

MINUTE BOOK

- Board Meeting -

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, April 24, 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 Dosdall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Donna Barrett
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds
Marion de Man

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:

CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman

CUPE Local 784: B. Cutting

A. O Canada - District video.

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 announced that 36 Edmonton Public Schools teachers have been selected as finalists for the 13th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. These teachers were chosen from 400 nominees by a selection committee of representatives from stakeholder groups and education partners in the learning community. The board of trustees looks forward to the opportunity to pay tribute and honour these finalists at a special board meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in McCauley Chambers.

The chairman advised that the May 2001 edition of The School Administrator Magazine, published in Arlington, Virginia profiles Edmonton Public Schools with four feature articles, including:

- *Edmonton's Enterprise* — an overview of the district by Superintendent, Emery Dossall which talks about new and innovative programs to adapt to the needs of the changing community and the focus on student achievement.
- *Decentralized Dollars and Decisions* — the reshaping of the district's central office, by department head of school and district services, Angus McBeath which provides an overview of the decentralized decision model and the services provided by Central Services to schools.
- *A System of Building Franchises* — the work of principals as franchise operators -- One of the captions reads ...” principals call all the shots, from budgets to bathroom tissue.
- *Creating Schools Without Capital* — the use of leased facilities to house many programs of choice – using the examples of Centre High and Amiskwacyi Academy

The chairman stated that, what makes Edmonton Public Schools work is our willingness to respond positively to changing realities while maintaining a focus on the bottom line of student achievement. We are not satisfied with just surviving – with the power of the collective will of our staff we try to find ways to thrive. This was demonstrated very clearly in the review of the budget and educational plans of the district's 209 schools and central services last evening. Through planning, monitoring and review we seek continuous improvement to provide the best education to our students.

He believed he spoke on behalf of the whole board when he said that he was very proud of the international recognition given in The School Administrator and was honoured to be associated with Edmonton Public Schools. He congratulated Dr. Dossall.

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D. Communications from the Board Chairman – None.

E. Focus on Student Achievement:

1. Inquiring Minds Program – Classrooms in the Community

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Inquiring Minds Program – Classrooms in the Community’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Report:

2. City Centre Education Project – Closure of Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

- “1. That the board supports enhanced programming for the schools of the City Centre Education Project.**
- 2. That the closure of Eastwood School junior high program at the end of the 2000-2001 school year be approved.**
- 3. That the closure of John A. McDougall School junior high program at the end of the 2000-2001 school year be approved.**
- 4. That the closure of Alex Taylor School at the end of the 2000-2001 school year be approved.**
- 5. That the closure of Queen Mary Park School at the end of the 2000-2001 school year be approved.**
- 6. That schools in the City Centre Education Project be exempt from the board-approved schedule of transportation fees, and that:**
 - a) Elementary and junior high students residing in attendance areas where a school or program is closed will be eligible for transportation at no cost to parents.**
 - b) Attendance area families registered in a school or program that is to be closed will have the option of being transported to one of two schools designated by the district.”**

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Trustee Melnychuk provided the administration with a copy of a report from the Rural Schools and Community Trust Policy Program – February 2000 regarding “Small Works”.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #1.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Melnychuk and Sulyma

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #3.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, and Nicholson

OPPOSED: Trustees Melnychuk, Sulyma and Williams

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #4.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Gibeault, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Melnychuk and Sulyma

The Motion was CARRIED.

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The chairman called the question on Recommendation #5.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustees Gibeault, Melnychuk and Sulyma

The Motion was CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #6.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

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

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

J. Notices of Motion – None.

K. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, May 8, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: (8:30 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary