

Eastern School Board

May 16, 2007

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, May 15, 2007, at Villanova Junior High, Manuels. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
Mr. Jerry Rice
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Ms. Rosalind Robere

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
Mr. Pat Royle, Manager of Facilities

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair noted that NLSBA needed to be added to the agenda, as a referral from the April meeting.

Motion: Moved by Don Blackmore, seconded by Rick Martin, that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jack Murphy, that the minutes of the School Board Meeting of April 18, 2007, be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Note changes 7.3 (change from "...approval be deferred" to "...consideration be deferred" and 6.6 (note Mr. Don Coombs, Mayor of Harbour Grace and not Carbonear/Harbour Grace)

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 **Constitution & By-Laws.** The Chair reported that the ESD Constitution and By-Laws would be considered and reviewed at a special session at the Board Retreat in June. Concern was expressed over the planned timeline of one hour. Adequate time would be given to the issues.

4.2 **NLSBA – Budget 2007-08.**

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Don Blackmore, that the NLSBA Budget 2007-08 be approved by Eastern School District. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the following Trustees be appointed as the 5 voting delegates for NLSBA AGM 2007. Ken Best, Melvin Lambe, Derek Winsor, Jack Murphy, Jim Hearn. Carried.

It was noted that George Sheppard and Chris Hammond planned to attend as well.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that those attending who are not voting delegates would be alternates. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that ESD delegates would support, and bring forward, a one year term for the Chair for NLSBA, with no extension. Carried.

4.3 **Other.** It was the consensus of the meeting that the "student assistant allocations reported in the Director's Report April 2007, be sent to the Programs Committee for review.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

5.1 **Executive – April 30, 2007**

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the Schedule of Meetings for 2007-08 be approved as amended. (*copy attached*). Carried. with Ken Best voting against.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the schedule of meetings 2007-08 include another meeting in Clareville, in place of an AE region meeting. Defeated

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Chair Hammond, that the motion be amended so the Board is not restricted to using conference centre/regional offices, but use of schools if convenient. Carried.

5.2 **Finance & Properties – April 23, 2007**

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the Board approve revised Policy FF – Naming/Renaming of School Facilities as amended (*as attached*). Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Don Blackmore, that in Policy FF be amended to have the first paragraph begin with “consideration may” instead of “preference” and go to names of persons, etc. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by George Sheppard, that Policy JLA – Student Insurance be approved. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Eric A. Snow that Policy EEA – Student Transportation be approved. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board give approval for staff to either lease or purchase replacement fleet vehicles which would entail borrowing or leasing up to \$300,000 for a time frame of up to 5 years. Carried.,

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jack Murphy, that the Board grant approval to proceed with the transfer of the one meter wide strip of Macpherson property adjacent to three building lots in return for an updated survey of the complete Macpherson School property. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Revised Budget Status Report for the nine months ended March 30, 2007 be granted Board approval. Carried.

It was agreed that a report on NISEP would come forward at a later date.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the Board approve the request by Goulds Elementary School Council to accept the \$20,000 donation from the Goulds Lions Club towards the construction of a playground for Goulds Elementary Students on the Goulds Elementary School Grounds. Carried.

5.3 Programs – April 30, 2007

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board approve the revised Policy IHAM – School-Based Sexuality-Education Programs and Condom-Dispensing. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Ken Best, that the Board approve revised Policy JJE – School Fundraising. Carried.

The total amount of fundraising in the district was questioned. It was agreed that, if possible, a report would be forthcoming.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Derek Winsor, that revised Policy JICA – Student Personal Hygiene and Dress be approved. Carried. With Ken Best against.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, to amend Policy JICA to add #8, with final approval of the Director on recommendation from School Council. Defeated.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Ken Best that the Board approve Policy IIA: Multiage as amended. Carried.

The amendment to Policy IIA would see #7 “...must be received by the Director of Education/or designate” to replace “...must be received by the Assistant Director of Education – Programs.”

It was noted that no additional teaching units are available this year from the Department of Education for the full day kindergarten initiative.

6. CORRESPONDENCE. There was no correspondence to be brought forward.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Torbay School. The Director advised that a recommendation on the site selection for the new school was being brought forward. Dr. King noted that five sites are being brought forward, from the twelve investigated. Mr. Pat Royle gave an overview of the criteria used for assessing the properties and the properties themselves. The Director advised that the Board selection, as part of a priority list, will need ministerial approval.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Board approve for submission to the Minister for consideration the following prioritized list of sites for the new school in Torbay:

- i. Existing Holy Trinity Elementary site
- ii. Town Council and adjacent private property off Marine Drive and behind the Town Hall
- iii. Property at the end of Yeo's Lane
- iv. Property at the end of Duggan's Lane
- v. Property behind residences on Reddy Drive

Carried with one abstention.

7.2 Holy Family & Paradise Elementary Update

Assistant Director Snow advised that a complete package for this zone is being investigated by Government, with a target date of September 2008. Therefore the Paradise Elementary students will be relocated for the next school year. The Department of Education is cognizant of the stringent timeframe for decision making on this issue, and it is expected that a decision will be made before the end of the current school year to allow notification of that decision to parents by the end of the school year.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Melvin Lambe, to extend the meeting for up to one hour. Carried.

Mr. Rice reported that the Education Foundation doing well. The Annual Golf Tournament is set for June 14 at the Wilds in Salmonier. As the Board meeting is set for St. Catherine's on June 13, all Trustees were encouraged to participate in the tournament. Mr. Rice also noted that the new website for the Education Foundation is available.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr. King distributed the Director's monthly report. The Director reviewed the events of the past month noting the tremendous efforts of staff during the extensive recruitment

process taking place. The Director also advised the Board of the tragic loss of a student, Brandon Brockerville, due to a car accident in Lawn recently.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to closed session on a motion by Jim Hearn, seconded by Dave Dibbon.