

**- 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 25, 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 Dossdall  
Ken Dropko  
Angus McBeath  
Gary Reynolds

Mike Burke  
Mary-Lou Cleveland  
George Rice  
Pat Semeniuk

Betty Tams  
Fran Yeske

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab  
CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting

**A. O Canada**

The district 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 drew attention to a document that had been distributed to trustees from the ASBA entitled *Vision and Agenda for Public Education* which was released at a news conference today. The document is intended to stimulate discussion in Alberta about public education.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 11, 2000

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 11, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Mary Butterworth: Integration of Technology to Improve Student Achievement

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Mary Butterworth: Integration of Technology to Improve Student Achievement’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Reports:**

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 18, 2000)

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“1. That report #4 of the Conference Committee from the meeting January 18, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“2. That the appointment of Victor Tanti as Director, for the period February 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“3. That the name *Amiskwaciy Academy*, (A misk wa chēē) for the new Aboriginal high school be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Motion Re Capping of Property Taxes

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the chairman forward a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Learning urging them to reconsider the capping of property taxes of 5% and 10% respectively for residential and non-residential assessment.”**

Trustee Melnychuk requested that the ASBA be provided with a copy of the chairman’s letter for sharing with other school boards.

Trustee Sulyma requested that the chairman’s letter also be shared with City Council.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Trustee Planning Initiatives

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

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

6. District Rates for 2000-2001

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

**“That the report entitled ‘District Rates for 2000-2001’ be received for information.”**

Ms Deising noted a correction on page 9 of the report with respect to the 2000-2001 rate for print services. The cost is \$.0285 per impression.

Trustee Fleming requested information regarding the cost of instrument rental over the past few years.

Trustee Gibeault requested information on what proportion of the cost of supplying textbooks is covered by the \$51 textbook rental fee.

Trustee Gibeault requested information on how the district’s textbook rental and caution fees compare to Edmonton Catholic Schools.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

7. Expansion of Cogito Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Expansion of Cogito Program’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Presentation on the Proposed 2000-2001 Planning and Operating Budget:
- Edmonton Public Teachers

Mr. Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, gave a verbal presentation and provided trustees and the board secretary with a copy of the Local’s brief.

8. Presentation – Edmonton Space & Science Centre

Mr. Smith requested that the board provide a letter of endorsement with respect to the *Vision Beyond 2000: Developing Excellence for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* initiative which may be used by the Edmonton Space & Science Centre for seeking corporate and community support.

The administration will prepare a recommendation with respect to a letter of endorsement for the next board meeting on February 8, 2000.

Trustee Dean requested that the report include a recommendation on ways to pursue, on behalf of the Edmonton Space & Science Centre, funding from the provincial and municipal governments.

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation – Edmonton Space & Science Centre’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a short break at this time.

9. Presentation on the Proposed 2000-2001 Planning and Operating Budget:  
(Continued)
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
  - Exempt Staff

Mr. Bruce Cutting, president CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff), gave a verbal presentation and provided trustees and the board secretary with a copy of the Local's brief.

Ms Catherine Luck, exempt staff representative, gave a verbal presentation and provided trustees and the board secretary with a copy of the exempt staff's brief.

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the verbal presentations from the president of Edmonton Public Teachers, the president of CUPE Local 784, and the representative of the exempt staff be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 1999 to November 30, 1999

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘First Quarterly Report: September 1, 1999 to November 30, 1999’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault requested information regarding what kind of student accidents are reported in the quarterly report.

Trustee Nicholson asked for a breakdown of how many suspensions were in-school or out-of-school.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

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

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

Trustee Bonko requested information as to whether a master or doctorate degree obtained in an accelerated course out of province is given the same weight for promotions as a degree obtained in a conventional program.

Trustee Nicholson noted that it was reported at the ASBA Zone 23 meeting that approximately 25 percent of Alberta high school students are taking a second language program. What is the percentage of district high school students enrolled in second language programs? Has the number of students decreased in second language programs as a result of the Faculty of Arts no longer requiring a second language as a mandatory prerequisite?

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 8, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment:** (8:20 p.m.)

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Secretary**