

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #2 -**

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, November 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Lyll Thomson  
Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker  
Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams

Elvira Loewen  
Gary McCorquodale  
Jerry Bayly  
Gerry Falk  
Linda Inglis  
Sue Bell

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

B. **O Canada** – *O Canada DVD*

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**C. Remembrance Ceremony:**

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**D. Communications from the Board Chair – None.**

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

**F. Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #16 – October 10, 2006

Trustee Hansen noted that the mover of the recommendation on page 5 of the minutes was required.

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held October 10, 2006 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 24, 2006

Trustee Hansen noted that Trustee Fleming did vote in favour of the motion on page 7 of the minutes.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held October 24, 2006 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Focus on Student Achievement:**

4. Deepening Literacy Instruction – AISI Project Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Deepening Literacy Instruction – AISI Project Update’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson requested that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be provided to trustees.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**H. Reports:**

5. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held October 31, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“1. That report #1 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held October 31, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That the board approve a \$5,000 contribution to Aspen View Regional School Division to support its legal challenge of the Minister of Education’s right to determine an alternative method of separate school jurisdiction formation.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That Recommendation #2 be deferred to the November 28, 2006 board meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “3. That an amendment to the trustee electoral ward design criteria such that the per cent of the average resident population of public school supporters and the potential for the average population growth or decline within all wards through three municipal general elections be increased from +/- 10 per cent to +/- 15 per cent, be confirmed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Motion re Elimination of the Sale of Junk Food

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

- “1. That the sale of junk food be eliminated from all district schools.**
- 2. That, subject to approval of the above motion, the administration be directed to deliver a report to public board no later than February 27, 2007 on the process and timeframe necessary to achieve this end.”**

Dr. Angele Beaudoin urged the board to approve the recommendation and eliminate the sale of junk food for all district schools.

Mr. Jerry Hanna urged the board to develop a comprehensive healthy school community plan. He provided written information for the board’s consideration.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That Recommendation #2 be amended to read: *That, subject to approval of the above motion, the administration be directed to deliver a report to public board no later than May 8, 2007 on the process and timeframe necessary to achieve this end.*”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the motion to amend be laid on the table until the vote is taken on Recommendation #1.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report be deferred until such time as the administration is able to determine the extent of the problem of junk food in the district and to consult with community to obtain their views.**

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Trustee Esslinger requested information on developing a comprehensive school health policy looking at such items as curriculum, fundraising, portion size and the importance of water.

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Colburn, Gibeault and Gibson

**The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.**

7. Motion re Infrastructure and Funding Issues Arising from Sustainability Reviews

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “1a. That the administration prepare a board report which addresses potential infrastructure issues which may arise as a consequence of the “Sustainability Review” process approved at the October 10, 2006 board meeting; and further,**
  
- b. That the administration prepare a strategy for addressing and communicating the need for prior provincial government commitment for infrastructure funding in support of facility needs and recommendations resulting from the “Sustainability Review”.**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Colburn

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

The board took a break at this time.

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8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the following new locally developed courses, be approved for a three year term (until August 2009):**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
<b>Arabic Language and Culture</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>n/a (Elem)</b>
<b>IT Essentials (Computer Repairs) 35</b>	<b>CTS</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Workplace Essential Skills 25</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Workplace Essential Skills 35</b>		<b>5”</b>

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Funds for 2007-2008 Professional Improvement Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the allocation of \$1,200,000 from the 2007-2008 operating budget for the purpose of granting professional improvement leaves and tuition support for the 2007-2008 school year be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Name for High School in South West Edmonton

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the high school to be built in South West Edmonton be named Lillian Osborne High School.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Request for Emergent Capital Funding for Lease Payments for Major General Griesbach School

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That an emergent request for capital funding be made to the province to acquire Major General Griesbach School.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### 12. School Closure Policy Review

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That revised Board Policy FL.BP – School Closure be considered for the third time and approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 13. Student Transportation Services Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Student Transportation Services Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 14. International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2006

### 15. Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results

### 16. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2006

### 17. 2006 Provincial Achievement Test Results

Reports 14 to 17 were deferred to the November 28, 2006 board meeting.

### 18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

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

## **I. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

### **• Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Keiver advised that she had attended the Alberta School Resource Officer Safety Conference yesterday and today. She noted a number of the district’s SROs, principals and staff were also in attendance.

Trustee Hansen advised that he had represented the board at Avonmore School where former NASA astronaut Joe Edwards and Minister of Education Gene Zwozdesky were in attendance in honour of Science and Technology week in Alberta.

Trustee Nicholson advised that he and Trustee Williams had attended the Edmonton Historical Society event at McCauley School last Thursday at which the school was presented with a plaque as an historical site.

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had represented the board at CUPE Local 474’s retirement banquet on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Trustee Esslinger advised that she and the superintendent had attended a meeting in Calgary with the Minister of Education and other school board chairs and superintendents.

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

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

Trustee Colburn requested that the administration provide the progress report on school health initiatives mentioned in the November 29, 2005 board report “Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public School Students” as soon as possible.

**L. Notices of Motion** – None.

**M. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**N. Adjournment: (9:00 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary