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**- Board Meeting #18 -**

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, October 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver  
George Nicholson  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt, Acting Supt.  
Donna Barrett  
Bob Holt

Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe

Tanni Parker  
Jerry Bayly

**Chairman:** Svend Hansen

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Employee Representatives:**

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

A. **O Canada** – District Video

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Fleming was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman welcomed Mr. Dick Baker, Adjunct Professor of Education, Faculty of Education Concordia University College of Alberta, and his students who were present to observe the board meeting.

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The chairman noted that the Provincial Executive Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association has proclaimed October 10 to 15, as *Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week* throughout Alberta. District schools have been encouraged, during this week especially, and throughout the year, to recognize the contributions substitute teachers make in providing continuity to the learning experiences of district students. The board values its substitute teachers and applauds the excellent work they are doing on behalf of Edmonton Public Schools to ensure superb results from all students.

The chairman introduced Mr. Edgar Schmidt who was filling in for Superintendent McBeath at the board meeting and advised that Mr. Schmidt has been appointed as acting superintendent of schools effective October 31, 2005 until such time as a new superintendent has been appointed.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #17 – September 27, 2005
2. Special Board Meeting – October 4, 2005

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held September 13, 2005 and the special board meeting held October 4, 2005 be approved as printed.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

3. Mary Butterworth School – Focus on Reading Comprehension

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Mary Butterworth School – Focus on Reading Comprehension’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Reports:**

4. Report #19 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held October 4, 2005)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #19 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held October 4, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the Board pay \$17,957.50 into a Registered Retirement Savings Plan for Angus McBeath in lieu of participation in the OverCap Supplementary Integrated Pension Plan.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “3. That, effective immediately, the addition of Kevin Stevenson as a member of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be approved.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Response to Information Requested at the September 27, 2005 Board Meeting

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Response to Information Requested at the September 27, 2005 Board Meeting’ be received for information.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Responses to Questions Raised at the September 13, 2005 Board Meeting

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the request that the board provide compensation for the lunch fees and transportation costs for Junior High students who had attended Strathearn School be denied.”**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Colburn and Gibeault

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

7. Motion re Questions for 2006 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the following questions be added to the Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey:**

- 1. If your child takes Edmonton Transit to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?**
- 2. If your child takes Yellow Bus to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?**
- 3. Considering the school fees you are asked to pay and the services they provide, how satisfied are you that the current school fees are reasonable?**
- 4. How satisfied are you with the fundraising activities at your child’s school?”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the motion be amended to read: *That the intent of the following questions be incorporated into the 2006 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey...*” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**The chairman called the question on the Amended Recommendation.**

**The Amended Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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8. Funds for 2006-2007 Professional Improvement Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the allocation of \$1,390,000 from the 2006-2007 operating budget for the purpose of granting professional improvement leaves and tuition support for the 2006-2007 school year be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Digital On-line Resources Selector (DORS)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Digital On-line Resources Selector (DORS)’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Participation in Alberta Education’s Computer Adaptive Assessment Pilot 2005-2007

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Participation in Alberta Education’s Computer Adaptive Assessment Pilot 2005-2007’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Colburn requested that the names of schools that will be involved in the pilot be provided to trustees.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Keiver referred to page 7 of the report regarding the 2005 Major Maintenance Plan and requested clarification of the percentages provided for each of the phases.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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12. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“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**

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

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

Trustee Gibeault requested that the administration provide a report outlining the elements that would contribute to the perception of restricted access to school buildings by the community as well as possible courses of action that the board could consider to respond to these concerns.

**K. Notices of Motion - None**

**L. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, October 25, 2005	Organizational Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

**M. Adjournment: (8:05 pm.)**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting.**

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**Board Chairman**

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**Secretary**