

- Board Meeting #7 -

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, February 8, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson
Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosdall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Berg
Don Blackwell
Ronda Borchert

Audrey Gardiner
Jennifer Lawley
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 3550: T. Jardine

A. O Canada

Students from Glenora School sang O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman noted that Random Acts of Kindness Week would be February 14 to 20, 2000. Information about Random Acts of Kindness Week has been posted on the district's website.

The chairman wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day on February 14, 2000.

The chairman also wished everyone a happy Family Day on February 21, 2000.

The chairman advised on the meeting with members of City Council on February 3, 2000. He noted that the following items were discussed: vacant sites; student transportation; aboriginal high school; and property taxes. He noted that both trustees and councillors were pleased with meeting.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 25, 2000

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #6 held January 25, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Hallmarks of Glenora School

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report entitled ‘Hallmarks of Glenora School’ be received for information.”

Trustee Melnychuk requested that trustees be provided with the booklet of information regarding the Glenora School kindergarten program.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

G. Reports:

3. Response to Edmonton Space & Science Centre Presentation

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “1. That the letter of endorsement be approved.**
- 2. That letters of support for the Edmonton Space & Science Centre under the chairman’s signature to the Premier and the City of Edmonton be approved.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson left at this point in the meeting.

Trustee Fleming assumed the chair.

4. Deferred Motion Re: Opening of Support Staff Collective Agreement

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “That the request from CUPE Local 3550 to open the support staff collective agreement for the purpose of discussing Clause 19.b relating to employee benefits be denied.**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma

- “1. That report #5 of the conference committee from the meeting held February 8, 2000 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “2. That for the period March 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000 the board pay the ASEBP Extended Health Care Surcharge on behalf of the district’s support, custodial and maintenance staff.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “3. That a request for capital support be forwarded to Alberta Infrastructure for the accommodation of Amiskwaciy Academy, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Nicholson was absent for this vote.

Trustee Nicholson returned at this point in the meeting and reassumed the chair.

5. Establishment of the 2000-2001 Budget Planning Base

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the following planning base for the preparation of the 2000-01 operating budget be approved:

	1999-00 Actual/Revised	2000-01 Proposed
a) Allocations to schools	\$ 336,100,000	\$ 347,000,000
b) Allocations to institutions	\$ 16,900,000	\$ 16,900,000
c) Utilities	\$ 11,400,000	\$ 11,400,000
d) debt services	\$ 36,900,000	\$ 36,900,000
e) transportation	\$ 16,100,000	\$ 16,400,000
f) Continuing Education Services	\$ 6,900,000	\$ 7,700,000
g) Professional Improvement Leaves	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
h) Supply Services	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
i) Allocations to central	\$ 29,400,000	\$ 30,600,000
TOTAL	\$ 459,500,000	\$ 472,700,000
Enrolment	80,498	81,400”

Trustee Sulyma requested that information be provided regarding why there is such a small increase projected for enrolment when the City is projecting greater growth.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. Board Policy JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That board policy JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects be affirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Board Policy ACB.BP – Multiculturalism and National Identity

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

“1. That amended board policy ACB.BP – Multiculturalism and National Identity be approved.

2. That current board policy ACB.BP – Multiculturalism be rescinded.”

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the last sentence of board policy ACB.BP – Multiculturalism and National Identity be amended to read: *The board strongly encourages all Edmonton Public Schools to conduct regular patriotic exercises such as the singing of the national anthem and displaying of the Canadian flag.*”

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Melnychuk requested clarification as to whether there is already a requirement that schools display the Canadian flag.

The chairman called the question on the Amended Recommendation.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8. Review of Board Policies re Tutoring and Field Trips

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“1. That the revised board policy HSHA.BP Tutoring be approved.

2. That current board policy HICA.BP – Field Trips be affirmed.”

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That HHA.BP be referred to the administration for clarification on the role of the principal in approving the use of volunteers and private tutors and to provide guidelines under which the policy will operate.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen and Melnychuk

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

The Referral was CARRIED.

Trustee Melnychuk requested that a cross-reference to the board regulation regarding volunteers be listed.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 784 and Exempt Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 784 and Exempt Staff’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. A Community-University Coalition for Child and Family Development

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘A Community-University Coalition for Child and Family Development’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2000-2001’ be received for information.”

Trustee Melnychuk requested information regarding the impact of the change in categories on the allocations to high needs schools. Which schools were previously considered high needs schools compared to the proposed list?

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. Plan for Program Distribution 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Plan for Program Distribution 2000-2001’ be received for information.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. Integrated Occupational Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Integrated Occupational Program’ be received for information.”

Trustee Hansen requested information on the percentage of students, who take 16 and 26 level academic courses but don’t have access to the occupational components, actually complete high school.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

14. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

15. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the passing of Maureen Louise Monaghan, a teacher.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

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

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

•Community Relations Activities

Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended the McNally Chinese New Year Celebration this morning. He was extremely impressed with the activities. He suggested next year having the McNally group appear before board as a Focus on Student Achievement item at Chinese New Year.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Jardine, president CUPE Local 3550, thanked the board for partially alleviating the issue of support staff benefit costs and looked forward to resolving the issue during upcoming collective bargaining.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 22, 2000	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (8:05 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary