

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #17 -**

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 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

David Colburn  
Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver  
George Nicholson  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Angus McBeath  
Donna Barrett  
Bob Holt

Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe  
Edgar Schmidt

Tanni Parker  
Gerri Falk

**Chairman:** Svend Hansen

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**Employee Representatives:**

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 Chairman**

The chairman advised that the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce recently presented a 2005 Alberta Centennial Business Award to Edmonton Public Schools. The award recognizes the district's 100 years of service and commitment to the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta and contributions to the pioneering spirit, charitable character and continued prosperity of our community.

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The chairman advised that October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Custodial Workers Recognition Day. The district appreciates and values the members of CUPE Local 474, our custodial staff, whose work helps create clean, safe environments that support teaching and learning every day.

The chairman advised that on October 5<sup>th</sup> over 100 countries including Canada will celebrate World Teachers'. The board values the contributions teachers make to students every day.

The chairman advised that Read-In Week is scheduled for October 3 to 7. This year's theme, *Stories that Live On* or *S'il vous plaît...raconte-moi une histoire...*, is a tribute to the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of READ IN and the 100th birthday of Alberta. This theme recognizes Alberta's past, present and future, its diversity including multiculturalism, and celebrates those stories in written and oral traditions and celebrates the power and permanence of story. Tribute will also be paid to the Late Honorable Lois Hole, a champion of literacy and Alberta. The opening ceremonies will be held on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 at McKay Avenue School the site of the first session of the Alberta Legislature. He invited all Edmontonians to participate in READ-IN 2005.

The chairman advised that the district's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Awards Night will be held Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The board will be recognizing over 80 students who have achieved excellence and distinguished themselves in the areas of academic studies, fine arts, athletics, vocational choices and community involvement.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #16 – September 13, 2005

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held September 13, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Improving the Achievement of At-Risk Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Improving the Achievement of At-Risk Students’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**G. Reports:**

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3. Responses to Questions Raised at the September 13, 2005 Board Meeting

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

- “1. That the request that the board provide compensation for the lunch fees and transportation costs for Junior High students who had attended Strathearn School be denied.**
  
- 2. That the request for information regarding the plans for Strathearn School be provided.”**

Ms Deanna Dixon urged the board to provide compensation for the lunch fees and transportation costs for junior high students who had attended Strathearn School.

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “That Recommendation #1 be deferred to the October 11, 2005 board meeting in order that more information can be provided.”**

Trustees requested that information be provided with information with respect to:

- exact costs
- which students would be affected including students from other schools that were closed
- historical information with respect to what was done when other junior high schools have been closed.

**The chairman called the question.**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault**

**The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.**

**The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### 4. Update on Receiving Schools

**MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Update on Receiving Schools’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Esslinger asked how many former Wellington students now attending Rosslyn School purchase bus passes.

Trustee Hansen asked how many former Strathearn students now attending Kenilworth School do not pay lunch fees.

The chairman requested that the responses to these questions be provided in the information that will be brought forward October 11, 2005 with respect to the previous agenda item.

Trustee Keiver requested that an update be provided on the status of the Balwin playground following the meeting in October between the administration and the Balwin Parent Advisory and the City of Edmonton Community Recreation Coordinator.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 5. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2005

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2005’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. 2005 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey Results

7. 2005 Community Survey Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the reports entitled ‘2005 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey Results’ and ‘2005 Community Survey Results’ be received for information.”**

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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8. Presentation by Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Presentation by Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations’ be received for information.”**

The chairman advised that a report will be brought back to the October 11, 2005 board meeting in response to the requests that were made by NAARR.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Response to Trustee Request for Information’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson (re TT#82) requested that a chart be provided with respect to library technician FTEs similar to that provided for teacher FTEs for learning resources.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Gibeault, the board’s representative on the ASEBP Board, noted that the ASEBP Board of Directors had acknowledge the work of Bob Holt and David Fraser in assisting employees returning to work.

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

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

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**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

*That the following questions be added to the Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey:*

- 1. If your child takes Edmonton Transit to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?*
- 2. If your child takes Yellow Bus to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?*
- 3. Considering the school fees you are asked to pay and the services they provide, how satisfied are you that the current school fees are reasonable?*
- 4. How satisfied are you with the fundraising activities at your child's school?*

**L. Meeting Dates:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT TIME</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 11, 2005</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

**M. Adjournment: (8:15 p.m.)**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting.**

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**Board Chairman**

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**Secretary**