

Eastern School Board
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 17, 2008

1. **OPENING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern School Board took place on Monday, November 17, 2008, at District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Chair, Milton Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn
Mr. Ken Best
Dr. David Dibbon
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Jeff King
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

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director of Education, Human Resources
Mr. Ford Rice, Assistant Director of Education, Programs
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director of Education, Rural Education & Corporate Services
Ms. Karen Legge, Comptroller
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

Mr. Peach welcomed all trustees to the meeting. The Chair thanked all Trustees and staff for their cooperation and support during the past year as he served as Chair.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Ken Best, that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Mr. Pike introduced Karen Legge, Comptroller, who is in attendance to answer questions on the audited financial statements.

2. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2007-08 AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Chair noted that the annual report being presented would require ministerial approval before it becomes the official Annual Report for 2006-07. Clarification was provided for issues raised.

It was suggested that the good news items should be itemized for submission to the Department of Education.

The audited financial statements for June 30, 2008, were discussed. There will be a management letter from ESD auditor and a response will be formulated. These documents will be brought to the Board. Financial questions for investigation would be referred to the Finance Committee. It was suggested that the Finance meeting receiving the audited financial statements, in future years would be held at a closed board meeting to allow all trustees the advantage of the auditor's complete report. The Finance Committee was asked to review the \$54m liability.

Motion: Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board approve, for submission to the Minister, the draft Annual Report for 2007-08, with approval for minor wording changes, on recommendations from the Minister's office, being made by Administration. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Board accept the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements June 30, 2008. Carried.

It was agreed that any additional questions or clarification would be directed to the CEO.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Pike was asked to conduct the election as Mr. Peach vacated the chair.

The Director presented the *Procedure for Election of Officers of Eastern School Board* for Board consideration.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the *Procedure for Election of Officers of Eastern School Board* be adopted for use at this Annual General Meeting. Carried.

The Director asked Karen Legge and Albert Trask to act as scrutineers.

i. **Chairperson**

Nominations:

Milton Peach, by Jerry Rice, Ken Best. Accepted

After 3 calls, nominations ceased.

Milton Peach was acclaimed Chair for Eastern School Board for 2008-09.

ii. **Vice Chairperson**

Nominations:

Jim Hearn, by Chris Hammond, Jack Murphy. Accepted

Ken Best by Rick Martin, Eric A. Snow. Accepted.

After 3 calls, nominations ceased. Election held.

Dr. Jim Hearn was elected Vice Chairperson for Eastern School Board for 2008-09.

iii. **Four (4) Executive Members**

Nominations:

Chris Hammond, by Jerry Rice, Eric A.Snow. Accepted

Jerry Rice, by Jim Hearn, Chris Hammond, Accepted

Rick Martin, by Ken Best, Anne Marie Furlong. Accepted

Melvin Lambe, by Rosalind Robere, George Sheppard. Accepted

Eric A Snow, by Derek Winsor, Jerry Rice. Accepted

Dave Dibbon, by Jerry Rice, Eric A. Snow. Accepted

Jack Murphy, by Eric A. Snow, Ken Best – accepted

George Sheppard, by Eric A. Snow, Chris Hammond - declined

Anne Marie Furlong, by Rick Martin, Derek Winsor – declined

Derek Winsor by Dave Dibbon, Eric A. Snow - declined

Rosalind Robere, by Melvin Lambe – declined

Jeff King, by George Sheppard – declined

After three calls, nominations ceased. Election was held.

The following were elected on first vote by majority as **Executive Members** for Eastern School Board for 2008-09: **Jerry Rice, Rick Martin, Eric A. Snow, Dave Dibbon**

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Mr. Peach assumed the Chair and thanked members for giving him the privilege to serve as Chair for another year. He advised that he will attempt to plan Executive meetings around personal schedules. He also thanked all who served on the outgoing executive and to those who offered their services. Mr. Peach congratulated the new Executive on being successfully elected. He noted that the committee appointments would be recommended at the December meeting.

The Chair noted that he will attend all NLSBA meetings and will continue to serve in an advisory capacity to the Director's position, on political aspects of the position.

Trustee Winsor thanked all for their support during his recent illness.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m.