

Eastern School Board

December 11, 2008

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Jeff King
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. George Sheppard

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 welcomed Ms. Lisa Pike, Consultant for the Education Foundation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion: Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the agenda be accepted. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the minutes of the Board meeting of October 22, 2008, be adopted as corrected. Carried.

It was noted that page 3 (5.3) of October 22, 2008, should readhistory of the land “acquisitions”....

Motion: Moved by Rick seconded by Eric A. that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 17, 2008 be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

The Board was advised that correspondence had been sent to the Minister regarding school extensions needed. The Chair noted that a meeting with the Minister is expected to be held within the next week. The Director advised that the extensions will not be completed for September.

A request from the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips to meet with the Board regarding a town recreation complex was referred to the Planning & Priorities Committee. It was agreed that if Planning & Priorities Committee decide to comply with the request, the Committee may also decide to include the Finance & Properties Committee.

5.4. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEE**

5.2 **Programs – November 12, 2008.** This report was circulated for information purposes.

Programs – December 3, 2008

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that Policy JJE: School Fundraising be approved. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that Policy GBA: Employment Equity be approved, as corrected. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Derek Winsor, that Policy JLI: Secure Schools/Lockdown be approved. Carried.

Mr. Best, Chair of the Programs Committee, noted that the Programs agenda is circulated to all trustees to allow individual Trustee input, as desired, at the Committee level.

5.1 Finance – November 12, 2008

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board approve the budget status report and revised budget for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Board approve the preparation and forwarding of a letter to accept in principle the proposed land exchange as presented involving the Vista Regional Office and the owner of the land. The cost of the survey and legal fees would be negotiated by the Assistant Director of Education (Finance & Administration). The exact dimensions will be determined in consultation with the Regional Operations Manager for Vista Region. The letter must state that any agreement will have to be approved by the Minister of Education and the Board. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board accept the document submitted by the Town of Grand Bank, on condition that the Town re-survey the back portion of land at the rear of John Burke High property at the Town's cost, and provide updated surveys to Eastern School District. The administration will negotiate with the surveyor, and get the remainder of the property surveyed at Board cost so that a full survey of the land is available. Carried.

Finance & Property – December 2, 2008

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Capital Projects listing as revised, including St. Mary's Portable Classrooms, be approved and submitted to the Department of Education. The District will work with Government to determine the appropriate priority within the block rankings. Carried.

It was noted that on page 3 of the Capital Funding Requirement, line 3 should be changed to ...“replace” instead of “remove” portable classrooms for St. Mary's.

It was agreed that the use of portable/modular classrooms would be referred to the Planning & Priorities Committee. It was noted that although the use of modular classrooms had been rejected by the Board, consideration may be given for their use for a specific reason and for a special time.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 **Department of Education** re Carbonear land option. This was distributed for information purposes. It was noted that the request for a land option was denied by Government as funding is not available in the current fiscal year.

- 6.2 **Department of Education** – October 15, 2008 – Torbay land option. This was distributed for information purposes. It was noted that this request had been denied by Government as a new school has not been announced.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **Eastern Education Foundation** – Annual Report 2007-08. Ms. Lisa Pike, Consultant with the Education Foundation, provided an overview of the annual report.

Mr. Rice distributed an update on the work of the foundation, including funding provided to schools and community groups for various projects related to students. Mr. Rice suggested that local trustees who would like to present the various cheques to schools should contact Ms. Pike to make arrangements.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Annual Report for the Eastern Education Foundation for 2007-08 be tabled. Carried.

7.2 **Board Committees 2008-09.**

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board Committees 2008-09 be approved, with the addition of Rick Martin's name to the Executive. Carried.

The Chair asked that each committee meet following the Board meeting to select a chair for the 2008-09 year.

- 7.3 **April Board Meeting Date.** The Chair advised that several Trustees and the CEO will not be in the province on April 7, which would necessitate a change in meeting date.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the April board meeting would be cancelled. Carried.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on regular motion.