

Eastern School Board

June 2, 2008

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Monday, June 2, 2008, at District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Jeff King
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. Dave Dibbon
Mr. Rick Martin
Ms. Rosalind Robere

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Ford Rice, Assistant Director, Programs
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director,
Rural Education & Corporate Services
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance & Administration
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Peach informed the Board that Dr. Dibbon has been appointed to the position of Dean of Education, Memorial University. Congratulations have been extended on behalf of the Board.

The Chair asked that a *proposed meeting schedule for 2008-09* be placed on the agenda as item 6.4.

Motion: Moved by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Jim Hearn that the agenda be amended to include the Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2008-09. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The Chair of the Programs Committee asked that it be noted that Heather Churchill from Learning Disabilities presented to the Programs committee. It was the consensus of the group that this would be added to the minutes.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Ken Best, that the minutes of the Board meeting of May 6, 2008, be adopted as amended. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

5.4. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEE**

5.1 **Executive – May 26, 2008.** Distributed for information purposes. The *Green Report* was distributed for information purposes. It was noted that recommendations are being developed and will be brought to the full Board. Administration will continue to work through the Green Report and any Trustee with issues to raise is asked to please raise them with the Executive.

5.2 **Planning & Priorities – May 26, 2008.**

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Chris Hammond that the capital priorities for 2008-09 be approved as follows:

New School Construction

1. St. Teresa's School
2. Carbonear K-9 School
3. Bishops College/Booth Memorial

Remaining new school construction projects: (listed alphabetically)

Coley's Point Primary
Holy Heart of Mary
Larkhall Academy
St. Joseph's All Grade – deferred for later review

Renovations/Extensions: Priorities

1. Clarenville Middle
2. Beachy Cove Elementary
3. Virginia Park Elementary
4. Topsail Elementary cafeteria
5. Roncalli Elementary redevelopment

Remaining outstanding renovation/extension projects (listed alphabetically)

Beaconsfield Junior High
Persalvic Elementary
St. Andrews Elementary
St. Anne's Academy
St. Francis School

Carried.

It was agreed that the Director would forward a list of all approved project including renovations, extensions, and new construction to Trustees for information purposes.

It was noted that \$150,000 renovation is taking place at St. Joseph's All Grade and that additional funds are required to handle the identified needs. New windows are being installed in parts of the building to help facilitate air quality. It was noted that most schools do not have a full ventilation system.

Concern was raised that the Planning and Priorities Committee had entertained a presentation from John Coady, as a Board decision had been made on this issue previously. It was also noted that the School Board can not contravene the bussing regulations of Government.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Board write Mr. John Coady advising that the Board felt that adequate information has been available to the Board on the Pine Line situation and it will not change a previous board decision regarding cross bussing. Carried, with Chris Hammond against.

Mr. Pike advised that Administration is writing to the Department of Education seeking clarification on the situation for September and if the parents would be notified before the end of the school year.

Further requests to meet with the Board/Committees would be reviewed before granted.

5.3 Finance & Property – May 26, 2008

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jim Hearn that the Board approve the amendments to Policy DKCC: *Travel - District Employees and School Board Trustees*. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by George Sheppard that the Board approve the 2008-09 Operating Budget. Carried.

5.4 Programs – May 21, 2008

The Chair of Programs noted John Barron and Brad Clarke from the Department of Education presented on *Futures in Skilled Trades & Technology Program*.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Jerry Rice that the Board approve Policy GBL: *Recognition Program – Student and Employee*. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the Board approve amended Policy JFABC: *Student Registration & Transfers*, as amended. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board approve amended Policy ADD: *Safe & Caring Schools*. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Jack Murphy, that the Board approve amended Policy JDL: *Guidance*. Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 **Education Foundation.** Trustee Rice reminded the Board that the Annual Charity Golf Tournament is set for June 19 at Clovelly Golf Course, St. John's. All prizes are greatly appreciated, as well as volunteers for the day. There are 25 teams signed up and tee off is at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

The Foundation has accessed a grant from Service Canada and has hired a summer student for next 6 weeks.

Appreciation was expressed to Trustee Rice for his continued good work with the Foundation.

- 6.2 **Strategic Planning.** The final draft of the strategic plan was distributed. It incorporated input from the recent study session.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded Jim Hearn, that the Strategic Plan 2008-2010 be approved, with future un-substantive edits. Carried.

The Board extended sincere appreciation for the excellent work in the preparation of the document.

- 6.3 **Appointments to Committees.** With the appointment of the two new Trustees, it was recommended that both be appointed to a Board committee.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that Jeff King be appointed to the Education Foundation and that Anne Marie Furlong be appointed to the Programs Committee. Carried.

6.4 Board meeting scheduled 2008-09. A draft regular meeting schedule was distributed for consideration. After discussion the following resulted:

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the meeting schedule for 2008-09 be as follows, with all meetings being held at the District Offices in each location:

September 17, 2008	Burin
October 22, 2008	Vista
November 19, 2008	St. John's – Annual General Meeting
December 11, 2008	St. John's
January 2009	NO MEETING
February 4, 2009	St. John's
March 4, 2009	St. John's
April 7, 2009	Avalon West
May 6, 2009	Vista
June 17, 2009	St. John's

Carried.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Director's Report was circulated. Mr. Pike highlighted events of the month, making special note of the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) conference in St. John's which was organized by Bill Tucker and Lyn Moore. Mr. Pike also highlighted the extensive Arts Festival.

It was noted that this report will be posted on the Board website, sent to principals with a request to have posted and made available to staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the meeting move to closed session at 9:00 p.m. Carried.