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**- Board Meeting #4 -**

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, December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Lyall Thomson  
Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Tanni Parker  
Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams

Bruce Coggles  
Bryan Evans  
Nancy Iriye  
Sherri O'Keefe

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President

**A. O Canada – *O Canada DVD***

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

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

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that 8 district teachers have been awarded *2006 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence*.

Receiving a *Certificate of Excellence* is Mary-Ellen Perley Waugh from McNally School. Ms. Perley Waugh teaches grades 10 to 12 English language arts, world literature and creative writing.

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The *Certificates of Achievement* award recipients are:

- David Case of McNally School
- Robert Dmytruk of Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts and who is also the district's art consultant
- Shane Grundy of Meyokumin School
- Linette Smith of Eastglen School
- Christopher Heard of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy
- Joan Simpson of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy; and
- Frances Soanes also of Rites of Passage, Amiskwaciy Academy.

This year, 17 teachers received the Certificate of Excellence and 54 received the Certificate of Achievement.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 28, 2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held November 28, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction – AISI Project Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction – AISI Project Update’ be received for information.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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**G. Reports:**

3. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 22, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #1 of the Audit Committee from the meeting held November 22, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That submission of the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2006 to the Minister of Education be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 5, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That report #2 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held December 5, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “2. That the proposed revision to the board’s Principles of Board Operation statement be approved.”

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “That the statement *Channels of communication should be kept as free and open as possible between members of the board and the administration.* be retained.”

**The board chair called the question on the Amendment.**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Hansen

**The Amendment was CARRIED.**

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**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

5. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2005-06

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2005-06 be approved for forwarding to Alberta Education.”**

Trustee Esslinger referred to page 38 of the report and asked that Sherbrooke School be removed from the list of schools identified as surplus to district needs.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a short break at this point.

6. FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource Policy Review

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“1. That the revision of Board Policy FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“2. That revised Board Policy FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“3. That revised Board Policy FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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7. Busing Fees for Challenge Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the Board approve the designation of Challenge students into the special education fee category retroactive to September 2006.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the recommendation be amended to read: *That the board approve the designation of Challenge students into the special education fee category effective January 1, 2007.*”**

**The board chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR:            Trustee Fleming**

**OPPOSED:            Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault, Hansen, Keiver,  
Nicholson and Williams**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

8. Securing Provincial Government Commitment for Facility Needs Resulting from Sustainability Reviews

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Securing Provincial Government Commitment for Facility Needs Resulting from Sustainability Reviews’ be received for information.”**

Trustees indicated a preference to meet with elected officials in January 2007 rather than the proposed plan for the administration to meet with government staff members.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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9. Infrastructure Issues Resulting from “Sustainability Review” Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Infrastructure Issues Resulting from ‘Sustainability Review’ Process’ be received for information.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget’ be received for information.”**

Discussion of Trustee Gibson’s initiative *To engage community partners in support of improving high school completion* was deferred to the next board meeting.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public Schools Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

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

Trustee Fleming requested information on the feedback/advice Purchasing provides when schools forward contracts with food/beverage vendors.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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12. Alternative Programs Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Alternative Programs Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Response to Trustee Request for Information

This report was deferred to the next board meeting.

**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 – None.**

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

**M. Adjournment: (8:35 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary