

Eastern School Board
September 17, 2008

1. **OPENING**

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at Burin Regional Office, Burin. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Dr. Dave Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Jeff King
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. Eric A. Snow

Absent with regrets: Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Derek Winsor

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. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

The Chair noted that the Director's Report needed to be added Mr. Peach also noted that a closed session would follow the regular meeting.

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the agenda be accepted as adjusted. Carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 2, 2008, be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

5.4. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

5.1 Executive – September 10, 2008.

It was noted that changes to the By-Laws will be supported by policies on student suspension and student appeals being developed in line with provincial standards. The Program Committee will bring forward the policies at the earliest possible time.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that changes to the By-Laws, sections 15 & 16 be approved. Carried unanimously.

The changes to the NISEP By-Laws incorporated changes in the governance committee that would ensure more transparency and accountability in the program.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Jack Murphy, that approval be given for changes to the NISEP By-Laws, as noted. Carried.

Discussion on NISEP and recent Government announcements would be referred to closed session.

5.2 Programs – June 18, 2008.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that Policy IJOAB(A) Student Travel be approved. Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 NLSBA Report. The Chair noted that a written report would be circulated in the near future. Mr. Peach provided a verbal report at this time.

The dates of several school board conferences were circulated. Trustees were advised to notify the Director's Office within the next month of their interest in attending specific events.

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- i. Atlantic Conference 2009 – St. John’s
 - ii. NLSBA – AGM – June 2009 – Goose Bay
 - iii. CSBA July 2009 – Halifax
 - iv. CSBA July 2010 – St. John’s

6.2 Board Sponsored Events

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board continue to sponsor annual retirement banquets and its annual Christmas Dinner. Carried.

7. General consensus to add the following items.

Annual General Meeting of Eastern School Board.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, to change the Annual General Meeting date to Monday, November 17, 2008. Carried.

Education Foundation Report. Mr. Rice provided a verbal report noting that the annual charity golf tournament was very successful and that the annual event will be held at Glendenny Golf Course in 2009. The scholarships would be awarded in the near future and a written report would be available for the next meeting. A foundation meeting would be held following this meeting.

7. DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

A written Director’s Report would be circulated within the week. Mr. Pike provided highlights of the past month. It was noted that a Trustee was needed to participate in a Bussing Committee.

Motion: Moved by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Jerry Rice, that Ken Best be appointed to the Bussing Committee. Carried.

The Director provided a report on the maintenance issues at Frank Roberts Junior High and St. George’s Elementary that necessitate school closures. The District is awaiting results from air quality testing to determine the extent of the problems. Public meetings would be held and the students will be relocated.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the meeting move to closed session at 9:45 p.m.. Carried.

Re-convened at 10:50 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the Board convene a special meeting to deal with the issue of school infrastructure on

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, in St. John's. Administration will provide recommendations to proceed with the issues in schools. Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the meeting move to closed session at 10:55 p.m. Carried.