

# Eastern School Board

*December 3, 2009*

## 1. OPENING

A meeting of the Eastern School Board took place on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chair, Milton Peach

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair  
Mr. Ken Best  
Mr. Jack Cumben  
Mr. Fred Douglas  
Mr. Darrin Feehan  
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong  
Mr. Chris Hammond  
Mr. George Joyce  
Mr. Des Linehan  
Mr. Rick Martin  
Mr. John McCarthy  
Mr. Eric A. Snow  
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. Jim Hearn  
Mr. George Sheppard

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

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by John McCarthy, that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

### 3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Ken Best, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of October 21, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Darrin Feehan, seconded by John McCarthy, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 13, 2009 be adopted as corrected. Carried.

It was noted that there was an election for Vice Chair with Trustees Winsor, Hearn and Best offering themselves for the position. Also Mr. Linehan was to be added to the list of those present and Jerry Rice removed.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 **Clarendville Area Schools.** Background information was distributed. The CEO updated the meeting on the process to date regarding schooling in the Clarendville zone.

**Motion:** Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the Board rescind its decision regarding Zone 3 Clarendville Area Schooling passed April 10, 2006. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that

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

**WHEREAS** in further consultation with the stakeholders in the Clarendville area; and

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

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that:

- Clarendville Primary School, Clarendville, will close when an extension is added to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Balbo Elementary, Shoal Harbour.

**BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

- Balbo Elementary, Shoal Harbour, will be reconfigured from a K-8 to a K-6 school for all students in the Clarendville / Shoal Harbour catchment area.

- Clarenville Middle School, Clarenville, will be reconfigured from a Grades 4-8 school to a Grades 7-9 school for all students in the Clarenville / Shoal Harbour catchment area. All students then proceed to Clarenville High School.
- Clarenville High School, Clarenville, will be reconfigured from a Grades 9-12 school to a Grades 10-12 school for all students in the Clarenville/Shoal Harbour catchment area.

Carried.

## **5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

### **5.1 Executive – November 14, 2009**

This report was distributed for information purposes.

### **5.2 Planning & Priorities – November 25, 2009**

**Motion:** Moved by Fred Douglas, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the Board approve the capital projects listing (as attached) for submission to the Department of Education after prioritization by Administration. Carried.

It was suggested that capital projects listing is a Finance & Property issue and therefore should have gone to Executive and not Planning & Priorities Committee, in the absence of a Finance Committee. It was suggested that when ranking of the priorities is done, the information will be returned to the Board for information. It was necessary to submit the capital listing to the Department of Education for consideration for pre-budget consultations in the immediate future.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Board Committees 2009-10**

**Motion:** Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Fred Douglas, that the Board Committees 2009-10 be approved. Carried.

The Chair advised the Board that the Executive is also the Planning & Priorities Committee. The Chair asked that the Committees meet following this meeting to select a Chair for 2009-10.

### **6.2 Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association (NLSBA)**

- a. Role & Report.** An update was provided from NLSBA. The Chair gave an overview of the makeup of the Association and its purpose. Mr. Peach noted that in July 2010 the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) will be holding Congress 2010 in St.

John's. The CEO advised that all Trustees are preregistered for Congress 2010. Mr. Rice also advised that Eastern School District is responsible for the program for Congress.

Mr. Rice highlighted the Atlantic School Boards Association Conference (ASBA) set for January 2010. It was noted that any trustee wishing to attend the ASBA conference in Prince Edward Island was asked to contact the Office of the Director for registration.

**6.3 Strategic Plan 2008-11.** Mr. Rice provided an overview of the process followed to prepare the Strategic Plan. Following the 17 sessions held throughout the district, the plan was drafted, noting both challenges and strengths. The CEO advised that the Board Committees will be introduced to the main issues in the Strategic Plan at their first meeting.

**6.4 Update-Capital Projects.** A listing noting the current status of Capital Projects was distributed. These are projects that have been approved in the past year. Trustees were encouraged to contact the Office of the Director with any individual questions on the listing.

## 7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rice presented a report for the past month, highlighting the H1N1 planning and the successful initiative undertaken in the district.

The Director provided information on the Paradise schools and the catchment areas for the three schools to be ready for September 2010. It was noted that this was very confidential information at this time and will be distributed to the parents of Paradise on Monday, December 7.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Moved by Darrin Feehan, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the meeting moved to closed session at 8:40 p.m. Carried.

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Signature

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Date