

## MINUTE BOOK

### **- Board Meeting #13 -**

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, June 13, 2006 at 6:10 p.m.

#### **Present:**

#### **Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

#### **Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams  
Donna Barrett  
Bob Holt  
Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker

Laurie Barnstable  
Jerry Bayly  
Ronda Borchert  
Barbara Bryson  
Ray Cimolini  
Gerry Falk  
Kim Falkenberg

Rob Hutchinson  
Will Simpson  
Mark Stukoski  
Carol Symons  
Lloyd Ungeran  
Donna Watson

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President  
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

**A. O Canada – District Video**

**B. Roll Call:** (6:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that Mr. Lyall Thomson, the incoming superintendent, was present for the board meeting.

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The board chair advised that district teacher, Sara Tarrant, will be presented with an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Autism Society. Sara teaches interactions for students with autism spectrum disorder at Mee-Yah-Noh School. She is a fierce advocate for special needs students and the fact that Sara was nominated by a parent is testament to her commitment and dedication. She congratulated Ms Tarrant, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, on receiving this award.

The board vice-chair advised that Board Chair, Bev Esslinger, has been nominated for a YWCA Women of Distinction Award – in the Education Category. The nominees will be honoured at the Awards Gala being held later this week, and the award recipient in each category will be announced at that event. He extended the board's congratulations to the Board Chair on receiving this well-deserved nomination.

### **D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools**

The acting superintendent advised that principals from superintendent's council were in attendance to assist with responses to budget questions.

The acting superintendent thanked the board and senior administrative team for their support during his service as acting superintendent of schools.

The board chair expressed appreciation on behalf of the board for Mr. Schmidt's work.

### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #12 – May 23, 2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held May 23, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Vernon Barford School - Focus on Student Achievement

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

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

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### **G. Reports:**

#### **12. Concept Design Report – New High School in Southwest Edmonton**

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Concept Design Report – New High School in Southwest Edmonton.’”**

Trustees questioned whether there would be a cafeteria or a stage in the gymnasium.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

#### **3. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 23, 2006)**

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“1. That report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 23, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That the following appointments for the period September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed:**

**Ron MacNeil – Executive Director  
Corinne McCabe – Executive Director”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“3. That the trustee subcommittee created to name the new high school in South West Edmonton be allotted additional time in bringing forth a recommended name to the board of trustees.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held  
June 12, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “1. That report #11 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 12, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “2. That the designation of Doug Allingham as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.**
- 3. That the designation of Karin Kincaid as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.**
- 4. That the designation of Leona Morrison as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “5. That \$800,000 committed by the board on February 11, 2003 to pursue partnership use of surplus space in district schools be temporarily suspended, be approved.**
- 6. That \$550,000 be borrowed from the capital reserve to provide financing to Centre High School for leasehold improvements and the repayment to the capital reserve of the full amount over two years, be approved.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “7. That the administration of the 2005-2006 School Board Self-Evaluation Questionnaire be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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The board took a short break at this point.

### 4. Board Review of 2006-2007 Plans and Expenditures Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Board Review of 2006-2007 Plans and Expenditures Budget’ be received for information.”**

#### a) Discussion of 2006-2007 Plans and the 2006-2007 Budget

- Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews
  - Elementary Schools
  - Elementary/Junior High Schools
  - Junior High Schools
  - Senior High Schools
- Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews

Trustees noted the following from the budget reviews:

- work of staff in addressing at-risk students
- concern about staffing reductions across all employee groups
- positive comments about English Language Learning Centre but also concerns about the central location making it difficult for new Canadian parents to access the service and the desire for satellite locations
- elimination of programs like reading recovery because of lack of funding
- concern about the adequacy of funding but also the adequacy of planning
- desire to communicate to stakeholders the factors contributing to the current fiscal situation and to build advocacy to support public education
- concern about the loss of probationary teachers – the future of public education
- concern about dealing with staff wellness

Trustee Keiver suggested acting on the Minister of Education’s invitation for school districts to suggest an alternative funding formula with the concept of a needs-based budget proposal.

Trustees agreed that it would be useful to look at this and suggested that it be added to the trustee retreat in the fall.

#### b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2006-2007 Budget – None.

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- c) Consideration of Trustee Motions to the 2006-2007 Budget – None.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Approval of the Proposed 2006-2007 Expenditures Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the 2006-2007 proposed expenditures budget in the amount of \$649,023,000 be approved.”**

Trustee Nicholson asked what percentage of the budget is expected to be expended for administration this year.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a short break at this time.

**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.**

6. Edmonton Public Schools' Three-Year Education Plan 2006-09

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the district's *Three-Year Education Plan 2006-2009* be approved for forwarding to Alberta Education.”**

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Trustee Gibson suggested the following additions:

- Page 14 – addition of reference to parents as partners
- Page 22 – addition of reference to Computer Adaptive Assessment
- Page 22 – addition of reference to partnership with Edmonton Public Library
- Page 25 – addition of reference to partnership with Careers the Next Generation
- Page 29 – addition of reference to board policy GC.BP - Recruitment, Employment, Qualifications, and Deployment of Staff and the emphasis on continuous improvement

Trustee Colburn suggested adding a reference to activities in promoting health and nutrition.

Ms Chalmers indicated that the suggestions would be incorporated into the document forwarded to Alberta Education.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Trustee Fleming, Chair of the Planning and Policy Subcommittee, suggested that the following five reports be dealt with in an omnibus motion. He noted that all five of the reports were deferred from the May 23, 2006 board meeting where they would have received first and second readings. However, Section 69 of the *School Act*, allows for all three readings to be made at one board meeting if all trustees present are in agreement.

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That, in accordance with Section 69 of the *School Act*, trustees agree to have all three readings of the following board policies and board regulation at this meeting.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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7. Curriculum Policy Revisions
8. Managing District Information
9. Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance
10. Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS
11. Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition

### **MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That Policies HGA.BP Basic Instructional Program, HI.BP Instructional and Learning Resources, HIAA.BP Health Instruction Materials, and HKB.BP Homework be introduced.**
- 2. That Policies HGA.BP Basic Instructional Program, HI.BP Instructional and Learning Resources, HIAA.BP Health Instruction Materials and HKB.BP Homework be read for the first time.**
- 3. That Policies HGA.BP Basic Instructional Program, HI.BP Instructional and Learning Resources, HIAA.BP Health Instruction Materials, and HKB.BP Homework be read for the second time.**
- 4. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, Policies HGA.BP Basic Instructional Program, HI.BP Instructional and Learning Resources, HIAA.BP Health Instruction Materials, and HKB.BP Homework be read for the third time.**
- 5. That Policies HGA.BP Basic Instructional Program, HI.BP Instructional and Learning Resources, HIAA.BP Health Instruction Materials, and HKB.BP Homework having been given three readings at this meeting, be approved.**
- 6. That Board Regulation HKB.BR Homework be rescinded.**
- 7. That Board Policy CN.BP - Managing District Information be introduced.**
- 8. That Board Policy CN.BP - Managing District Information be read for the first time.**
- 9. That Board Policy CN.BP - Managing District Information be read for the second time.**



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10. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, Board Policy CN.BP - Managing District Information be read for the third time.
11. That Board Policy CN.BP - Managing District Information having been given three readings at this meeting, be approved.
12. That the revision of Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance be introduced.
13. That revised Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance be read for the first time.
14. That revised Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance be read for the second time.
15. That, in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, revised Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance be read for the third time.
16. That revised Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance having been given three readings at this meeting, be approved.
17. That the rescission of Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS be introduced.
18. That the rescission of Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS be read for the first time.
19. That the rescission of Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS be read for the second time.
20. That in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, rescission of Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS be considered for the third time.
21. That rescission of Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection-AIDS having been considered three times at this meeting, be approved.
22. That the affirmation of Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition be introduced.

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23. That Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition be read for the first time.
24. That Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition be read for the second time.
25. That in accordance with the authority of Section 69 of the *School Act*, revised Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition be read for the third time.
26. That revised Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition, having been given three readings at this meeting, be approved.”

Trustee Williams requested the addition of the word “all” to Board Policy HI.BP Teaching and Learning Resources (report 7) so that it would read: *The board supports the use of a wide range of teaching and learning resources presenting various points of view to meet the programming and curricular needs of all students.*

**The board chair called the question on all of the recommendations.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

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

Trustee Gibeault asked that information be provided regarding the expulsion rates for Calgary Catholic Schools and in particular Edmonton Catholic Schools should the information be made available in future.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 14. Delegation of Authority – 2006 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the *School Act*, any special board meetings during the 2006 summer recess be at the call of the board chair or, in her absence, the board vice-chair.**
- 2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, delegation of authority to the acting superintendent of schools to make decisions during the 2006 summer recess on behalf of the board be approved.**
- 3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2006.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**
- Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Williams drew attention to the Government of Canada’s National Aboriginal Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

- I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**
- J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**
- K. Notices of Motion**

**Trustee Keiver served notice of the following motion:**

*That the administration prepare a submission for the board chair’s signature in response to the Minister of Education’s invitation to suggest alternative funding mechanisms.*

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**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That waiver of notice be approved.”**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Gibson and Hansen

**The Motion was \*DEFEATED.**

\*Waiver of Notice requires Unanimous Approval

The Motion will be placed on the September 12, 2006 board meeting agenda.

**L. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>			<b>MEETING</b>			<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>		
Tuesday, September 12, 2006			Board Meeting			6:00 p.m.		

**M. Adjournment: (9:25 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Secretary