

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting -**

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 Monday, June 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bill Bonko  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen  
Ray Martin

George Nicholson  
Lynn Odynski  
Jean Woodrow

**Officials**

Angus McBeath  
Norm Diemert

Bob Holt  
Avi Habinski

Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood  
Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives

CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Dean was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.

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

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### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – May 25, 2004
2. Board Meeting – June 1, 2004

### MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held May 25, 2004 and the board meeting held June 1, 2004 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### F. Reports:

3. Motion Re Designated High School for Rossdale Neighbourhood

### MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

**“That the administration undertake a review of the receiving high school designated for the Rossdale neighbourhood as part of a larger review of the accommodation of high school students at south side high schools. A report outlining this review process will be brought to the September 14, 2004 board meeting for information.”**

Trustee Nicholson asked that consideration also be given to reviewing the accommodation of students attending junior high alternative programs and wishing to continue the program in high school; e.g. French immersion at McKernan/Harry Ainlay.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

4. Motion Re Class Size

### MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:

**“That the Board request the Minister of Learning to review and revise the allocation provided to the district such that the district can restore the cap of 30 students per classroom and achieve class size averages for K-9 that were operated in the 2002-2003 school year for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year.”**

Trustees requested that the letter to the Minister reference approximate dollar figures and FTEs.

**The chairman called the question.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Response to Delegation re: Renaming the Centre for Education

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That a deferral of a decision to rename the Centre for Education, until a policy and regulation on naming non-school buildings is in place, be approved.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson, Odyński and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Fleming**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

6. Long Term Lease at Westmount School

**MOVED BY Trustee Odyński:**

**“That a five-year lease of a portion of Westmount School to the Alberta Association of Architects be approved.”**

Trustee Nicholson suggested for future reports that the administration identify whether it is the district's or Alberta Infrastructure's calculation of school capacity that is referenced in a report.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

7. Board Policy BGCD.BP – Mandatory Records Checks for Employees and Volunteers

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“1. That policy GBCD.BP – Mandatory Records Checks as it applies to Employees be approved.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“2. That policy GBCD.BP – Mandatory Records Checks as it applies to Volunteers be approved.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That a policy with respect to Mandatory Records Checks for volunteers be referred to the administration to seek input regarding implementation and to address concerns raised by the board.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Gibeault, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Fleming and Hansen**

**The Referral Motion was CARRIED.**

9. Punjabi International Language and Culture

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the draft Program of Studies *Punjabi Language and Culture K-3* be approved for use in the district.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a break at this point.

12. Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through to Grade Two

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through to Grade Two’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Martin requested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Learning from the board chairman enclosing a copy of the report and emphasising the recommendations on page 25 and 26.

**The chairman called the question.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. Board Policy FM.BP – Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and District Sponsored Functions

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the addendum of November 10, 1998 to Board Policy FM.BP Alcoholic Beverages and Smoking on District Premises and at District Sponsored Functions be removed and the policy be affirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Edmonton Public Schools Metro Continuing Education

**MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools Metro Continuing Education’ be received for information.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Fleming and Nicholson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. 2006 Second Language Requirement Implementation Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“That the report entitled ‘2006 Second Language Requirement Implementation Process’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Fleming requested that the district’s concerns regarding the costs of implementing the second language requirement be conveyed to the province.

**The chairman called the question.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

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

Trustee Hansen, with respect to the response to TT#450 regarding requirements for daily physical education, requested that a letter be sent to Alberta Learning requesting answers to the questions identified in the response.

Trustee Odynski, also with respect to the response to TT#450 regarding requirements for daily physical education, requested that information be sought regarding a Living School initiative in Ontario and if this approach could work in Alberta.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 14. Bereavements

The vice-chairman reported on the deaths of Teresa Saley, a teacher, and Pat Dublanko, a member of the support staff.

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

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

**G. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

**•Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

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

Trustee Martin referred to instalment revenue funding in South Carolina school districts and asked whether this would be feasible in Alberta rather than P3s.

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Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the possibility of establishing a district endowment fund with the Edmonton Community Foundation. What would the cost be to the district and what would be required to establish such a fund?

**J. Notices of Motion** – None.

**K. Next Meeting:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, June 15, 2004	Board/Budget Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Board Secretary**

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