

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #6 -**

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, January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Bob Holt  
Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker  
Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams

Rob Cameron  
Glen Haug  
Elvira Loewen  
Darrell Robertson  
Donna Watson

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** –  *District's O Canada DVD*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that the district has begun the process to consider the closure of High Park, Mill Creek and Newton schools, and the closure of the regular program at Mount Pleasant School. Public consultation meetings have been scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

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- Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at High Park School
- Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Mill Creek School
- Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Newton School and
- Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Mount Pleasant School

If a parent or a member of the public cannot attend the public meeting in their area, we ask that they share their input in written submissions. All nine trustees will have access to the input provided at the public meetings and from any written submissions. The district website ([www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca)) provides information regarding the proposed school closures and there is a link available on the site for providing e-comments.

The board will consider the outcomes and recommendations from the public consultation meetings at a special board meeting to be held Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The board chair noted it was Trustee Keiver's birthday.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 16, 2007

Trustee Gibson noted that a correction to the voting was required on page 7.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 16, 2007 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Riverbend School: A School in the “Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success” AISI Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Riverbend School: A School in the *Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success* AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Reports:**

3. Policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That the rescission of board regulation HCA.BR – School Year Calendar and replacement with new policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “2. That the rescission of board regulation HCA.BR – School Year Calendar and replacement with new policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “3. That the rescission of board regulation HCA.BR – School Year Calendar and replacement with new policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. School Year Calendar 2008-09

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “That the 2008-09 school year calendar be approved.”**

Trustee Nicholson noted that the concern about Alberta Education scheduling diploma exams being written so late in June is also shared by other Alberta school jurisdictions and requested this be considered as a policy submission for consideration by the ASBA to take to the province.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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5. Community Engagement

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Community Engagement’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Fleming noted that he had attended the ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007. It was mentioned that Alberta Education has a CD it is providing to school jurisdictions across the province regarding the great value of second language learning. Stuart Wachowicz is quoted on the back cover of the CD and once again brings acknowledgement to the district for its work in this area.

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

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None.

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment:** (7:35 p.m.)

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary