

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #11 -**

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 9, 2006 at 6:00 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  
Betty Tams

Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teaches: Mark Ramsankar, President  
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that six district teachers were presented with 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards at a gala hosted by Alberta Education on May 6 in Calgary. A total of 23 Alberta teachers received an Excellence in Teaching Award. These recipients were chosen from 446 nominees from across Alberta. She congratulated the following district recipients on behalf of the Board of Trustees: Scott Bezubiak, Ross Sheppard; Shou-Lan Cheng, Londonderry; Maureen Cimino, Jasper Place; Howard Molstad, Ottewell; Raffaella Montemurro, Virginia Park; and Deb Stirret, Ross Sheppard.

MINUTE BOOK

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 25, 2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held April 25, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Rundle School – Focus on Building Background Knowledge

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Rundle School – Focus on Building Background Knowledge’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Reports:**

3. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 25 and May 2, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “1. That report #8 of the Conference Committee from the meetings held April 25 and May 2, 2006 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “2. That the designation of Jody Toews as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.
3. That the designation of Terry Van Leeuwen as principal to the district, effective September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008 be confirmed.”

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

MINUTE BOOK

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “4. That authorization for the board’s negotiating committee be confirmed to sign a new collective agreement with the district’s custodial staff following board ratification.**
  
- 5. That the following objective be confirmed:**
  - To negotiate a collective agreement:**
    - that facilitates efficient and effective operations in support of the mission of the district,**
    - that reflects existing fiscal realities and the district’s ability to pay,**
    - with a duration that provides stability and opportunity for long-term planning, while enabling cost effectiveness, and**
    - without disruption of service.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “6. That authorization for the board’s negotiating committee be confirmed to sign a new collective agreement with the district’s maintenance staff following board ratification.**
  
- 7. That the following objective be confirmed:**
  - To negotiate a collective agreement:**
    - that facilitates efficient and effective operations in support of the mission of the district,**
    - that reflects existing fiscal realities and the district’s ability to pay,**
    - with a duration that provides stability and opportunity for long-term planning, while enabling cost effectiveness, and**
    - without disruption of service.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

MINUTE BOOK

4. Locally Developed Courses – Curriculum Additions, Renewals and Deletions

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a three year term:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
	Arabic Language Arts k-12 (bilingual program)	2006	High School 5 cr. ea.
	Hebrew Language Arts k-12 (bilingual program)	2006	High School 5 cr. ea.
	Elementary Dance	2006	n/a
	Arabic Language and Culture 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7031	Ballet 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7018	Canadian History - Pre Confederation	2006	n/a
JHS 8018	Canadian History - Post Confederation	2006	n/a
JHS 7035	Creative Writing 7-8	2006	n/a
JHS 7032	Dance 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7030	Discovery Option 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7050	Geometry 7	2006	n/a
JHS 8050	Geometry 8	2006	n/a
JHS 9050	Geometry 9	2006	n/a
JHS 9054	Humanities 9	2006	n/a
JHS 7750	ICT Foundations 7	2006	n/a
JHS 7585	Islamic Studies 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7016	Military History 7	2006	n/a
JHS 8016	Military History 8	2006	n/a
JHS 7023	Public Speaking /Debate 7	2006	n/a
JHS 7051	Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7034	Television Production and Writing 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 9019	Women's History 9	2006	n/a
JHS 7015	World History - Pre-history to 1500	2006	n/a

MINUTE BOOK

<b>Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
JHS 8015	World History - 1500-2000	2006	n/a
LDC 3234	AP Statistics 35	2006	5
LDC 1857	Applied Graphic Arts 15	2006	3 or 5
LDC 2857	Applied Graphic Arts 25		5
LDC 3857	Applied Graphic Arts 35		5
LDC 1412	Ballet 15	2006	5
LDC 2412	Ballet 25		5
LDC 3412	Ballet 35		5
LDC 2353	Black History Studies 25	2006	5
LDC 2467	Contemporary Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3467	Contemporary Dance 35		5
LDC 1412	Dance 15	2006	5
LDC 2412	Dance 25		5
LDC 3412	Dance 35		5
LDC 3477	Dance Composition 35	2006	5
LDC 2469	Jazz Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3469	Jazz Dance 35		5
LDC 1979	Musical Theatre <sup>1</sup> 15	2006	5
LDC 2979	Musical Theatre <sup>1</sup> 25		5
LDC 3979	Musical Theatre <sup>1</sup> 35		5
LDC 2475	Tap Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3475	Tap Dance 35		5
	Physiology of Dance/Sport 35	2006	5

<sup>1</sup> Acquired from Calgary Board of Education

2. That the following new courses, developed during the 2003-2004 school year, be approved for a three year term:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
	T.E.A.M. Leadership <sup>1</sup> 15	2006	3 or 5
	T.E.A.M. Leadership <sup>1</sup> 25		5
	T.E.A.M. Leadership <sup>1</sup> 35		5
	Exercise Science 35	2006	5
	Fitness Leader 35	2006	5

<sup>1</sup> Acquired from Calgary Board of Education

MINUTE BOOK

3. That the following locally developed courses be deleted:

Deaf Cultural Studies 15-25-35  
Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture 15-25-35  
German Language Arts 15-25-35  
German Language Arts k-9 (bilingual program)”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Student Transportation Carrier Contracts 2006-2009

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “1. That the transportation proposals for fixed and kindergarten noon routes for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 school years with the following carriers, be approved:

Briggs Bros. Student Transportation  
Cunningham Transport (1986) Ltd.  
Golden Arrow School School Buses Ltd.  
Laidlaw Education Services  
Red Arrow

2. That the transportation proposals for special needs transportation service for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 school years with the following carriers, be approved:

Briggs Bros. Student Transportation  
Red Arrow”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. 2004-2005 District High School Completion Rates

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘2004-2005 District High School Completion Rates’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

## MINUTE BOOK

### 7. Programming for At-Risk High School Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Programming for At-Risk High School Students’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a break at this point.

### 8. Introduction of the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Introduction of the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 9. Leasing Summary for 2005-2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Leasing Summary for 2005-2006’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### 10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

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

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

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Keiver advised that she had attended the Alberta Home and School Councils’ Conference and Annual General Meeting April 28 to 30, 2006. There were approximately 80 parents present. She advised that Cheryl Johner, a parent from Dickinsfield and Lago Lindo Schools, had been elected as the Edmonton Urban Public Regional Director.

Trustee Colburn advised that he had accompanied 100 staff, parents and students from Victoria to attend the Bloomsday Race in Spokane, Washington. He commended Principal Ingrid Neitsch and Department Head Ray Jorgensen for their leadership in supporting this event over the past 7 years. He noted that participants from Ross Sheppard and Jasper Place also took part in the race.

**MINUTE BOOK**

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the Second Annual *Music Monday* on May 1, 2006 at Victoria School which is a celebration to promote and encourage music education in Canada. Thirty-five of the district’s elementary, junior and senior high schools took part in the event which included a videoconference with the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and a school from Jonquiere, Quebec. At the end, students from 1000 schools across the country sang the song “A Little Music”. She congratulated the organizers of this event.

Trustee Esslinger advised that she and the superintendent had attended the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement today between McCauley School and Edmonton Public Libraries.

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

**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, May 23, 2006	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**M. Adjournment: (8:00 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Board Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**