advised that the superintendent will be the featured speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Thursday, February 1, 2001. Dr. Dosdall will be speaking on the topic: "Public Education: The Business of the Future".

The chairman advised that, today, Edmonton Public Schools announced a new name for Continuing Education with the launch of Metro Community College. The name reflects the quality of instruction provided, the accomplishments of graduates and the range of lifelong learning opportunities the district provides. Edmonton Public Schools has offered Edmontonians diverse learning opportunities, ranging from high school courses at night, to personal growth and career training courses for many years. Metro Community College is expanding its programming in all areas in step with community needs. There will be two new programs in the areas of tourism and in complementary health practices in the spring/summer edition of the Class Calendar. Repositioning Continuing Education as a College is a timely and necessary move which furthers the district's commitment to life-long learning.

**D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.**

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 16, 2001

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**"That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 16, 2001 be approved as printed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

Trustee Sulyma returned at this point in the meeting.

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2. Meadowlark School's Instructional Focus on Literacy

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Meadowlark School’s Instructional Focus on Literacy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Reports:**

3. Response to Delegation – L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the request by a delegation for the Board to terminate its agreement with the Department of National Defence as it pertains to the provision of space for cadet training at L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy be denied.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or Public Events

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

- “1. That board policy JBD.BP – Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or Public Events be approved.**
- 2. That administrative regulation JBD.AR – Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or Public Events be received as information.”**

Trustee Gibeault suggested that “senior bureaucrats” (in JBD.AR – Section B, item g)) be replaced with “senior government officials.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Policy Regarding Outreach and Transition Programs

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That Policy HA.BP Student Programs be revised to include the explicit reference to Outreach and Transition programs.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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6. High School Examinations

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That Board Policy HE.BP Organization for Instruction, Section B, be revised to read ‘fourteen days’.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Community Access Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Community Access Program’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault requested that a copy of the Acceptable Use Policy for the Community Access Program be provided.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. Recruitment Diversity Statement

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Recruitment Diversity Statement’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Presentation on the Proposed 2001-2002 Planning and Operating Budget:
- Exempt Staff Liaison Committee

The chairman advised that a report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 13, 2000 board meeting. The presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators.

Ms Catherine Luck, representative Exempt Staff Liaison Committee, verbally presented the Committee’s brief and presented a copy of it to the board.

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the verbal presentation from the representative of the Exempt Staff Liaison Committee be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a break at this time.

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13. Trustee Planning Initiatives

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Planning Initiatives’ be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2001-2002

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2001-2002’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

15. District Rates for 2001-2002

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘District Rates for 2001-2002’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding the large increase in the cost for 5-days-a-week mail delivery.

Trustee Bonko asked that information be provided regarding when the recovery costs for the music enrichment programs will be at 50%. He also asked that information be provided regarding the music enrichment fees relative to the participation rates in the programs over the years. Have we seen a decrease in the participation rate due to the increasing costs of the music enrichment programs?

Trustee Melnychuk asked that information be provided as to whether the direction to the district to charge and collect the GST on all after-hours rentals was a new requirement. Why would we be required to collect the GST on all after-hours rentals?

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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16. Establishment of the 2001-2002 Budget Planning Basis

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the following planning base for the preparation of the 2001-02 operating budget be approved:**

	2000-2001 Proposed	2000-2001 Actual/Revised	2001-2002 Proposed
a) allocations to schools	\$347,000,000	\$366,700,000	\$377,200,000
b) institutions	\$ 16,900,000	\$ 17,300,000	\$ 17,300,000
c) utilities	\$ 11,400,000	\$ 15,300,000	\$ 11,700,000
d) debt services	\$ 36,900,000	\$ 36,900,000	\$ 36,900,000
e) transportation	\$ 16,400,000	\$ 17,200,000	\$ 17,700,000
f) Continuing Education Services	\$ 7,700,000	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 8,600,000
g) Professional improvement leaves	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
h) supply services	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 4,800,000
i) allocations to central	\$ 30,600,000	\$ 33,100,000	\$ 33,350,000
j) School Generated Funds	\$ 18,100,000	\$ 19,700,000	\$ 19,700,000
k) Expenses Financed Externally	<u>\$ 4,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,800,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$494,900,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$525,400,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$533,350,000</u></b>
<b>Enrolment</b>	<b>81,400</b>	<b>80,800</b>	<b>81,400”</b>

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. Delegation – Central McDougall Community League

Mr. Warren Champion, President Central McDougall Community League, and Mr. Andy Woldegiorgis, Director Central McDougall Community League, made a presentation regarding the proposed closure of McDougall School. They requested that the board direct the eight principals involved in the City Centre Education Project to rescind their advocacy and to partake in a joint and substantive consultation with representatives from each affected community before the formal and public school closure consultation process begins.

The chairman advised Mr. Champion and Mr. Woldegiorgis that, in keeping with board policy, they would receive a response to their request at the next board meeting.

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**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Central McDougall Community League’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Delegation – Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association

Mr. Emil van der Poorten, representative of the Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association, made a presentation regarding the proposed closure of McDougall School. He requested that the Queen Mary Park and Central McDougall Community Action Coalition be among those offered the opportunity of participation in any consultation process that may take place prior to any final decision on the closure of John A. McDougall School.

The chairman advised Mr. van der Poorten that, in keeping with board policy, they would receive a response to their request at the next board meeting.

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Central McDougall Community League’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. City Centre Education Project – School Closure Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“1. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and board-mandated processes to consider the feasibility of:**

- a. Closure of Alex Taylor School,
- b. Closure of John A. McDougall School, and
- c. Closure of the junior high program at Eastwood School

**2. That in conjunction with recommendation number 1, the administration provide information and bring forward recommendations regarding:**

- a. Programming and inter-agency initiatives arising from the City Centre Education Project,
- b. Modernization of city centre schools,
- c. Transportation service to facilitate implementation of the City Centre Education Project, and
- d. Other matters related to the implementation of the City Centre Education Project”

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

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

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That Recommendation 1 be amended as follows:**

**That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and board-mandated processes to consider the feasibility of:**

- a. Closure of Alex Taylor School,**
- b. Closure of John A. McDougall School,**
- c. Closure of the junior high program at Eastwood School,**
- d. Closure of Queen Mary Park School, and**
- e. Closure of the junior high program at John A. McDougall School.”**

**The chairman called the question on the Amendment.**

**The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘City Centre Education Project – School Closure Process’ as amended be deferred to the February 13, 2001 board meeting.”**

**The chairman called the question on the Deferral Motion.**

**The Deferral Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

17. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

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

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

**•Community Relations Activities – None.**



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

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, advised that Edmonton Public Teachers, Edmonton Catholic Teachers and PACT, will be sponsoring education forums in each of the 19 provincial constituencies beginning the second week of the election campaign. Trustees will be provided with further information once the dates and locations of the forums have been confirmed.

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

Trustee Melnychuk requested that information be provided regarding what geographic areas of the city students attending the elementary and junior high school components of Victoria School are drawn from and the numbers involved.

**K. Notices of Motion** - None.

**L. Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 13, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment:** (9:30 p.m.)

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Secretary**