

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 9, 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
Avi Habinski
Bob Holt
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil
Corinne McCabe

Marie Caley
Les Duxbury
John Edey
Tony Fernhout

Darren Fox
Heather Raymond
Lorraine Ringrose
Diane Rolin

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers – Karen Beaton, President
CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. O Canada

Mr. Geoffrey Evans, a teacher from L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy, lead in the singing of O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. Remembrance Ceremony:

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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 Chairman

The chairman advised that November is Family Violence Prevention Month, a time set aside to increase public awareness and mobilize communities about the issue of family violence. The theme for the 18th Annual Family Violence Prevention Month is “It’s YOUR Business.” This year’s theme is being co-ordinated by Alberta Children’s Services and the Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS). The campaign will include public service announcements on radio and television, newspaper advertising and information packages distributed to provincial stakeholders.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent reported that he had been contacted by Alberta Learning today and had been advised that an extension would be granted with respect to the submission concerning the School Council Review.

F. Minutes:

2. Board Meeting #16 – September 14, 2004
3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 26, 2004

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held September 14, 2004 and the Organizational Board Meeting held October 26, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Focus on Student Achievement:

4. Patricia Heights School – Focus on Writing

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

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

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H. Reports:

5. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 2, 2004)

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

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

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “2. That, effective immediately, the addition of Lorne Parker and Edgar Schmidt as members of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)
6. Motion Re Natural Gas Rebate Program: Request to Increase Financial Support to School Jurisdictions

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “That a letter be forwarded from the Chairman on behalf of the Board to the Premier with copies to the Ministers of Infrastructure and Learning urging the provincial government to shield school districts from natural gas price increases.”

Trustees requested that the letter will ask that the support to cover increases in the price of natural gas during the winter months be retroactive and that a copy of the letter be sent to the other major urban boards and the ASBA.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Matt Berry School Site Master Agreement

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

- “That the Matt Berry School Site Master Agreement be approved conditional upon the Edmonton Society for Christian Education approving the Agreement.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority and GKA.BP – Teacher Terminations

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MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the revisions to Board Policy CHA.BP be approved.**
- 2. That Board Policy GKA.BP be rescinded.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Awareness of Public Education Issues

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the proposed online survey to be administered to candidates running in the provincial election in the capital region be approved.**
- 2. That the posting of survey results on the district website be approved**
- 3. That the distribution of hard copies of the responses to interested stakeholders be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a short break at this point.

10. District Initiative on Supporting Teaching and Learning

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “That the report entitled ‘District Initiative on Supporting Teaching and Learning’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson suggested that the superintendent convey to principals that the board appreciates the challenges and complexities they face in meeting the requirement to spend time in the classroom.

Trustee Gibson referred to the SMARTe Targets for Student Learning Goals and indicated that it would be helpful if schools reported the actual number of students affected rather than just reporting percentages achieved (For example, 5a. and 5b.).

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Inclusion of Students with Special Needs

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MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Inclusion of Students with Special Needs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. District Space Utilization and Accommodation Strategy

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘District Space Utilization and Accommodation Strategy’ be received for information.”

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2004
14. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Senior High Course Completion Rates
15. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004
16. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Reports 13 to 16 were deferred to the next board meeting.

17. Bereavements

The vice-chairman reported on the deaths of Thom Elniski and David Raboud members of the district’s teaching staff.

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MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

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

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

- L. Notices of Motion – None.**

- M. Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, November 30, 2004	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:10 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chairman

Secretary