

Eastern School Board

April 10, 2006

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Monday, April 10, 2006, at Marystown Central High School, Marystown. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. David Dibbon

Also in attendance: Dr. Darin T. King, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Asst. Director of Education – Finance/Admin
Mr. Richard Harvey, Asst. Director of Education – Personnel
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager - Communications
Mr. Ford Rice, Senior Education Officer
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed the public to the meeting. He thanked all for their interest in their schools.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Rosalind Robere, that the agenda be adopted with Item 7 - Director's Report being moved up. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of March 3, 2006, be adopted Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 There was no business arising

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Minister of Education – Allocation of Student Assistant Support .** The Director was asked to investigate when/if the committee referenced by the Minister met.

6. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

6.1 It was noted that the Executive Committee minutes were reviewed in a privileged session due to the nature of the personnel issues.

6.2 **Finance & Property – March 29, 2006**

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the revised Policy D-DKCC – *Travel: Trustees and Employees* be accepted by the School Board. (copy attached). Carried with Trustee Best abstaining.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jim Hearn, that approval be granted to move through the tender and award process for 30 photocopier units totaling approximately \$500,000, and to proceed with leasing arrangements to finance this purchase. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Don Blackmore, that approval be granted to proceed with the removal of three portable classrooms and interior renovations at St. Andrew’s School at an estimated cost of \$330,000.00.

Concern was expressed over the impact accepting this recommendation would have on the multi year plan and an extension for St. Andrews. The Director advised that as a result of Occupational Health & Safety review of the building, Government will provide funding to remove the portables. This should not impact funding from the new budget or any future requests from ESD.

Motion: Moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Ken Best, to amend the motion to remove “...*interior renovations at St. Andrew’s School*” and replace with “...*to move forward with the first phase of the extension plan.*” Motion to amend defeated.

Original motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by George Sheppard, that approval be granted to proceed with the submission to the Department of Education a capital application for a ventilation system for Paradise Elementary School. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by George Sheppard, that approval be granted to use the special incentive funding available to proceed with the construction of the classroom extension for Paradise Elementary School. Carried.

6.3 **Programs – February 22 & March 13, 2006.** These reports were circulated for information purposes.

It was noted that a Math presentation would be included on the agenda for the regular May monthly meeting

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

This report was distributed for information purposes and Dr. King provided highlights. The Director noted that the report is available on the Board Website for public viewing.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 **NLSBA – Budget 2006-07** The Chair advised that the NLSBA budget had been presented to the Board of Governors for presentation to the School Boards for consideration.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Proposed Budget 2006-07 for NLSBA be approved as presented. Carried.

8.2 **Staffing Update.** The Director distributed a *process and guidelines* documents to explain the Staffing process.

8.3 **Restructuring.** Trustee Rice asked that a paper ballot be used for voting. The Chair noted that By-Laws of ESD required that if asked, it is required to have a paper ballot. Mr. Kenway, Grant Thorton, would oversee the balloting.

Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, that in Zone 15 – Motion 1

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 15 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to construct an extension to Paradise Elementary, Paradise.

Motion Zone 15(1) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, that in Zone 15 – Motion 2

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 15 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to construct an extension to Topsail Elementary, Topsail.

Motion Zone 15(2) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, that in Zone 15 – Motion 3

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 15 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to construct an extension to St. Edward's Elementary, Kelligrews.

Motion Zone 15 (3) Carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice, that in Zone 14 – Motion 1

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 14 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Mount Pearl Intermediate, Mount Pearl, will be reconfigured from a 4-9 school to a 5-9 school, effective June 2006.
- Morris Academy, Mount Pearl, will be reconfigured from a K-3 school to a K-4 school, effective June 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- The current Grade 3 students at Morris Academy will remain at Morris Academy for Grade 4 before moving to Mount Pearl Intermediate for Grades 5-9.

Motion Zone 14(1) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that in Zone 5 – Motion 1

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 5 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Roncalli Central High School, Avondale, will be reconfigured from a 5-12 school to a 7-12 school, effective June 2006.
- Grades 5 and 6 students from Immaculate Conception, Colliers, will be rezoned to attend Holy Cross Elementary, Holyrood.
- Grades 5 and 6 students currently at Roncalli Central High School, Avondale, will remain at the school and be transitioned out.

Motion: Moved by Jack Murphy, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the motion be amended to have Roncalli a 6-12 school effective June 2006 and a 7-12 school effective June 2007. That Immaculate Conception School, Colliers, be reconfigured to a K-5 school September 2006 and a K-6 school September 2007; and that the current grade 5 & 6 students at Roncalli continue at that school.

Motion to amend Zone 5(1) carried.

Amended Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that in Zone 5 – Motion 1(a) be approved as follows:

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 5 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Roncalli Central High School, Avondale, will be reconfigured from a 5-12 school to a 6-12 school, effective June 2006 and to a 7-12 school, effective June 2007.
- Immaculate Conception, Colliers, will be reconfigured from a K-4 school to a K-5 school, effective June 2006 and to a K-6 school, effective June 2007.
- Grades 5 and 6 students currently at Roncalli Central High School, Avondale, will remain at the school and be transitioned out.

Motion Zone 5(1)(a) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Eric A. Snow that in Zone 4 – Motion 1

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

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 4 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Discovery Collegiate, Bonavista, will be reconfigured from a 8-12 school to a 9-12 school, effective June 2006.
- Catalina Elementary, Catalina, will be reconfigured from a K-7 school to a K-8 school, effective June 2006.
- Matthew Elementary, Bonavista, will be reconfigured from a K-7 school to a K-8 school, effective June 2006.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- The current Grade 7 students at both Catalina Elementary and Matthew Elementary will remain at their perspective schools for Grade 8 before moving to Discovery Collegiate for Grades 9-12.

Motion Zone 4(1) carried.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Chris Hammond to extend the meeting one hour. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Rick Martin that in Zone 3 – Motion 1

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.

Motion Zone 3(1) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Milton Peach, that in Zone 3 – Motion 2

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:

- Swift Current Academy, Swift Current, will be reconfigured from a K-12 school to a K-6 school, effective June 2006.
- Grades 7-12 students from Swift Current Academy will be rezoned to attend Tricentia Academy, Arnold's Cove.

Motion Zone 3(2) defeated.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jerry Rice, Swift Current Academy be reconfigured to a K-8 and 9-12 students from Swift Current Academy attend Tricentia Academy.

Motion defeated. As there were no other motions, the Chair advised that there will be status quo in Swift Current Academy.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice that in Zone 2 Motion 1

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.

Motion Zone 2(1) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice that in Zone 2 – Motion 2

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.

Motion Zone 2(2) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that Zone 2 – Motion 3

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:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to replace St. Joseph's All Grade School, Terrenceville, with a new facility.

Motion Zone 2(3) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Eric A. Snow that in Zone 2 – Motion 4

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.

Motion Zone 2(4) carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Chris Hammond that in Zone 2–Motion 5

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.

Motion Zone 2(5) carried.

The Chair thanked the Planning and Priorities Committee and the administration for the intensive work carried out in relation to this process to date.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the ballots be destroyed.
Carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on a motion by Jim Hearn.