

Special Eastern School Board

June 19, 2006

1. OPENING

A special meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Monday, June 19, 2006 at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Milton Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Mr. Don Blackmore
Dr. Ed Brown
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere

Also in attendance: Dr. Darin T. King, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Darrin Pike, Asst. Director, Programs
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Asst. Director, Finance & Administration
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Pat Royle, Manager of Facilities
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager - Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed the public to the special meeting called to bring forward the capital priorities' recommendations for Board approval.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

3. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

3.1 Planning & Priorities – June 12, 2006

Mr. Peach explained that the mandate of Planning and Priorities Committee was to make recommendations to the Board on capital priorities. Since it was mistakenly referred to the Finance Committee, members of that committee were invited to attend the meeting, as observers

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board approve, as capital priorities from the multi year plan, for submission to the Department of Education the following:

- A. **Priority for 2006-07**
 - i. Clarendville Middle School
 - ii. Topsail Elementary
 - iii. St. Edward's Elementary, Kelligrews
 - iv. Beachy Cove Elementary
 - v. Virginia Park Elementary
 - vi. Roncalli Elementary

- B. **Priority for 2007-08**
 - i. St. Joseph's All Grade – new school
 - ii. Holy Trinity Elementary – new school
 - iii. Bishops College - renovations
 - iv. Larkhall Academy – renovations

- C. **Priority for 2008-09**
 - i. Placentia (new school)
 - ii. St. Anne's Academy (renovations)
 - iii. St. Teresa's School (new school)

- D. **Priority for 2009-10**
 - i. Carbonear (new school)
 - ii. Persalvic Elementary (renovations)
 - iii. St. Francis School (renovations)
 - iv. St. Andrew's Elementary (extension)

Note: Holy Heart of Mary High School (new school) to be linked to closures of Booth and I.J. Samson and the renovations to Bishops College.

Considerable discussion was held on the ranking of the priorities. The Board Engineer, Mr. Pat Royle answered questions relating to the projects. It was noted that the projects were ranked by year of implementation in the multi year plan.

Concern was expressed by a Trustee that he did not have enough information to vote on the priorities.

Motion carried, one abstention.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the budget for funding for St. Andrew's Elementary renovations be increased from \$330,000 - \$700,000. Carried.

It was noted that the funding was required to renovate to the specifications of the Department of Education engineers. This funding would be provided by Government. It is anticipated that the renovations will be complete by September, 2006.

A discussion was held on the viability of using the money for the extension approved for 2010, but it was noted, even though the Board has the extension in its priority list, for Government is only willing to do the renovations at this time. Government would be lobbied by the Board for all priorities, including the extension to St. Andrews.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the major capital repairs, maintenance, and upgrading projects (attached) be approved for submission to the Department of Education, with the top 20 prioritized for projects over \$25,000.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Melvin Lambe, that an amendment to the motion would see *Various Accessibility valued at \$2,600,000* be moved to # 1 on priority list. **Amendment defeated.**

Main motion carried.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to privileged session at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jack Murphy. Carried.