

## Eastern School Board

February 4, 2009

### 1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

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

Absent with regrets: Ms. Rosalind Robere  
Mr. Derek Winsor

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, Communications  
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair suggested that any Trustee wishing a copy of the documentary on Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School – *Heart & Soul* should contact the Office of the Director, where it would be available.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

**Motion:** Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the agenda be accepted. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

It was noted that Jeff King was present at the meeting in December.

**Motion:** Moved by Jeff King, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the minutes of the Board meeting of December 11, 2008, be adopted as corrected. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 **Meeting with Minister of Education – Update.** The Chair provided a brief synopsis of the meeting, noting that the letter had not been received from the Minister of Education at this time responding to the Board’s previous correspondence.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEE**

5.1 **Executive – January 19, 2009.**

Recommended amendments to Policy BIBA would include #5.0 omit *...and his/her...*; #8.0 omit *...or his/her designate...* and **add** section 9.0 CEO/Director of Education.

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board approve revised Policy BIBA: Professional Development for Trustees with noted amendments. Carried.

5.2 **Planning & Priorities – January 19, 2009**

The Chair of the Committee reported that the committee agreed to hear a presentation from the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips and that the local Trustee would be invited.

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Board endorse the concept of the full community school-integrated service delivery model. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Chair write the Department of Education asking consideration for the new standards for acoustical performance when new facilities are being built. Carried.

It was agreed that an explanatory meeting be sought with officials of the Department of Education to discuss these standards.

### 5.3 Programs – January 22, 2009.

Congratulations were extended to Mary Tucker for her presentation at the recent ASBA conference.

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board approve revised Policy GCC Teacher Leave as presented. Carried.

Discussion was held on the length of contract for teachers who would be accepted to the Teacher Induction program.

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board approve revised Policy GCH Teacher Induction. Carried.

### 5.1 Finance – January 28, 2009

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Budget Status Report for the 6 months ended December 31, 2008, including the revised budget estimates, be accepted. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board approve borrowing up to \$150,000 for the purchase of photocopiers. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board accept Policy BIDA Trustee Entertainment Expenses. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board approve revised Policy DKCC: Travel: District Employees and School Board Trustees. Carried.

The format of Policy DKCC would be re-formatted to make it more readable – classifying trustees and staff individually.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Melvin Lambe that based on legal advice, the Board sign the agreement proposing a surrender of lease, accepting the transfer of the leasehold interest in the Lawn School Property to Eastern School District. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board ratify a decision of a predecessor School Board and seek ministerial approval to finalize the disposal of the former St. George's Property, New Harbour. Carried.

A discussion was held on the request for funding and the partnership between the school council and the district.

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board write the Federation of School Councils commending them for their efforts on behalf of the students. However, it was felt that funding for this organization should be allocated directly through Government and the suggestion be made that the request for funding be referred to the appropriate department for action. Carried with Dr. Dibbon opposing.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 **Minister of Education** re Land Exchange, Vista Regional Office. This correspondence was distributed for information purposes. Ministerial approval was provided for the exchange of property with Shoal Investments Limited, on condition that there is no cash payment or any other consideration.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Eastern Education Foundation.** Mr. Jerry Rice provided a short update on the business of the foundation.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Pike distributed his monthly report, highlighting areas for information purposes.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Principal, Lake Academy, Derrick Reid, was named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals by the Learning Partnership. It was agreed that Mr. Reid would be invited to speak to the Board prior to a Board meeting when it is held in the Burin Region.

Mr. Pike provided a report on the Board of Governors meeting of NLSBA held recently. A discussion was held on the CSBA 2010 congress being held in St. John's and ESD involvement.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on regular motion.