

MINUTE BOOK

- Board Meeting #15 -

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, September 26, 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

Lyall Thomson
Donna Barrett
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe
Tanni Parker
Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Rob Cameron
Glen Haug
Nancy Iriye
Darrell Robertson
Donna Watson

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers - Mark Ramsankar, 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 – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – September 12, 2006

Trustee Gibson noted on page three of the minutes that he had moved the recommendations with respect to the report from the conference committee to board.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held September 12, 2006 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Interagency Collaboration – AISI Project Update

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Interagency Collaboration – AISI Project Update’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Addressing Programming Challenges for Students with Special Education Needs

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘Addressing Programming Challenges for Students with Special Education Needs’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Inclusion of Students with Special Education Needs’ be received for information.”

Trustee Fleming asked how many contracts there are between the district and private ECS operators.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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The Board took a short break at this point.

5. Update on Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Update on Victoria School for the Performing and Visual Arts’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. 2006 Community Survey Results

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2006 Community Survey Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. 2006 District Satisfaction Survey Results

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘2006 District Satisfaction Survey Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Fleming noted an article entitled *Clever red-necks* in the September 21, 2006 edition of *The Economist* this week which talks about the education system in Alberta and is extremely complimentary to our district. He provided the article to the superintendent.

Trustee Colburn advised that he had attended a day and a half conference in Red Deer this week sponsored by the Alberta Coalition of Healthy School Communities. This organization has been in existence for 15 years and seeks to provide resources and support to create opportunities for school districts to interact with other organizations to deal with school health. There were delegates from Nova Scotia, Manitoba, BC and Alberta.

The board chair advised that she, Trustees Gibson and Keiver, Superintendent Thomson and other district staff attended the High School Symposium presented by Alberta Education at the Shaw Conference Centre this weekend. The symposium addressed the issue of high school completion.

The board chair advised that she, Trustees Fleming and Williams, attended the event today at Centre High to welcome Strathcona EMS as a new partner.

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. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (8:25 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary