

Eastern School Board

October 21, 2009

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Vista Regional Office, Clarendville. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Milton Peach, Chair.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Dr. David Dibbon
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. Eric A. Snow

Absent with regrets: Mr. Jeff King
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Derek Winsor

Also in attendance: Mr. Ford Rice, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director of Education, Human Resources
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director of Education, Finance & Administration
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director of Education, Rural Education & Corporate Services
Ms. Janet Vivian-Walsh, Assistant Director of Education, Programs
Ms. Mary Tucker, Communications Manager
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Corporate Assistant

The Chair welcomed all to the last regular meeting for this school board's term. Congratulations were offered to those who were acclaimed and best wishes were extended to those who had offered themselves for re-election on November 3. Thanks was extended to Rosaline Roberd for her contribution over the past four years and to Trustee Jeff King for his contribution over the past year

Mr. Peach reported on Trustee Murphy's health and read a card recently received from Mr. Murphy with thanks for flowers sent by the Board.

Congratulations were offered to Trustee Hammond and Trustee Peach for perfect attendance at Board meetings for the entire term.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the agenda be adopted with the inclusion of a closed session and item 6.iv Board Farewell Dinner. Carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the minutes of September 23, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising

5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

i. Executive – October 8, 2009

This report was circulated for information purposes,

ii. Finance & Properties – October 8, 2009.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board approve the purchase and financing of photocopiers in the amount of \$150,000.00. Carried.

It was noted that the Finance meeting was very informative for the members, advising of strategies employed by the Board to meet issues raised.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board accept the draft Audited Financial Statements to June 30, 2009 (as presented). Carried.

ii. Programs – October 13, 2009

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board approve new Policy JICJA *Acceptable Use of Technology in the Classroom*. Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

i. **Education Foundation Report** – September 22, 2009. This report was circulated for information purpose.

ii. **Clarenville Area Schools.** The CEO advised that there is local interest in revisiting the decision of April 10, 2006 – regarding the extension to Clarenville Middle School. The

Director recommended that senior administration be given authority to research and consult with the public to bring back in December more information for possible reconsideration of the original decision.

Motion: Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that senior administration be directed to research the consultant's report and consult with the school councils and/or stakeholders regarding schooling in the Clarendville area with a view to possible changes to the Board decision of April 10, 2006. Administration will bring their findings to the Board, at its December meeting, for consideration. Carried.

iii. Annual Report 2008-09.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Anne Marie Furlong, that the Board approve, for submission to the Minister, the draft Annual Report 2008-09 with approval for minor wording changes on recommendation for the Minister's Office being made by administration. Carried.

iv. Farewell Dinner

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Jerry Rice, that in accordance with policy GBL *Recognition*, a Board recognition dinner will be held on October 30, 2009. Carried.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Ford Rice provided highlights for the past month, emphasizing the awards of excellence presented throughout the district.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Ken Best.