

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #4 -**

Minutes of the 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, December 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver  
George Nicholson  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Angus McBeath  
Edgar Schmidt  
Bob Holt

Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe

Les Duxbury

**Chairman:** Svend Hansen

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**A. O Canada** – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

**C. Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman wished everyone the very best of the season on behalf of the board. He also reminded staff from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Bennett Centre, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Metro Continuing Education and Victoria School that they are invited to join trustees at their annual Coffee Party – which will be held tomorrow in the Atrium at the Centre for Education from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

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

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**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 30, 2004

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 30, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Terrace Heights School – Focus on Achievement

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Terrace Heights School – Focus on Achievement’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Recognition:**

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**H. Reports:**

4. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 7, 2004)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That Report #2 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held December 7, 2004 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the appointment of Mike Falk – Director, Student Information for the period January 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Addressing Student Programming Needs in Clusters of Schools with Low Enrolment

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the examination of the following groups of schools for the purpose of addressing improved educational opportunities, for students in low enrolment schools be approved:**

- 1. Balwin, North Edmonton and Princeton Schools**
- 2. Athlone, McArthur and Wellington Schools**
- 3. Forest Heights, Fulton Place, Hardisty, Strathearn and Terrace Heights Schools”**

Trustee Gibson suggested emphasizing that the primary focus of the consultation process of the cluster studies is the improvement of educational opportunities for students.

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Colburn**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

6. Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts – Status Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts – Status Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. South Edmonton High School Accommodation Plan

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘South Edmonton High School Accommodation Plan’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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8. Plant Operations and Maintenance Funding

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Plant Operations and Maintenance Funding’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Fleming suggested (with respect to Question #9) emphasizing the impact that the enveloped funding has when utility costs increase – this impacts the resources left for custodial and maintenance supplies and services.

Trustee Hansen asked that the background information to the report be provided to trustees.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

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

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

Trustee Keiver commended the M.E. LaZerte leadership students for organizing a Christmas celebration last Wednesday for Eastwood School students and their parents.

Trustee Hansen noted that he had spoken to the delegation from Minnesota last week and wished to convey their appreciation for the information provided and responsiveness of the administration.

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

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

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**L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

**That the board approve an allocation of \$10,000 to provide funding assistance for 2005 Parent Conference Literacy and Learning Day.**

**M. Meeting Dates:**

| <b>DATE</b>                      | <b>MEETING</b>      | <b>COMMENCEMENT<br/>TIME</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday, January 11, 2005</b> | <b>Public Board</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>             |

**N. Adjournment: (8:10 p.m.)**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting.**

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**Board Chairman**

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**Secretary**