

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #3 -**

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 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson

Wendy Keiver  
George Nicholson  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams  
Donna Barrett

Bob Holt  
Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe

Tanni Parker

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Employee Representatives:**

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Hansen was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that, at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta, Trustee Don Fleming was elected to the position of President of PSBAA. Trustee Fleming brings a wealth of experience to the position – not only as a trustee but also as a Past President of the association. She congratulated him on behalf of the board.

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The board chair advised that the White Ribbon Campaign began November 28<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 6th. The White Ribbon Campaign is intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. CUPE Local 474 has provided each trustee with a white ribbon.

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

The acting superintendent advised that members of Superintendent's Council were present to provide a school perspective in response to any questions arising from trustee subcommittee reviews of school results.

### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 8, 2005

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held November 8, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

2. Earl Buxton – Focus on Writing

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

**“That the report entitled ‘Earl Buxton – Focus on Writing’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **G. Reports:**

3. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 23, 2005)

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

**“1. That report #1 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held November 23, 2005 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That submission of the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2005 to the Minister of Education be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Motion re Letter to Minister of Education

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the board send a letter to the Minister of Education, including the report delivered to Public Board on September 27, 2005, regarding the decline in the number of teacher librarians and counsellors in schools today and urging that new levels of funding and support be provided.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

5. Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through Grade Three

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

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

Trustee Colburn requested that the administration review the recommendations contained in the report and provide information to trustees with respect to the implications and considerations of implementing the recommendations.

The acting superintendent undertook to conduct this review and report back to the board.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the Edmonton Public School Board share the report entitled ‘Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through Grade Three’ with the Minister of Education and other school jurisdictions in the province and to renew our call for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for full-day kindergarten for students in high needs neighbourhoods.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**The board chair called the question on receiving the report for information.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2004-2005 School and Central Department Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2004-2005 School and Central Department Results’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson suggested that the board consider reviewing the Metro Continuing Education policy to bring its objectives in line with district priorities.

Trustee Keiver suggested that the results review documentation for Institutional Services be adapted to accommodate its unique circumstances.

Trustee Fleming noted from the school results that there were a number of concerns with respect to the adequacy of PO&M funding.

Trustee Gibeault suggested that the enhanced support for the City Centre Education Project be reviewed for the spring budget in light of the needs for enhanced support to other clusters of schools with similar high needs.

Trustee Esslinger noted concerns in the schools regarding the adequacy of funding to provide support for ESL students.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. Presentation by the Edmonton Logos Society

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation by the Edmonton Logos Society’ be received for information.”**

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, President Edmonton Logos Society, made a presentation commemorating the tenth year of the Logos Christian Program in the district. He commended the board and administration for its leadership and support of the program.

**The board chair called the question.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

There was a short break at this point.

7. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2004-05

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2004-05 be approved for forwarding to Alberta Education.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public School Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public School Students’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Colburn requested that a sampling of research be presented to board regarding the link between learning and healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition to highlight the work in the district in promoting healthy lifestyles for Edmonton Public School students this regard.

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the plan promoting healthy lifestyles for Edmonton Public School students for the 2005-06 school year as outlined in the report be approved.”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault and Gibson**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Fleming, Keiver, Nicholson and Williams**

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

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The board chair called the question on receiving the report for information.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. Update on the New High School in Riverbend/Terwillegar

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on the New High School in Riverbend/Terwillegar’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Response to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

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

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

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

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

Trustee Keiver requested an update regarding the June 28, 2005 motion to request emergent funding to complete essential facility modifications to accommodate students from our closed schools. Did we receive the funding and, if not, have we transferred the necessary funds from Capital Reserve so as not to detrimentally affect the budgets of the receiving schools.

K. **Notices of Motion** – None.

L. **Meeting Dates:**

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
December 13, 2005	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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**M. Adjournment: (8:55 p.m.)**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting.**

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**Board Chair**

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**Secretary**