

## MINUTE BOOK

### - Board Meeting #14 -

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, June 12, 2007 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  
Bob Holt  
Ron MacNeil  
Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker  
Betty Tams

Sue Bell  
Rob Cameron  
Bruce Coggles  
Bev Crossman  
Bryan Evans  
Gerry Falk  
Glen Haug

Linda Inglis  
Nancy Iriye  
Henry Madsen  
Gary McCorquodale  
Darrell Robertson  
Donna Watson


**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

B. **O Canada** –  Students from the Prince Charles Elementary Choir *Awasisak Nikamowak* (translates into children singing) sang O Canada.

1. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Recognition of National Aboriginal Day’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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C. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent advised that members of superintendent's council and the administration were present this evening to answer questions with respect to the budget deliberations.

E. Minutes:

2. Board Meeting #13– May 22, 2007

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 22, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Michael A. Kostek School: Empowering Students Using Assessment for Learning – AISI Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Michael A. Kostek School: Empowering Students Using Assessment for Learning – AISI Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Reports:

4. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 22, 2007)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“1. That report #16 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held May 22, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That Allan Jack's principal designation to the district, effective September 1, 2007, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

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- “3. That the following designations for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed:**

**Donna Barrett – Executive Director  
Betty Tams – Executive Director” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “4. That the following designation for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010 be confirmed: June Mielnichuk – Managing Director” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- “5. That subject to the approval of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, an equal area land exchange with the City of Edmonton for 2,196 square metres of land adjacent to the Ross Sheppard School site for a portion of the Westmount Transit Centre, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Motion re Student Transportation

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That, when an elementary school or program has been closed, students from within that attendance area and currently enrolled at that school be provided with transportation at no cost to the parents to the designated receiving school for the duration of their elementary enrolment at that school. Students must be eligible, according to district regulations, to receive transportation services.”**

**The board chair called the question.**

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

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

**The Motion was DEFEATED.**

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### 6. Motion re District's Three-Year Capital Plan

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the board send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern about the lack of a consistent timely response to the district's three-year capital plan.”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustees Hansen and Gibson**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

### 7. Board Self-Evaluation Process

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the timeline for and administration of the 2006-2007 School Board Self-Evaluation Questionnaire be approved.”**

Trustee Hansen suggested that a future board evaluation committee reduce the number of indicators used.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 8. Board Review of 2007-2008 Plans and Expenditures Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Board Review of 2007-2008 Plans and Expenditures Budget’ be received for information.”**

#### a) Discussion of 2007-2008 Plans and the 2007-2008 Budget

- Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews
  - elementary schools
  - elementary-junior high schools
  - junior high schools
  - senior high schools

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- Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews

Trustees noted the following concerns identified at the school and central services budget review meetings:

- there is not enough PO&M money to meet demand
- meeting the day-to-day maintenance needs of schools
- support is required to meet Occupational Health and Safety requirements
- the 3.2% provided by government will not be enough to maintain staffing levels if salaries go up
- a general increase in class size will take place in grades 4-12 next year
- obtaining the necessary number of supply staff on a timely basis
- children aged 2-5 with severe special needs receive a lot of support; however, when they reach school age the support disappears.
- Aboriginal students are spread out in schools across the district and require support
- ELL Centres provide excellent service in assessing students; however, once students are assessed the school must provide the necessary services
- a suggestion was made that immigrant settlement agencies could provide numbers of expected arrivals
- schools want the community to be able to access their facilities after hours; however, there isn't enough money to cover the costs
- even when schools are open to public through the Joint Use Agreement, the local community often times does not have access to the neighbourhood school
- parental and community involvement and feedback in the budget process is important – perhaps best practices can be shared
- the number of schools to be reviewed by trustees should be limited to allow sufficient time for discussion
- evening trustee budget and results review meetings should be considered in order to encourage attendance by the public

Trustees also noted the following from the school and central services reviews:

- schools are pleased with services provided to English language learners
- the district is providing tremendous IT support to students and staff
- there are excellent mentorship programs taking place in district high schools such as Braemar, McNally and W.P. Wagner
- appreciation was expressed by the schools for the services provided by the district's maintenance staff

b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2007-2008 Budget – None.

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- c) Consideration of Trustee Motions to the 2007-2008 Budget – None.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Approval of the Proposed 2007-2008 Expenditures Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the 2007-2008 proposed expenditures budget in the amount of \$700,394,000 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board took a short break at this point.

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“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.**

10. Edmonton Public Schools’ *Three-Year Education Plan 2007-10*

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the district’s *Three-Year Education Plan 2007-2010* be approved for forwarding to Alberta Education.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. 2008-2009 International Student Tuition Fee

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That an international student tuition fee of \$11,000 be approved for the 2008-2009 school year.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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12. Review – Proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “2. That proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “3. That proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “4. That, in accordance with the authority granted by Section 69 of the *School Act* proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety be considered for the third time at this meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “5. That proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety having been considered three times at this meeting, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Review – Proposed Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “1. That proposed Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “2. That proposed Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

- “5. That proposed Board Policy GBE.BP –Health and Wellness of Staff and Students having been considered three times at this meeting, be approved.”**

Trustee Colburn requested a copy of the policies and research on health and wellness that were reviewed in the preparation of Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students.

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding the comprehensive school health concept.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

14. Response to Trustee Request for Information

**MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:**

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



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### 15. Delegation of Authority – 2007 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

- “1. That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the *School Act*, any special board meetings during the 2007 summer recess be at the call of the board chair or, in her absence, the board vice-chair.**
- 2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, delegation of authority to the acting superintendent of schools to make decisions during the 2007 summer recess on behalf of the board be approved.**
- 3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first board meeting in the fall of 2007.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

- Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the luncheon and awards presentation of the Edmonton Journal’s 2006/07 High School Basketball, Volleyball and Football All-Stars on June 5, 2007.

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

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

### **K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hansen served the following notice of motion:

*That the administration develop a plan to advocate for students aged 2-5 currently enrolled in our early education programs such that they will continue to receive the same level of support from all government ministries once they reach 6 years of age in order to continue their education.*

### **L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

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The board chair, on behalf of the board of trustees, acknowledged the tremendous work of district staff and their commitment to students during the past year. She wished everyone a safe and restful summer.

The superintendent noted that Executive Director Corinne McCabe, would be leaving the district to become the Superintendent in Chilliwack, BC. She will be greatly missed and he wished her the best.

**M. Adjournment: (9:50 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary