

Eastern School Board

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 20, 2006

1. **OPENING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, in the Burin Regional Office, Burin. 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
Mr. Don Blackmore
Dr. Edward Brown
Dr. David Dibbon
Mr. Chris Hammond
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: 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 Education
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and noted that all Trustees were present for the Annual General Meeting. The Chair also welcomed Mr. Ed Walsh who is attending as Assistant Director for Rural Education for the first time.

All members were asked to complete the survey for committee selection for 2006-07, after the election of officers, and pass along to the Corporate Assistant by the end of the meeting.

2. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2005-06 AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Chair noted that the draft report to be presented would require ministerial approval before it becomes the official Annual Report for 2005-06.

The Director apologized that the documents were being distributed at the meeting due to the late arrival of the audited financial statements. The Director suggested consideration be given to changing the date of the AGM for another year to allow for the audit completion. Dr. King noted that the audited financial statements will go through the Finance Committee and if necessary, they will come back to the Board from that committee, for discussion.

The Director presented the draft Annual Report 2005-06 and the audited financial statements for the same period. Dr. King gave an overview of the highlights of the year and identified many challenges facing the district as well as the opportunities. Of particular concern to the Board was retention of staff, particularly senior staff, due to the level of compensation and workload. The leadership of the District was of considerable concern and consideration was given to Board advocating in public on this serious issue. The Chair advised that he has been meeting with departmental officials regarding this issue and hopes to have a resolve in the near future. It was agreed that this issue would be referred to the Executive Committee, with the intention of compiling and comparing data of similar-size districts in the Atlantic Provinces.

Trustees were concerned with giving approval to the document without complete review. It was agreed that any questions and clarification could be sought from the Director's Office in the coming days, with the intent of public clarification, if necessary, at the October meeting of the Board. Any issues needing further investigation would be referred to Board Committees at that time.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board approve, for submission to the Minister, the draft Annual Report for 2005-06 and the audited financial statements. **Defeated.**

Notice of Motion: Dr. David Dibbon served notice that he would reintroduce the previous motion for adoption at the next meeting.

The Board asked to have the minister's comments and changes brought back to the Board for information purposes.

The Chair thanked the Director and staff for presenting the annual report.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. King was asked to conduct the election and Mr. Peach vacated the chair.

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

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

The Director asked assistant directors Dyke and Pike to act as scrutineers.

i. **Chairperson**

Nominations:

Milton Peach, nominated by Rick Martin, seconded by David Dibbon. Accepted
Derek Winsor, nominated by Rosalind Robere, seconded by Don Blackmore.

Declined

After 3 calls, nominations ceased.

Milton Peach declared Chair for Eastern School Board for 2006-07

ii. **Vice Chairperson**

Nominations:

Jim Hearn, nominated by Derek Winsor, seconded by Jack Murphy. Accepted
Ken Best, nominated by George Sheppard, seconded by Rick Martin. Accepted

After 3 calls, nominations ceased. Election held.

Dr. Hearn re-elected Vice Chairperson for ESD for 2006-07.

Motion: Moved by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

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

Nominations:

Dave Dibbon, nominated by Jerry Rice, seconded by Chris Hammond. Accepted
Derek Winsor, nominated by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Jim Hearn. Accepted
Eric A Snow, nominated by Rick Martin, seconded by Rosalind Robere. Accepted
Rick Martin, nominated by Chris Hammond, seconded by Eric A. Snow. Accepted
Ken Best, nominated by George Sheppard, seconded by Dave Dibbon. Accepted
Chris Hammond, nominated by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Eric Snow. Accepted.
Don Blackmore, nominated by Dave Dibbon, seconded by Jim Hearn. Accepted.

George Sheppard, nominated by Jerry Rice, seconded by Ed Brown. Declined
Jack Murphy, nominated by Chris Hammond, seconded by Jim Hearn. Declined
Jerry Rice, nominated by Rick Martin, seconded by Chris Hammond. Declined
Melvin Lambe, nominated by Rosalind Robere, seconded by Eric Snow. Declined
Ed Brown, nominated by Eric Snow, seconded by George Sheppard. Declined
Rosalind Robere, nominated by Jim Hearn, seconded by Rick Martin. Declined

After three calls, nominations ceased. Election held.

The following were elected on first vote with a majority vote as Executive Members for Eastern School Board for 2006-07: David Dibbon, Eric Snow, Derek Winsor.

Election was held for the remaining executive position. It was noted that the regulations adopted provided that the one with the lowest number of votes would be dropped off. Therefore a re-vote would be held and Don Blackmore's name would be dropped.

An election was held with no majority attained. And it was noted that the lowest vote dropped, Ken Best.

Another election was held. Rick Martin was elected.

Executive members elected for 2006-07 were: David Dibbon, Eric A. Snow, Derek Winsor, and Rick Martin.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Chris Hammond to destroy all ballots.
Carried.

The Director offered congratulations to those elected. And thanked those who offered themselves for service.

Mr. Peach assumed the Chair and thanked members for giving him the privilege to serve as Chair for another year. He also thanked all who offered their services. He noted that the committee appointments would be recommended at the October meeting.

It was requested that a possible change to the process of electing committee chairs was raised. This issue will be reviewed and brought forward by the Executive to the Board at a later meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Melvin Lambe that the meeting adjourn at 9:40 p.m. and move to privileged session. Carried.