

## **Eastern School Board**

*January 12, 2005*

### **1. OPENING**

A meeting of the Eastern School District took place on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, in the Avalon West Regional Office, Spaniards Bay. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by the Chair, Bruce Peckford.

Members present: Bruce Peckford, Chair  
Danny Button  
Ron Ellsworth  
Joan Marie Gatherall  
Angus Gilbert  
Cyril Hayden  
Jim Hearn  
Mel Hong  
Joe Keating  
Rick Martin  
Vi Parsons  
Brendan White

Absent with regrets: Earl Elliott

Also in attendance: Dr. Bruce Sheppard, Director of Education  
Mr. Richard Harvey, Assistant Director, Personnel  
Dr. Darin King, Assistant Director, Programs  
Mr. Eric Snow, Assistant Director, Finance & Administration  
Mr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director, Rural Issues  
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Mary Tucker, Communications Officer

The Chair thanked all for their input during the meeting with the Minister of Education. A summary of issues raised will be forwarded to the Minister.

### **2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Due to the lateness of convening this meeting, the Chair suggested that items No. 3, No. 5 and 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 be the agenda for the meeting and the other items would be referred to another meeting. This was agreed by consensus.

The Chair of the Education Foundation asked to report on its meeting earlier in the evening. Mr. Hayden advised that a change of name for the Avalon East Educational Foundation, Inc. was agreed as well as a 50/50 lottery for fundraising. District staff was asked to initiate the 50/50 lottery for district staff. It had also been agreed that the *Eastern Education Foundation, Inc.* will encompass the whole district.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Moved by Brendan White, seconded by Ron Ellsworth, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of December 1, 2004, be adopted. Carried.

It was noted that section 5.1 Report from Finance & Properties (second motion) should be clarified with reference to the priorities previously approved in the 2003-04 budget.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 **NLSBA** - The Chair advised that NLSBA is meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. and its proposal will be put forward at that time. This will be reported to the next meeting.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

5.1 **Executive - December 17, 2004**

Discussion was held on the proposal for the election zones for the School Board and the necessity of public consultation on same. It was agreed that Trustees with recommendation for changes to the proposal should contact the Office of the Director. Recommendations will be reviewed and prepared for next meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Ron Ellsworth, that the zoning for the School Board election would be tabled for the next meeting. Carried.

**Executive - January 4, 2005**

**Motion:** Moved by Bruce Peckford, seconded by Ron Ellsworth, that the Professional Development for Trustees policy, as well as the selection of professional development experiences procedure (as attached) be approved. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Bruce Peckford, seconded by Ron Ellsworth, that the Board approve the sum of \$40,000 from the current fiscal budget for Professional Development for Trustees. Carried.

5.2 **Programs - December 13, 2004**

**Motion:** Moved by Brendan White, seconded by Vi Parsons, that the Terms of Reference for the Programs Committee be approved as a starting document for the Programs Committee with the understanding that any required changes may be made as time progresses and as needed. Carried.

5.3 **Finance & Properties - January 6, 2005**

A discussion was held on the funds paid to NLSBA and the funding being withheld by government from the board grants for payment to NLSBA. Also the funding paid over the summer months as approved by the former boards to NLSBA. The Assistant Director of Finance will provide more information at the next meeting and advise on the status of that money.

**Motion:** Moved by Ron Ellsworth, seconded by Danny Button, that the Board accept the Report of the Finance Committee for January 6, 2005. Carried..

Trustees requested copies of audited financial statements of former boards when they are available.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Atlantic Conference 2005 (ASBA).** January 27-28, 2005 - Halifax. Four members plus the Chair were approved to attend. It was agreed by selection that Jim Hearn, Joe Keating, Danny Button, and Cyril Hayden would attend.

6.2 **CSBA Congress 2005.** March 31-April 3, 2005 - Vancouver. Four members plus the Chair were approved to attend. By selection it was agreed that Mel Hong, Earl Elliott, Rick Martin, and Angus Gilbert would attend.

6.3 **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The Director advised that the new AIPP Act required the Board to designate a Head and a Coordinator for the contact.

**Motion:** Moved by Ron Ellsworth, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Director of Education be designated as AHead@ and that the Assistant Director, Personnel, be designated as ACoordinator@ for the purposes of this Act. Carried.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. on a motion by Ron Ellsworth.