

## **Eastern School Board**

*October 22, 2008*

### **1. OPENING**

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at the Regional Office, Clarendville. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair  
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair  
Mr. Ken Best  
Dr. Dave Dibbon  
Mr. Chris Hammond  
Mr. Rick Martin  
Mr. Jack Murphy  
Mr. Jerry Rice  
Mr. George Sheppard  
Mr. Eric A. Snow  
Mr. Melvin Lambe  
Ms. Anne Marie Furlong  
Ms. Rosalind Robere

Absent with regrets: Mr. Jeff King  
Dr. Dave Dibbon  
Mr. Derek Winsor

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education  
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources  
Mr. Ford Rice, Assistant Director, Programs  
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director,  
Rural Education & Corporate Services  
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager Communications  
Ms. Jackie Domino, Administrative Assistant

The Chair, Milton Peach, introduced Jackie Domino, Administrative Assistant. He announced that Eric A. Snow has been appointed as the new Chair of Finance & Properties Committee due to the resignation of Derek Winsor.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Following presentation of the Agenda for tonight's meeting, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** Moved by Chris Hammond, and seconded by Melvin Lambe, that the Agenda for October 22, 2008 be adopted as presented. Carried

**3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** of September 17, 2008

Following a review of the minutes of the Board meeting September 17, 2008 the following was made:

**Motion:** Moved by Jack Murphy, and seconded by Jerry Rice that the minutes of the Board Meeting September 17, 2008 be adopted as presented. Carried.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4.1 Update on Kindergarten Bussing**

Mr. Pike stated that in the fall numerous issues with respect to the Kindergarten bussing arose. Meetings have been held with all bussing companies, guidelines sent out to all administrators, and a daily check list has been created for bus drivers including a list of Kindergarten students and their stops, placing all Kindergarten students at the front of bus, and all kindergartens have to be met at the bus stop or they are not permitted to get off the bus.

A number of meetings with the bussing advisory committee have been held. Mr. Ken Best sits on this advisory committee.

**5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

**5.1 Executive/Planning & Priorities – October 21, 2008**

Chair Dr. Hearn presented three (3) recommendations to come to the board that resulted from the Planning & Priorities Committee. The recommendations were:

**Motion:** Dr. Jim Hearn moved, Jerry Rice seconded, that the Eastern School District ask the Department of Education to consider the following six schools as a priority for extensions for September, 2009:

1. Holy Family School
2. Beachy Cove Elementary
3. St. Bernard's Elementary
4. St. Edward's Elementary
5. Upper Gullies Elementary
6. Roncalli Elementary

**Motion:** Dr. Jim Hearn moved, Jerry Rice Seconded that the Board reevaluate plans and consult with School Councils regarding the Clarendville School reorganization, after consultation with staff. Carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Jim Hearn moved, Ken Best seconded that the population of Burin/Marystown schools be notified that closure of Pearce Junior High will be delayed and will not happen before 2011. Carried.

Mr. Pike provided a handout on land acquisition and gave an update.

The issue of portable classrooms was raised and the Chair advised that it had previously been discussed at length and a decision had been made that the Board could consider it under certain conditions, e.g. in emergency and for a defined time.

The Director gave an update on Suspension of Teachers and the various roles and responsibilities. Legal counsel advises that the Director or his designate could discipline and revoke discipline, and report to the Board at a later date.

## 5.2 Report from Programs Committee- October 8, 2008

Chair Best gave a summary of Programs Committee meeting, which included an in-depth discussion on Homework Guidelines

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Best, seconded by George Sheppard that the Board approve the Policy JKD: Suspension. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Anne Marie Furlong, that the Board approve Policy BEE: Appeals. Carried.

## 5.3 Report from Finance Committee- October 21, 2008

**Motion:** Moved by Eric A.Snow, seconded by Dr. Jim Hearn, that the land adjacent to Pearce Junior High be sold to the Town of Burin at fair market value. A survey and property appraisal would be necessary, and the land would then be offered for sale to the Town of Burin at fair market value. **Motion defeated.**

**Motion:** Moved by Melvin Lambe seconded by Ken Best, the request to turn the land over to the Town of Burin for a dollar, with a survey the responsibility of the Town, and an appraisal done at today's fair market value and the land must be utilized for a nursing home, if it is not and it is sold for other purposes, the Board be paid the fair market value. Carried.

The history of the land acquisitions was discussed among the board members.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's**

Mr. Eric C. Snow told the Board that the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's wanted to tie in a Recreation complex into Beachy Cove Elementary. The Assistant Director told them the process they need to follow for that to happen.

**Motion:** Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Jerry Rice that this item be referred to the Planning & Priorities Committee. Carried

**6.2 Department of Education re ED Annual Report 2006-07 Tabled**

The Eastern School District Annual Report for 2006-07 has been tabled with the House of Assembly.

**6.3 Department of Education ED STRATEGIC PLAN -11 Tabled**

The Eastern School Board Strategic Plan 2008-2011 has received Departmental approval.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Educational Foundation Report.** Mr. Rice gave the Education Foundation report to the Board. Things are going really well, It was agreed that the dinner meeting would be held, prior to the AGM, including all Trustees and that the Education Foundation Annual Report would be presented. Scholarship winners will also be announced during that meeting

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Update on Frank Roberts Junior High and St. George's Elementary**

Both schools have repairs underway. It is taking longer than anticipated, as more issues continually surface. It is expected that both schools will open following the Christmas break. The Director reiterated that the main concern is ensuring facilities are safe and healthy before school opens.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:41 p.m. on a motion by Ken Best, seconded by Eric A. Snow.