

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #12 -**

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, May 8, 2007 at 6:10 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Edgar Schmidt  
Bob Holt  
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker  
Betty Tams

Rob Cameron  
Bev Crossman  
Glen Haug  
Darrell Robertson  
Donna Watson

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Staff Group Representatives:**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President

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

B. **Roll Call:** (6:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair welcomed Mr. Edgar Schmidt to his first board meeting as the district's new superintendent of schools.

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**D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The superintendent indicated he was honoured to have been appointed superintendent of schools.

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 24, 2007

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 24, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Queen Elizabeth – A School in the “Engaging All Learners Through Differentiated Instruction” AISI Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Queen Elizabeth – A School in the *Engaging All Learners Through Differentiated Instruction* AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Recognition:**

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

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

**H. Reports:**

4. Report #13 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 24 and May 1, 2007)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“1. That report #13 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held April 24 and May 1, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “2. That the designation of Maureen Yates-Millions as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 3. That the designation of Ken LeLacheur as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 4. That the designation of John Hrdlicka as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 5. That the designation of Darryl Sutherland as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 6. That the designation of Darrin Degrande as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 7. That the designation of Leona Gordey as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 8. That the designation of Tiziana Fiorillo as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.**
- 9. That the designation of Wolf Kolb as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009 be confirmed.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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For 2006-2007

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “10. That the following changes be made to the per annum honoraria for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Conference Chair, and trustees of Edmonton Public Schools:**

	<b>Effective <u>September 1, 2006</u></b>	<b>Effective <u>January 1, 2007</u></b>
Chair	\$28,960	\$29,320
Vice-Chair and Conference Chair	\$25,370	\$25,685
Trustee	\$21,775	\$22,045”

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “11. That the following change be made to the per diem rate of \$109.20 for attendance at special meetings of the board and committees of the whole, budget and results review meetings, negotiation committee bargaining sessions and the annual meetings of the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta, the Alberta School Boards Association, and either the Canadian School Boards Association or Canadian Education Association:**

- . \$113.55, effective September 1, 2006.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“12. That, effective May 1, 2007, trustees eligible for coverage under the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan be enrolled in Extended Health Care, Plan 1.”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“13. That, effective September 1, 2006, trustees be provided with a health spending account similar to that provided to the exempt staff.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Gibson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**For 2007-2008 and 2008-2009:**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“14. That the Trustee Remuneration Philosophy be approved by the board.”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“15. That, in accordance with the Trustee Remuneration Philosophy, the per diem remuneration for trustee attendance at results and budget review committee meetings, trustee retreat and board working sessions, and general meetings of associations of which the board is a member (ASBA, PSBAA) be incorporated into the per annum honoraria.”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“16. That the following changes to the per annum honoraria for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Conference Chair, and trustees of Edmonton Public Schools be approved:**

	<u>Effective September 1, 2007</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2008</u>
Chair	\$35,060	\$35,360
Vice-Chair and Conference Chair	\$30,710	\$30,970
Trustee	\$26,360	\$26,585
	<u>Effective September 1, 2008</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2009</u>
Chair	\$36,390	\$36,780
Vice-Chair and Conference Chair	\$31,875	\$32,220
Trustee	\$27,360	\$27,655

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**The board chair called the question.**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Gibson

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“17. That the following changes be made to the per diem rate of \$113.55 for attendance at special meetings of the board and committees of the whole, negotiation committee bargaining sessions and Interpretation Committee meetings, meetings as appointed board representatives on external organizations where no remuneration is provided by the external organization (e.g., ASBA Zone 23, PSBC, ASBALE, and Linkages Committee), and the Canadian School Boards Association Annual General Meeting Conference:**

- . \$117.55, effective September 1, 2007;**
- . \$122.25, effective September 1, 2008.”**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Gibson

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“18. That, effective September 1, 2007, and at the end of each trustee’s service, such trustee shall receive deferred remuneration to ease the transition from such service. Such payment shall be made at the rate of two weeks per year of service as a trustee, and shall be determined by multiplying the number of years and part-years served by 1/26 of the “trustee per annum honoraria plus the average annual per diem honoraria” prevailing at the end of such service. The maximum amount payable to any individual shall not exceed one-half of the total trustee per annum honoraria plus the average annual per diem honoraria amount. A year of service as a trustee may only be counted once in any calculation of deferred remuneration.”**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Gibson and Keiver

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“19. That the disposition of a portion of the Avalon School and Lendrum School lands to the City of Edmonton for the purposes of constructing and operating a storm water dry pond be confirmed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP – Volunteers – Registration and Records Checks

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP – Volunteers – Registration and Records Checks be considered for the third time and approved.”**

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

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Keiver

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

6. Transportation Services Policy Review EEA.BP

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“1. That the revision of Board Policy EEA.BP – Student Transportation Services be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“2. That the revised Board Policy EEA.BP – Student Transportation Services be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**



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**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “3. That the revised Board Policy EEA.BP – Student Transportation Services be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Naming of Schools Policy Review FF.BP

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That the revision of Board Policy FF.BP – Naming of Schools be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “2. That the revised Board Policy FF.BP – Naming of Schools be considered for the first time.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “That the policy be amended to read as follows: The board reserves to itself the authority to name schools. In the naming of schools, preference shall be given to the names of persons *who are no longer in the active service of the board but* who have made a valuable contribution to education and to the community at large or the names of neighbourhoods.”**

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

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault and Keiver**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**The board chair called the question on Recommendation #2.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “3. That the revised Board Policy FF.BP – Naming of Schools be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a short break at this point.

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8. Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That the revision of Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “2. That the revision of Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “3. That the revision of Board Policy HGDJ.BP – Participation in Interschool Athletic Activities be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Introduction of the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Introduction of the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.”

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided to trustees regarding the areas principals were asked to consider in the budget documents.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. Immigrants and Refugees: Establishment of Three Clusters of Schools Serving English Language Learners (ELL)

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

- “That the report entitled ‘Introduction of the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.”

Trustee Keiver requested that trustees be provided with interim reports regarding the establishment of three clusters of schools serving English Language Learners at the end of June and end of August.

**The board chair called the question.**

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**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Concept Design Reports – Balwin and Holyrood Modernizations

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Concept Design Reports – Balwin and Holyrood Modernizations’ be received for information.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**The board chair called the question on receiving the report for information.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

12. Records Appropriately Managed Program (RAMP)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Records Appropriately Managed Program (RAMP)’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Bereavements

Board Vice-Chair Nicholson reported on the passing of Mr. Leo St. Pierre a member of the district’s custodial staff and Mr. Craig Hoselton, a member of the district’s teaching staff.

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

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

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I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- Community Relations Activities – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Keiver requested an update on the participation in Alberta Education's Computer Adaptive Assessment Pilot 2005-2007 that went to board October 11, 2005; e.g. number of students, intentions to continue and costs associated with this pilot project.

Trustee Gibson requested an update of the Supporting At-Risk Learners: District Attendance Pilot that went to board April 25, 2006.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: (9:15 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary