

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #11 -**

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, May 8, 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 Dosedall  
Ken Dropko  
Shirley Stiles  
Donna Barrett  
Angus McBeath  
Gary Reynolds  
Marion de Man

Del Bouck  
Laurie Elkow  
Mack Fysh

Stephen Lynch  
Les McElwain  
Lesley Sonnen

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood

Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab

**A. O Canada** - Carl Swanson from McKernan 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

The chairman advised that, on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the Excellence in Teaching Awards Gala was held in Calgary. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, he was pleased to offer congratulations to the nine teachers from Edmonton Public Schools presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Those teachers are:

- Sue Bailey, Alberta School for the Deaf
- Raymond Baril, W.P. Wagner School
- Gail Conquest, W.P. Wagner School
- Stacy Frigon, Capilano School
- Brian Mulder, Centre High
- Robert Nerenberg, Jasper Place School
- Sunita Sas, McArthur School
- Terence Van Leeuwen, Allendale School
- Dolores Whiting, Lansdowne School

The chairman advised that May 7 through 11 has been designated “Substitute Teachers Appreciation Week”. He acknowledged substitute teachers and their ongoing contribution to this district and schools throughout the province. Each day, substitute teachers provide an invaluable service to students and to their fellow teachers. They provide continuity in student learning and, although they may only see a group of students for one class or one day, they ensure that class time remains productive and achievement focused. He thanked substitute teachers on behalf of the board for all they do to help our schools be strong and our students successful.

### D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dosdall congratulated Karen Beaton who was newly elected as the president of Edmonton Public Teachers for the coming year.

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting – April 23, 2001

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of the board meeting held April 23, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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2. Board Meeting – April 24, 2001

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the minutes of the board meeting held April 24, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

3. McKernan School’s Junior High Enrichment Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘McKernan School’s Junior High Enrichment Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.)**

**G. Recognition:**

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**H. Reports:**

5. Report #14 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 1, 2001)

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“1. That report #14 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 1, 2001 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“2. That the designation of Doug Allen, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

**3. That the designation of Betty Kelman, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

**4. That the designation of Donna Watson, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.**

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5. That the designation of Diane Rolin, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
6. That the designation of Heather Raymond, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
7. That the designation of Arlene Bowles, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
8. That the designation of Joan Dewar, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.
9. That the designation of David Morris, as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 be confirmed.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustees Bonko and Hansen left the meeting for the following item.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

- “10. That the board’s negotiating committee be authorized to sign a new collective agreement following board ratification.
11. That the following objectives be approved:
  - To achieve a new collective agreement with no disruption in service.
  - To retain maximum flexibility for the board to organize the schools and the district.
  - To arrive at a fair compensation package for employees within the context of existing fiscal realities and the board’s responsible stewardship of public funds.
  - To approach financial discussions in the context of the interrelated impacts of salaries, benefits, hours of work, and other monetary items.
  - To explore approaches to addressing the impact of the rising cost of benefits.
  - To discuss approaches to professional improvement leaves and professional development for teaching staff.

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12. That the Board Bargaining Brief be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustees Bonko and Hansen were absent for this vote.

Trustees Bonko and Hansen returned to the meeting at this point.

6. Revised 2001-2002 Non-Resident and International Students

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their resident students be approved:

Level	Category of Student	Total Cost*	Net Cost*
Level 4	Academic Transition, Mild Academic Disability, Terra	6,071	992
Level 5	Communication, Hearing, Learning, Mild Mental, Moderate Academic, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple & Visual	9,426	4,249
Level 6	Physical, Medical, Moderate Mental Disability	10,522	5,314
Level 7	Severe Emotional/Behavioral Disability	17,977	1,281
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical, Severe Mental Disability	17,977	0
Level 8	Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical or Medical, Severe Mental Disability, Woodside	25,174	6,355
All	Transportation	Cost	Cost

\* These amounts reflect the average cost and do not include the cost of additional services that may be unique to individual student programming.

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2. That a Non-Alberta Student Fee equal to the total cost per student, plus \$500 be approved.

Trustee Nicholson asked how much in total the district is subsidizing funding levels 4 to 8 students.

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Issues for the 2001 ASBA Fall General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

- “1. That the submission of the following issues, as outlined in Appendix I, to the Alberta School Boards Association for consideration at the 2001 Fall General Meeting, be approved:

- a) *The goal of Career and Technology Studies (CTS) was to ensure “current curriculum” and flexibility of programming, yet no study has been done to assess the actual impact of CTS on students, schools, school districts, teachers and business and industry.*
- b) *School districts across the province have invested in technology far in excess of the provincial grant for technology. It is vital that the provincial support for education takes into consideration the need for adequate funding for technology to reflect the ‘total cost of ownership’.*

2. That the following issue, as outlined in Appendix II be forwarded to the ASBA Board of Directors for consideration at the Spring Annual General Meeting.

*Alberta Supernet will be phased in over a three-year period. Alberta Learning has suggested that school jurisdictions consider interim solutions. These interim solutions should be funded on an equitable basis commencing in September 2001.”*

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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9. Board Policy IGD.BP – Student Suspension and Expulsion

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “1. That, effective September 1, 2001, Donna Barrett and Marion de Man as members of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent be approved.
2. That effective August 31, 2001 Shirley Stiles, and effective immediately, Bruce McIntosh be deleted as members of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the superintendent be approved.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. Policy and Regulation Update – Edwin Parr Teacher Award

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

“That board regulation GCQE.BR – Edwin Parr Teacher Award be rescinded.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Policy and Regulation Update – Staff Leaves of Absence

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

- “1. a) That revised board policy GJ.BP – Staff Leaves of Absence be approved.
- b) That current board policy GJ.BP – Staff Leaves of Absence, be rescinded.
2. That current board regulation GJ.BR – Staff Leaves of Absence, be rescinded.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 12. Policy and Regulation Update – Reduction of Staff

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “1. a) That revised board policy GFA.BP – Reduction of Staff, be approved.  
b) That current board policy GFA.BP – Reduction of Staff, be rescinded.
2. That current board regulation GFA.BR – Reduction of Teaching and Exempt Staff, be rescinded.”

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 13. Policy and Regulation Update – Personnel Services

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

- “1. a) That revised board policy GAA.BP - Personnel Policies Priority Objectives be approved.  
b) That current board policy GAA.BP – Personnel Policies Priority Objective be rescinded.
2. That new board policy GB.BP – Authority for Personnel Decisions, be approved.
3. That new board policy GC.BP - Recruitment, Employment and Deployment of Staff, be approved.
4. a) That revised board policy GCA.BP – Qualifications for Employment, be approved.  
b) That current board policy GCA.BP – Qualifications for Employment, be rescinded.
5. That board policy GCB.BP – Appointments, be rescinded.
6. That board regulation GDA.BR – Designation, Appointment and Assignment to Leadership Positions be rescinded.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)



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### 14. Sale of a Portion of the Steele Heights School Site to the City of Edmonton

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

**“That, subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure, a land sale to the City of Edmonton affecting a .3298 hectare portion of the Steele Heights School site for the amount of \$14,000, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a break at this point.

### 8. Delegation – The Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education

Ms Kate Harrington and Mrs. Susan Dunnigan, representatives from the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education, made a presentation regarding inclusive education.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – The Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding what special needs programs are guaranteed funding and on what basis.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The chairman advised that decisions regarding requests made by delegations are normally dealt with at the next meeting of the board unless otherwise agreed to by a majority vote of the board. The next public board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2001.

### 15. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Interim Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Interim Results’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 16. 2001 Major Maintenance Plan

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘2001 Major Maintenance Plan’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Nicholson asked what the district’s inventory of portables was.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 17. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

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

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.  
•Community Relations Activities – None.**

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

The following is the text provided by Sonya Olsen, a member of the Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association, of her comments:

*I understand that I am only able to make comments. However, I have attempted to contact the board by telephone, fax and email all with no response. Therefore I have no alternative but to voice my comments/requests here this evening.*

*Queen Mary Park parents want to opt out of the City Centre Education Project. Allowing Queen Mary Park to remain open will not affect the success or failure of the project.*

*The parents association is prepared (and already had plans in motion before the closure) to fundraise with bingo’s and a casino to raise funds to provide the students at Queen Mary Park with school supplies. We will not require funding for busing and we are looking at ways to facilitate a hot lunch program. We will not require and do not want any of the “freebies” that have been offered. If opting out is not an option we have an alternative plan to suggest.*

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*John A. McDougall requires extensive upgrades and repairs. Would you be willing to delay the transfer of students to John A. McDougall for another year while the construction is completed and keep Queen Mary Park open during this period of time? In addition the children from John A. McDougall could attend school at Queen Mary Park for the same reason. This would be in the best interest of children with health concerns. As the parent of an asthmatic child this is a very serious concern. Other parents have mentioned this concern to me as well. During this time the children and parents could get to know each other and once the school is renovated parents might be more receptive to having their children attend John A. McDougall.*

*If this were truly a city centre project, why weren't all the schools in the city centre put on the list like Victoria School? It is overflowing and has a long waiting list to get into it. The elementary from John A. McDougall could have moved to Queen Mary Park and John A. McDougall could have been a satellite campus for Victoria School.*

*It is my hope that you will consider these options.*

The chairman advised that the administration would be contacting Ms Olsen to respond to her questions.

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

**L. Notices of Motion** – None.

**M. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
Tuesday, May 22, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**N. Adjournment:** (8:45 p.m.)

**The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.**

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**Chairman**

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**Board Secretary**