

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #15 -**

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 Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 6:10 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bill Bonko  
Bob Dean  
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  
Corinne McCabe  
Ron MacNeil

Ted Biggs  
Charlotte Corothers  
Joan Gibson  
Maureen MacDonald  
Scott Millar  
Lorne Parker  
Ros Smith

Fred Buffi  
Mary Butlin  
Pat Dougherty  
Gord Hanson  
Lori Price-Wagner  
Morrie Smith

Chairman: Svend Hansen

Board Secretary: Anne Sherwood  
Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Karen Beaton, President  
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President  
CUPE Local 474: Doug Luellman, President  
CUPE Local 784: Bruce Cutting, President

**A. O Canada – District Video**

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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### C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman advised that Ellerslie School has been awarded the Emerald Award in the Education (School category) by the Alberta Foundation for Environmental Excellence in recognition of their outstanding initiative and leadership in the face of environmental challenges. The school was recognized at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Awards Ceremony held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Principal Scott Millar, staff, students and parents as well as Trustee Nicholson, who attended on behalf of the board, attended the ceremony. Ellerslie School's campuses are involved in a broad range of environmental programs, activities and events that share a common goal to reduce the school community's "ecological footprint" through energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, school yard "greenscaping" and the enhancement of a unique wetland eco-system situated on part of the school grounds. Students, staff and community stakeholders have been actively involved, and teachers integrate curricular learning, environmental literacy and responsible citizenship with opportunities for active involvement in this natural setting.

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

### E. Reports:

1. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 25 and June 1, 2004)

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #10 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held May 25, 2004 and June 1, 2004 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the designation of Noella Steinhauer as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Crystal Mills as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “4. That the designation of Corrie Ziegler, as director to the district, for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005 be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “5. That the appointment of Jamie Pallett to the position of Director for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007 be confirmed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “6. That the designation of Michael O’Hara as principal to the district effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “7. That an amendment to the board’s rules of order regarding Time and Place for Conference Committee, by substituting 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., such that the board’s rules of order for Time and Place for Conference Committee would read:**

*Regular meetings of the conference committee will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The third Tuesday of each month will be held as a reserve meeting date for special meetings that may be held at the call of the chairman.*

**be approved.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “That the item be referred to the new board of trustees at their first regular board meeting.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Fleming, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Dean, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin and Nicholson**

**The Referral Motion was DEFEATED.**

**The chairman called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dean, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin and Nicholson**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Fleming, Odynski and Woodrow**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 15, 2004)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #11 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held June 15, 2004 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the designation of Kathy McCabe as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be approved.
3. That the designation of Darrel Robertson as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be approved.
4. That the designation of Laurie Barnstable as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2006 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “5. That Trustee Don Fleming’s continuation as Director on the ASBA Board of Directors until the October 26, 2004 Organizational Board Meeting be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “6. That the nomination of Big Sisters/Big Brothers for an ASBA Friends of Education Award be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)
2. Character/Citizenship Education

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Character/Citizenship Education’ be received for information.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

3. Board Review of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Budget:

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Board Review of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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### a) Discussion of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget:

Trustees noted concern in the district regarding the impact of class sizes.

Trustee Bonko suggested that a letter be prepared for the chairman's signature to the provincial government with respect to the impact of the rise in the cost of natural gas.

Trustee Gibeault suggested conveying to the public what the dollar value of \$611 Million budget is per student (approximately \$7,500).

Trustee Woodrow raised concerns about the inconsistency of reporting monies raised by PAC groups; disparity between "have" and "have-not" schools; the need for clarification of how money raised through fundraising can be spent and the reduction in minutes of music instruction.

Trustee Nicholson requested that Trustee Odynski's motion with respect with class size and the letter being sent to the Minister of Learning be shared with district staff.

Trustee Dean noted that schools expressed concern with the at-risk students being placed in large classes.

Trustee Hansen noted that schools raised concerns with respect to the impact of the requirement for second language; the requirement for daily physical education and grade 4 testing.

- 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

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided regarding how the healthy living initiative is being addressed in the budget.

Trustee Nicholson believed that the consulting services budget requires an infusion of allocated funds.

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- b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2004-2005 Budget
- c) Consideration of Trustee Motions to the 2004-2005 Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Woodrow:**

**“That the position of music consultant be restored to 1.0 FTE and that the position no longer be cost recovery.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Fleming, Martin, Odynski and Woodrow**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Gibeault, Hansen and Nicholson**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the exempt component of D.U. #387 (Internal Audit) be increased to a level to do an adequate job of the internal audit.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Hansen**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Martin, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

**4. Approval of the 2004-2005 Expenditures Budget**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the 2004-2005 expenditures budget in the amount of \$611,472,000 be approved.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Odynski:**

**“That approval of the 2004-2005 expenditures budget be deferred to a board meeting to be held June 25, 2004 in order for the Minister of Learning to have an opportunity to formally respond to the request to increase the district’s allocation to address class size.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Odynski**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Martin, Nicholson and Woodrow**

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**The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

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

**The chairman called the question.**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Tenders – L.Y. Cairns School Essential Modernization 2003-2004

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and the ability of the contractor to furnish the required performance and labour and material payment bonds, the award of the contract for the L.Y. Cairns School Essential Modernization to Krawford Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,333,800, excluding GST, be approved.”**

The board agreed to hear from Don Thierman of Thierman Construction Ltd. whose bid on the tender had been declared invalid.

The board recessed to conference committee at 9:30 p.m. to meet with legal counsel and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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6. Tenders – Hazeldean School Major Modernization 2003-2004

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and the ability of the contractor to furnish the required performance and labour and material payment bonds, the award of the contract for the Hazeldean School Major Modernization to Delnor Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$3,300,000, excluding GST, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. 2004-2005 Non-Resident Fees

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their special needs resident students be approved:**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Category of Student</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Chimo, Communication, Gifted &amp; Talented Extensions, Moderate Hearing Impaired, Strategies, Mild Cognitive Disability, Literacy, Moderate Multiple Visual Disability</b>	<b>10,421</b>
<b>Level 6</b>	<b>Moderate Cognitive, Physical, or Medical Disability</b>	<b>11,614</b>
<b>Level 7</b>	<b>Blindness, Deafness, Severe Physical or Medical, Severe Emotional/ Behavioural Disability, Severe Cognitive or Multiple Disability</b>	<b>19,725</b>
<b>Level 8</b>	<b>Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical, Medical or Severe Mental Disability, Woodside</b>	<b>27,554</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Cost</b>

**2. That a Non-Alberta Student Fee based on the total cost per student, plus \$550 be approved.**

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3. That an International Student Tuition Fee of \$10,000 be approved for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.
4. That a Homestay Registration Fee of \$750 be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Edmonton Public Schools' Three-Year Education Plan 2004-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan 2004-2007*’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Delegation of Authority – 2004 Summer Recess

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

- “1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the *School Act*, any special board meetings during the 2004 summer recess be at the call of the chairman or, in his absence, the vice-chairman.
2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, delegation of authority to the superintendent of schools to make decisions during the 2004 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 2004.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Committee and Board Representative Reports - None.

•Community Relations Activities – None.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

I. Notices of Motion – None.

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**J. Next Meeting:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 14, 2004	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**K. Adjournment: (10:00 p.m.)**

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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Chairman

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Board Secretary

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