

Eastern School Board

February 6, 2008

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at the Holy Redeemer Elementary, Spaniard's Bay. 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
Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Mr. Rick Martin

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

The Chair welcomed John Way, Senior Education Officer, Avalon West Region, to the meeting as well as the Deputy Mayor of the Town of Paradise.

Trustee Winsor advised the Board that Mr. Frank Butler, Associate Director of Athletics, MUN, recently passed away. Mr. Winsor requested that the Board, under the Chair's signature, write the family, expressing condolences and sympathies. This was agreed.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair requested that a report on the recent NLSBA meeting be added to the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the agenda be adopted with amendment. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the minutes of the School Board Meeting of December 5, 2007, be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 There was no business arising.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

5.1 **Executive – January 15, 2008.** This report was circulated for information purposes. This list of board meetings/sessions for the winter/spring was included in this report.

5.2 **Planning & Priorities – January 15, 2008.** This report was circulated for information purposes.

5.3 **Programs – January 16, 2008**

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board approve the revised Policy *GCI: Professional Growth*. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board approve the agenda for the Programs Committee be forwarded to all Trustees for information purposes prior to scheduled meetings and that if any Trustee has an inquiry about an agenda item or would like to attend the scheduled meeting that they should contact the Director of Education.

Amendment to Motion: Moved by George Sheppard, seconded by Ken Best, that the motion be extended to all committees' agendas, on a trial basis. Amendment lost.

Amendment to Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, to extend approval to Finance committee agenda as well, **on a trial basis**. Carried.

Main Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board approve that the agenda for the Programs and Finance & Property Committees be forwarded to all Trustees for information purposes prior to scheduled meetings and that if any Trustee has an inquiry about an agenda item or would like to attend the scheduled meeting that they should contact the Director of Education. This would be a on a trial basis. Carried.

5.4 Finance & Property – January 24, 2008

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the School Board approve the following four sites as proposed by Tract Consulting Inc. for recommendation to the Minister of Education.

Replacement for current Paradise Elementary School:

Priority #1 – Site near the Youth Centre owned by the Town of Paradise

Priority #2 – Site owned by Karwood Properties

New School for Paradise area:

Priority #3 - Elizabeth Park off Kenmount Road owned by Paradise Properties Ltd.

Priority #4 – Elizabeth Park off Aragon Street owned by Paradise Properties Ltd.

Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the Budget Status Report and revised budget for the six months ended December 31, 2007, be accepted. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the capital listing of small to medium projects as prioritized be approved.

Amendment to Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that St. Kevin's Senior High soccer field would be moved to item 26, when funding is available. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the capital listing of small to medium projects as prioritized, with amendment of St. Kevin Senior High soccer field being moved to item 26 when funding is available, be approved.

Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 **Education Foundation.** Mr. Rice reminded the meeting that the annual golf tournament is set for June 19, prior to NLSBA AGM, and will be held at Clovelly Golf Course, St. John's. He also advised that Councilor Ron Ellsworth has agreed to the chair of golf tournament.

The education foundation scholarships will be announced within the next few weeks. Changes to the selection for scholarships will be distributed to all for information purposes.

6.2 **Board Meeting Date – May & June 2008.**

Due to various commitments, the following was decided.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the May regular meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 6, and the June meeting will be held on Monday, June 2. Carried.

- 7.2 **NLSBA Report of Meeting.** The Chair provided a report on the January 10 & 11, 2008, meeting. Mr. Peach highlighted that an oath of office for elected officers will be raised at the AGM as well as the issue of amendments to the constitution, particularly the change regarding the term of the chair. It was noted that article 5 would be deleted so that the Board of Governors will not have the right to extend the term of any officer. It was suggested that this be put on agenda before the election at the AGM so it would become effective immediately.

Mr. Peach advised that the NLSBA Atlantic convention will be hosted in St. John's in January, 2009. The CSBA AGM will be hosted by NLSBA June 2010 in St. John's. It was also noted that in September 2010, the French Congress will be held in St. John's. This is considered a great opportunity for French teachers.

It was agreed that Trustee Chris Hammond would report on the Atlantic School Boards Congress in Halifax 2008 at the next meeting.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

The Chair asked the new Director, Mr. Pike to provide highlights of the past two months. Mr. Pike made particular note of NISEP funds of \$250,000 that will be made available to all schools for computer technology as a one time event.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Jim Hearn.