

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #5 -**

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, January 16, 2001 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 Dossdall  
Ken Dropko  
Shirley Stiles  
Angus McBeath  
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Boggs  
Bev Crossman  
Vlad Eshenko  
Philip Grehan

Ken Marshall  
Ellen Ogilvy  
Bonnie Zack

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood  
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P.McNab  
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein  
CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting  
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

**A. O Canada**

Students from Dovercourt School sang O Canada.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 12, 2000

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held December 12, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

2. Board Meeting – December 19, 2000

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the minutes of the board meeting held December 19, 2000 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Dovercourt School: Language Development Through Music

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Dovercourt School: Language Development Through Music’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Reports:

Trustees Bonko and Hansen absented themselves from the meeting for the following item.

4. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 9, 2001)

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “1. That report #6 of the conference committee from the meeting held January 9, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**Trustees Bonko and Hansen were absent for this vote.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “2. That Faye Parker be approved as the spokesperson for the 2001 negotiations with the Alberta Teachers’ Association.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**Trustees Bonko and Hansen were absent for this vote.**

**Trustees Bonko and Hansen joined the meeting at this point.**

5. Eastwood School – Modified School Calendar

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “That the Eastwood modified school calendar be approved on a permanent basis.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Response to Delegation for a Junior High School to Serve the Jackson Heights, Kiniski Gardens, Larkspur and Wild Rose Neighbourhoods

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “That the submission to Alberta Infrastructure of a request for \$60,000 in concept development funding for 2002 to assist in reviewing the feasibility of a junior high school in the northeast Mill Woods/Meadows area be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Response to the Twin Brooks School Committee Delegation

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “That the request of the Twin Brooks School Committee that the board support the construction of an elementary school in the Twin Brooks neighbourhood be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. City Centre Education Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

- “That the report entitled ‘City Centre Education Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### 8. Delegation – L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

Mr. Dave Hubert and Mr. Roy Piepenburg made a presentation regarding their concerns about L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy.

Mr. Hubert stated that his request is that the district terminate its agreement with the Armed Forces. If the board is unwilling to do this, he requests that the portion of his school taxes that support the Vimy Ridge Academy be removed from his tax assessment. To facilitate this, he requests that this amount be calculated and that this calculation be provided. On the basis of this calculation, he will forward to the City of Edmonton his public school tax assessment minus the amount that pays for Vimy Ridge Academy.

Trustee Hansen wished to go on public record as taking umbrage with the parallel drawn between the teachings of Jim Keegstra and the focus on Canadian studies at L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Mr. Hubert made in his presentation.

The chairman advised Mr. Hubert and Mr. Piepenburg that, in keeping with board policy, they would receive a response to their request at the next board meeting.

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 10. Student Information Management System

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Student Information Management System’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Melnychuk asked that information be provided with respect to what happens in the case of substitute teachers and the SIS/SASI systems; e.g. the issuing of passwords, taking attendance.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a break at this point in the meeting.

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9. Presentations on the Proposed 2001-2002 Planning and Operating Budget:
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance)
  - Edmonton Public Teachers
  - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial)
  - CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)

Trustees and the board secretary were provided with a copy of the four employee groups' briefs prior to the presentations.

The chairman advised that a report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 13, 2000 board meeting. The presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators.

Mr. Bruce Cutting, president CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff), verbally presented the Local's brief.

Mr. Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, verbally presented the teachers' brief.

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474 (maintenance staff), verbally presented the Local's brief.

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, president CUPE Local 3550 (support staff), verbally presented the Local's brief.

Trustee Sulyma left at this point in the meeting.

### **MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the verbal presentations from the president CUPE Local 748, the president Edmonton Public Teachers, the president CUPE Local 474, and the president CUPE Local 3550 be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Trustee Sulyma was absent for this vote.**

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### 12. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2000 to November 30, 2000

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

**“That the report entitled ‘First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2000 to November 30, 2000’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**Trustee Sulyma was absent for this vote.**

### 13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

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

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the meeting be extended to complete the meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Trustee Sulyma was absent for this vote.**

## **H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

Trustee Melnychuk noted that ASBA Zone 23 would be meeting Friday, January 19, 2001. An advocacy luncheon meeting has been scheduled for the MLAs from Zone 23 (This Zone encompasses the area from Lloydminster to the border of British Columbia and includes 29 school boards). Twenty MLAs will be attending. Three topics will be discussed: infrastructure funding, funding in general and special needs. The information collected from school boards across the Zone with respect to these issues will be presented. Trustees are working on many fronts to ensure, during this election time, that as much information as possible is provided to MLAs concerning issues facing education.

**•Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

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

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, January 30, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment:** (9:05 p.m.)

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Secretary**