

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #16 -**

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, September 14, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Trustees:

Bill Bonko  
Carol Anne Dean  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson  
Terry Sulyma  
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dosedall  
Ken Dropko  
Shirley Stiles  
Angus McBeath

Gary Reynolds  
Lorraine Berg  
Don Blackwell  
Ronda Borchert

Audrey Gardiner  
Jennifer Lawley  
Carol Zbitnew

Chairman: G. Nicholson

Secretary: A. Sherwood

Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab  
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman  
CUPE Local 3550: T. Jardine

**A. O Canada**

The district's O Canada video was shown.

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

Mrs. Sherwood advised that Trustee Hansen was absent. All other trustees were present.

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### C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman welcomed trustees and staff back to the first board meeting of the school year. He looks forward to a very positive and productive year.

### D. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Dosdall introduced 6 of the 13 members of the Superintendent's Council: Lorraine Berg, Don Blackwell, Ronda Borchert, Audrey Gardiner, Jennifer Lawley and Carol Zbitnew. The members of Superintendent's Council will take turns attending board meetings and will serve as resource people to answer trustee questions regarding what is happening in district schools.

### E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #15 – June 22, 1999

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held June 22, 1999 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

2. Board Meeting – June 28, 1999

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting held June 28, 1999 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Critical Learnings Project

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Critical Learnings Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Reports:**

7. Report #19 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting held June 28 1999)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “1. That report #19 of the conference committee from the meeting held June 28, 1999 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “2. That the district pay the surcharge as levied by the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP).”**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Sulyma**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “3. That the district contract with a benefits consultant to explore employee benefit services and costs.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

- “That the recommendation be amended to read: *That the district contract with a benefits consultant to explore employee benefit services and costs in cooperation with those employee groups who choose to be involved in the review.*”**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustee Gibeault**

**OPPOSED: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams**

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**The chairman called the question on the original recommendation.**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Bonko, Fleming, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Dean and Gibeault

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

5. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 1999 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 1999 Summer Recess’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Year 2000 Capital Planning

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Year 2000 Capital Planning’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Hazardous Materials Management Project

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Hazardous Materials Management Project’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Melnychuk noted that the ASBA had put forward a resolution urging the provincial government to monitor air quality in schools.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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8. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 1999 to May 31, 1999

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 1999 to May 31, 1999’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding a breakdown of suspensions and expulsions by school level and the reasons for them.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information – June 22, 1999

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information – June 22, 1999’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding the reasons for the enrolment increase in French as a Second Language.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10. Read-In '99 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mrs. Esther Starkman, Chair Read-In' 99, advised that the official Read-In '99 kick-off will take place on Sunday, October 3, 1999 at the City Centre Campus – Grant MacEwan College from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the official ceremony to take place at 11:30 a.m. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Read-In.

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the verbal report entitled ‘Read-In '99 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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11. Process for Results Review and Three-Year Planning

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the process and timeline for review of 1998-99 results, amendments to 1999-2002 plans, and review of the 2000-2001 operating budget be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Aboriginal Education: Goals for 1999-2000

**MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Education: Goals for 1999-2000’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership Status Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership Status Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. 1998-99 Student-Parent-Staff District Satisfaction Survey Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Dean:**

**“That the report entitled ‘1998-99 Student-Parent-Staff District Satisfaction Survey Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

15. Community Survey Results 1998-99

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Community Survey Results 1998-99’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

16. Progress Report on Preparation for the Turn of the Century

**MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Progress Report on Preparation for the Turn of the Century’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### 17. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

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

Trustee Nicholson requested that information be provided regarding whether any district high school is offering or considering offering American Sign Language as a Second Language.

**The chairman called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 18. Bereavements

The Vice-Chairman reported on the deaths of Mrs. Carol Mazzolini, a member of the teaching staff; and Ms Brenda Skoglund, a member of the custodial staff.

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

#### **H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

•**Community Relations Activities – None.**

#### **I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, wished the board well with its deliberations in the coming year. He then advised that both Edmonton Public and Catholic Teachers are holding the Teacher Talent Showcase on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre for World Teachers’ Day. All proceeds will go to the Success by Six. He urged trustees to attend and provided tickets to trustees for purchase.

#### **J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Williams asked that information be provided regarding whether the board or district was doing anything for the Wayne Gretzky celebration in addition to what schools are doing.

#### **K. Notices of Motion – None.**

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L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, September 28, 1999	Public Board	6:00 p.m.

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

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary