

School Board Meeting

September 22, 2005

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Thursday, September 22, 2005, in the Regional Office, Burin. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chair, Bruce Peckford.

Members present: Mr. Bruce Peckford, Chair
Mr. Joe Keating, Vice Chair
Mr. Danny Button
Mr. Earl Elliott
Ms. Joan Marie Gatherall
Mr. Angus Gilbert
Dr. Jim Hearn
Mr. Brendan White

Absent with regrets: Mr. Ron Ellsworth
Mr. Cyril Hayden
Mr. Mel Hong
Mr. Rick Martin
Ms. Vi Parsons

Also in attendance: Dr. Darin King, Director of Education
Mr. Richard Harvey, Assistant Director, Personnel
Mr. Darrin Pike, Assistant Director, Programs (designate)
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director, Rural Schools
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance & Administration
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive Assistant

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, the last official meeting of this Eastern School Board. The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Darrin Pike to the Administrative Team, as the new Assistant Director, Programs.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Danny Button, seconded by Angus Gilbert, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Moved by Brendan White, seconded by Joe Keating, that the minutes of the School Board meeting of August 8 & 17, 2005, be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- 4.1 **Update on School Renovations** The Director informed the Board that Paradise Elementary is open. He acknowledged the support of the teaching and maintenance staff for their cooperation and work. The Director advised that he would forward a note of appreciation to all staff involved.

Mr. Snow advised that the tender for the work needed on the gymnasium at Paradise Elementary is out and Board employees may be used for this project as well. The target date for using the gym is late November.

It was noted that most roofing projects have been completed, and that all pending from last year are completed. Mr. Snow advised that one metal roof is completed and the other is in process. Mr. Snow also advised that the summer maintenance program completed the targeted tasks.

The Board was advised that the tender for the deficiencies at Baccalieu Collegiate has been tendered and awarded. Work should have commenced this week past. It was noted that Government is funding the project.

The Chair congratulated the maintenance staff of the board for their work.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1 **Nada Borden, Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association (NLSBA) President** Correspondence received from Ms. Borden in response to ESD's correspondence and position paper was distributed. It was noted that the articulated position of ESD was not addressed in the correspondence or at the recent meeting of the Board of Governors. However, even though the elimination of a labour relations position at NLSBA was unanimously approved at the AGM of NLSBA in May, NLSBA has advised that Government would like a position of a similar nature to be hired and housed with NLSBA. NLSBA has completed some preparatory work on this as well. It was noted that Government will be funding the salary of this position, but no commitment was made for other expenses related to the position.

Frustration was expressed that NLSBA has not provided the requested information, seems to have ignored the position of ESD, and the budget was not provided for review by the Board. The draft budget provided to the Board of Governor's meeting did not adequately reflect the ESD guiding principles of advocacy and professional development for trustees. The documents provided by NLSBA therefore did not provide the information requested by ESD in order to make an informed decision for participation in NLSBA, per the motion of May 24, 2005.

Motion: Moved by Joan Marie Gatherall, that in accordance with the four motions articulated in ESD position paper to NLSBA and since the request to NLSBA has not been met, ESD will advise NLSBA that it will not participate in NLSBA and will not be paying the fees. **NO SECONDER.**

Motion: Moved by Danny Button, seconded by Joan Marie Gatherall, that ESD will cease participation in NLSBA until the current position articulated by ESD has been met. This would include a budget for approval by ESD to adequately provided for advocacy for public education and professional development for trustees. NLSBA would not include a labour relations position (collective bargaining coordinator). Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 **Director's Report** Dr. King presented the highlights of the past year outlining challenges, successes, and opportunities. The Director suggested that the regional presence is crucial and he sees a significant role for them, dependent on Government funding.

6.2 **Report on NLSBA Meeting** Covered earlier under 5.1 discussion

i. **CSBA** The Director reported from the NLSBA Board of Governors' meeting that there is a renewed interest to have NLSBA be a part of CSBA. It was noted that several provinces are out of CSBA.

ii. **Labour Relations Position** - covered under 5.1 discussion

6.3 **Policy BCA: Trustee Code of Ethics** This was brought forward under direction from the last meeting. This represents a combination of that held by other previous boards.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Joe Keating, that policy BCA: Trustee Code of Ethics be accepted as interim policy. Carried.

6.4 School Council Protocol Agreements

Motion: Moved by Danny Button, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the following Board/School Council Protocol Agreements be approved:

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| i. | Baltimore High | ii. | Brother Rice Junior High |
| iii. | Carbonear Collegiate | iv. | Dunne Academy |
| v. | Harbour Grace Primary | vi. | Holy Trinity High |
| vii. | Immaculate Conception Primary | viii. | Laval High |
| ix. | Mobile High | x. | Mount Pearl Senior High |
| xi. | St. Edward's Elementary | xii. | St. Francis School |
| xiii. | St. John's Bosco School | xiv. | St. Kevin's High |
| xv. | Villanova Junior High | | |

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to privileged session at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Brendan White.