

- Board Meeting #9 -

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, March 7, 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:

Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles, Acting for
Superintendent of Schools
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Berg
Don Blackwell
Ronda Borchert

Audrey Gardiner
Jennifer Lawley
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

CUPE Local 474: Mike Cartesano (CUPE 474 representative)

A. O Canada

Students from Parkdale School sang O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman noted that Denise Shalagan and Lorraine Rutledge would interpret part of the board meeting for the deaf members of the audience.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #8– February 22, 2000
2. Board Meeting – February 29, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 22, 2000 and the minutes of the board meeting held February 29, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Parkdale School: Advisor Groups and Playground Safety

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Parkdale School: Advisor Groups and Playground Safety’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

4. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 29, 2000)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“1. That report #9 of the conference committee from the meeting held February 29, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“2. That the designation of Richard Dietrich as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. American Sign Language (ASL) Language Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the locally developed course, ASL (American Sign Language) Language Arts Draft Curriculum (Kindergarten – Grade 12) for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Extension of the Cogito Program (Division IV)

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the extension of the Cogito Alternative Program to include Division IV programming beginning with Grade 10 in 2000-2001 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Board Regulation GGB.BR – Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“1. The board policy GGB.BP – Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools be approved.

2. **That board regulation GGB.BR – Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Capital Approvals for Victoria and Westminster Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Capital Approvals for Victoria and Westminster Schools’ be approved.”

Trustees requested that the administration send a letter to the School Buildings Board seeking clarification of the following statement in their February 24, 2000 letter: *The SBB requests that the total capacity of the school be reduced to improve the school’s utilization rate.*

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

Trustee Fleming suggested that principals be informed that there is a district information security coordinator who can provide assistance with respect to internet security.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports
•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Hansen reported that, on February 24, 2000, he and Trustee Gibeault attended the signing ceremony for the partnership with NAIT and W.P. Wagner School. The partnership will provide some students with the opportunity to achieve advanced credits.

Trustee Melnychuk reported she had brought greetings on behalf of the board on March 1, 2000, at the celebration for the Ukrainian Program 25-Year Anniversary. The celebration was a tribute to the people and parents who believed this program was important and would foster both their culture and an appreciation for the multicultural nature of this city.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Williams requested that administration provide information on how we monitor the awarding of CTS credits.

Trustee Hansen requested a report regarding the number of district students in Divisions I and II who have been identified as requiring speech and language pathology services; the number of students actually receiving assistance; and the average amount of time each student receives.

Trustee Melnychuk requested that an update regarding the funding for Amiskwaciy Academy be TM'd.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

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.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, March 21, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (7:40 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary