

Eastern School Board

March 3, 2006

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Friday, March 3, 2006, at Amalgamated Academy, Bay Roberts. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Mr. Don Blackmore
Dr. Ed Brown
Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Mr. Jerry Rice (*road conditions*)
Ms. Rosalind Robere (*road conditions*)
Mr. Eric A. Snow (*death of father*)

Also in attendance: Dr. Darin T. King, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Darrin Pike, Assistant Director, Programs
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed the public to the meeting and advised the public that Trustee Eric A. Snow was absent due to the recent passing of his father. The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Don Blackmore, newly appointed trustee for Zone 4, Bonavista.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was requested that Student Assistant Allocations be added to the Business Arising.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by George Sheppard, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of February 1, 2006, be adopted
Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 **Mobile School Site.** Dr. King advised that there are ongoing discussions with the R.C. Episcopal Corporation regarding the school site and approval is expected, pending a site plan. It is expected that this project will move forward in the spring. Consensus on the floor plan is pending. It was agreed that the local Trustee would be included in the meeting with the School Council and staff regarding the floor plan.

4.2 **Student Assistant Allocation.** The Director reported that there has been no response to our correspondence. NLSBA has been approached to bring this forward and have written on our behalf.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Northeast Avalon Regional DARE Committee.** A request from Trustee Rice to have this correspondence referred to the Finance Committee with a view to recommending financial assistance was brought forward.

Motion: Moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the Finance Committee review this request to bring forward a recommendation re the DARE program. Carried.

5.2 **Central Regional Health Authority.** Several health authorities have made a similar request to have school properties smoke free. The Director advised that the Central Health Authority has been advised that Eastern School Board has a smoke free policy that is being phased in. It was agreed that the Director would bring back to the next meeting the status of the phase-in period and when to expect the policy to be fully implemented.

6. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

6.1 **Education Foundation – February 8, 2006.** A verbal report was presented highlighting the scholarships awarded and giving notice of the Foundation's Golf Tournament set for this spring. All Trustees were asked to support this event.

Motion: Moved by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board accept the Education Foundation report as presented. Carried.

- 6.2 **Planning & Priorities – February 20, 2006.** The Chair gave an overview of the district and stated that the Board has a responsibility to make wise use of resources and to provide a high quality of programming for all students. It was noted that the plan being released is a draft, based on the process to date. It was noted that a second phase will be undertaken in the growth areas of St. John's, Conception Bay South, Mount Pearl and Paradise.

The Chair of the Planning & Priorities Committee, Dr. Hearn, noted the following recommendations for new school construction in the report:

- 2008 Holy Trinity Elementary, Torbay
St. Joseph's All Grade, Terrenceville
- 2009 Laval High School, Placentia
St. Teresa's Elementary, St. John's
- 2010 Davis Elementary, Carbonear
Holy Heart of Mary, St. John's

and the following recommendations for renovations/extensions:

- 2006 Roncalli Elementary (k-6), St. John's – Extension
Virginia Park Elementary (k-6) St. John's – Renovate/Extend
Paradise Elementary (k-6), Paradise – Extension
Topsail Elementary (k-5), Topsail – Extension
St. Andrew's Elementary (k-6), St. John's – Remove portables/extension
St. Edward's Elementary (k-6), Kelligrews – Extension
- 2007 Ascension Collegiate (10-12), Bay Roberts – Renovate/Extend
Clarenville Middle School (4-8), Clarenville – Extension
Leary's Brook Junior High (709), St. John's – Extension (anticipated completion 2007)
- 2008 Bishops College (10-12), St. John's – Renovate/Extend
Larkhall Academy (k-6), St. John's – Renovation
- 2009 St. Anne's Academy (k-9), Dunville – Renovation
- 2010 Persalvic Elementary (k-9), Victoria – Renovation
St. Francis School (6-9), Harbour Grace - Renovation

The attached Notices of Motion and all recommendations for Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15 were tabled for debate and decision on April 10, 2006 at a public School Board meeting at Marystown Central High.

The attached Notices of Motion and all recommendations for Zones 6 through 13 were tabled for debate and decision on June 7, 2006 in St. John's at Holy Heart of Mary High School.

It was noted that the draft Multi-Year School Organization and Capital Works Plan will be available after the meeting and will also be posted on the School Board website.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the Hearings Schedule Spring 2006 be adopted.

Motion: Moved by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Rick Martin to amend the motion to have Burin hearings held in Rushoon and that additional hearings will be held as deemed necessary, in consultation with staff and the local trustees. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Hearings Schedule Spring 2006 be tabled until more detailed information is provide. Defeated.

Amended Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Chris Hammond that the Hearings Schedule Spring 2006 be approved with adjustment to venues for the convenience of presenters, including the Burin Region being held at Rushoon. (*attached*) It was noted that additional hearings would be held as deemed necessary, in consultation with the local Trustees. Motion carried with Ken Best voting against.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

This report was distributed for information purposes. The Chair complimented the Director on the new format of the report.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Jim Hearn.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 10 – Avalon East Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- I. J. Samson Junior High School, St. John's, will close when an extension and necessary renovations are completed to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Bishops College, but not earlier than June 2008.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Students from Cowan Heights Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then to Bishops College.
- Students from St. Mary's Elementary will feed to Holy Cross Junior High and then to Holy Heart of Mary High School.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 2 – Burin Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 2 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Pearce Junior High, Salt Pond, will close June 2009.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Donald C. Jamieson Academy, Salt Pond, be reconfigured from a K-7 to K-8 school.
- Grade 8 students from the Salt Pond catchment area will be rezoned to attend Donald C. Jamieson Academy, Salt Pond.
- Grade 9 students from the Salt Pond catchment area will be rezoned to attend Marystown Central High School, Marystown.
- Grades 8 and 9 students from the Marystown catchment area will be rezoned to attend Marystown Central High School, Marystown.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 8 – Avalon West Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 8 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- St. Edward's Elementary, Placentia, will close when a new school is built to replace Laval High School, Placentia and the necessary renovations are completed to St. Anne's Academy, Dunville, but not before June 2009.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Renovations will be required for St. Anne's Academy, Dunville.
- St. Anne's Academy, Dunville will be reconfigured from a K-9 to a K-6 school.
- A new school will be constructed to replace Laval High School, Placentia.
- Laval High School, Placentia will be reconfigured from a 9-12 to a 7-12 school.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 2 – Burin Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 2 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- St. George's School, English Harbour East, will close June 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- St. George's School's catchment area will be rezoned for students to attend St. Joseph's All Grade, Terrenceville.

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ZONE 2 – Burin Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 2 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- St. Thomas School, Grand Le Pierre, will close June 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- St. Thomas School's catchment area will be rezoned for students to attend St. Joseph's All Grade, Terrenceville.

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ZONE 2 – Burin Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 2 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Sts. J. Fisher & T. More, Petite Forte, will close June 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Sts. J. Fisher & T. More's catchment area will be rezoned for students to attend Christ the King School, Rushoon.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 10 – Avalon East Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will close when an extension and necessary renovations are completed to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Bishops College, but not earlier than June 2008.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Booth Memorial High School's catchment area will be rezoned for students to attend either Bishops College or Holy Heart of Mary High School.
- An extension and renovations to accommodate program and space needs of additional students will be required for Bishops College.
- Students from Cowan Heights Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then to Bishops College.
- Students from Bishop Abraham Elementary, Holy Cross Elementary and St. Mary's Elementary will feed to Holy Cross Junior High and then to Holy Heart of Mary High School.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 3 – Vista Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 3 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Clarenville Primary School, Clarenville, will close when an extension is added to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Clarenville Middle School, but not earlier than June 2007.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Balbo Elementary, Shoal Harbour, will be reconfigured from a K-8 to a K-3 school for all students in the Clarenville / Shoal Harbour catchment area.
- Clarenville Middle School, Clarenville, will be the Grades 4-8 school for all students in the Clarenville / Shoal Harbour catchment area. All students then proceed to Clarenville High School.
- An extension will be added to Clarenville Middle School to accommodate extra students.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
ZONE 6 – Avalon West Region**

March 3, 2006

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 6 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Harbour Grace Primary, Harbour Grace, will close when a new school is built to replace Davis Elementary, Carbonear and the necessary renovations are completed to St. Francis School, Harbour Grace, but not before June 2010.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Davis Elementary, Carbonear will be reconfigured from a K-5 to a K-8 school for the Carbonear catchment area.
- St. Francis School, Harbour Grace will be reconfigured from a 6-9 to K-8 school for the Harbour Grace catchment area.