

Eastern School Board

October 4, 2006

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at Vista Regional Office, Clarendville. 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
Mr. Don Blackmore
Dr. Ed Brown
Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jack Murphy *arrived 8:00 p.m.*
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Mr. Jerry Rice
Mr. George Sheppard

Also in attendance: Dr. Darin King, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Darrin Pike, Assistant Director, Programs
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance
Mr. Ed Walsh, Assistant Director, Rural Schools
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 20, 2006, be adopted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of June 19, 2006 be adopted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Don Blackmore, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of June 7, 2006, be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 **Draft Annual Report 2005-06 and Audited Financial Statements.**

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the draft Annual Report 2005-06 and the Audited Financial Statements be approved for submission to the Minister of Education. Carried.

It was noted that phase 2 of the planning process was expected to begin this fall. The Chair noted that the new committees would consider this and make a recommendation.

4.2 **Board Meetings.** This issue is being brought forward from the Executive Committee report.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

5.1 **Programs – September 13, 2006**

Motion: Moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Don Blackmore, that the Board approve Policy EF: Nutrition. Carried with Mr. Best voting against.

It was noted that on the second page of the Transition Period, under Beverages 7-12, it should read "...minimum of 80%..."

Motion: Moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the Board approve Policy EF: Nutrition – Transition Period as corrected. Carried, with Mr. Best voting against.

Motion: Moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the Board approve Policy IL: Assessment & Evaluation. Carried.

It was noted that an ISSP/Pathways review commission has been appointed by Government and that report will be very detailed. If necessary, this policy will be reviewed after the commission's report is released.

It was raised that communication and reporting to parents is not consistent throughout the district. The Director noted that the specifics are not included in the policy but in regulations that are being developed. There will, however, be flexibility for schools.

5.2 Finance – September 28, 2006

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ed Brown, that the audited financial statements to June 30, 2006 as amended be approved by the School Board. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board write the Minister of Education seeking approval to establish a \$4 million revolving line of credit to assist the Board in its cash flow for the 2006-07 school year. Carried.

The Director advised that there have been no complaints from schools regarding the extra funding to replace school fees previously charged.

5.3 Executive – September 28, 2006

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board approved the following venues for the Board meetings for 2006-07

November 1	Avalon West Region	Carbonear Collegiate	Carbonear
December 6	Avalon East Region	Holy Trinity High	Torbay
January 10	Avalon East Region	Newtown Elementary	Mount Pearl
February 7	Avalon West Region	Coley's Point Elementary	Coley's Point
March 7	Vista Region	Discovery Collegiate	Bonavista
April 18	Burin Region	Sacred Heart Academy	Marystown
May 16	Avalon East Region	Villanova Junior High	Manuels
June 13	Avalon West Region	St. Catherine's Academy	Mount Carmel

Carried.

The Director informed the Board that when meetings are held in the various schools throughout the regions, School Councils could be invited to attend, with a view to having

time at the end of the meeting to network with the local school councils to obtain feedback regarding local restructuring issues.

It was suggested that when the Executive meets with the Minister of Education regarding the compensation package for staff, the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistants should be included in the discussions. It was also suggested that, if this meeting does not yield satisfactory results, the Board offer appropriate salaries to the staff and debate with Government over this issue after the fact. The Chair advised that this will be moved forward quickly.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 **Department of Education** – 2004-05 Annual Report. It was noted that this was for information purposes.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **Report from Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association.** Mr. Peach gave an overview of the written report circulated. Concern was raised over the replacement of the Executive Director of NLSBA by the Chair. Concern was also expressed over the compensation paid to the replacement Executive Director. The Chair reported on the rationale for that decision.

Trustees asked that their concerns be raised at the next NLSBA meeting, including the constitutionality of the decision.

7.2 **School Board Committees 2006-07.**

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board Committees 2006-07 be approved as presented. Carried.

- 7.3 **Eastern Education Foundation – Report.** Mr. Rice was not in attendance and therefore the report was deferred to another date.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Education Foundation Report be deferred to the next regular meeting. Carried.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** This report was distributed for information purposes. Dr. King gave an overview of the report. Of particular note was the retirement of Hayward Blake, REO, AW, and his significant contribution to education in the district.

It was requested that the Board receive a short presentation on NISEP, with a possibility of including a student presentation.

The Director was asked to coordinate the meeting of the various committees as soon as possible to facilitate the election of the Committee Chairs.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor.