

Eastern School Board
September 23, 2009

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at the Burin Regional Office. 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
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Jeff King
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jerry Rice
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow

Absent with regrets: Ms. Anne Marie Furlong
Mr. Jack Murphy
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. Mary Tucker, Communications Manager
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Corporate Assistant

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Chris Hammond, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of 5.iii Education Foundation report. Carried

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow seconded by Jerry Rice that the minutes of June 17, 2009 be adopted with correction. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Special Board minutes of August 31, 2009, be accepted. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- i. Comparison of security costs vs glass replacement due to vandalism.** This document was distributed for information purposes. It was suggested that any questions related to this would be directed to Office of the Director.

5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

i. Finance & Properties – September 15, 2009.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board approve pavement for the parking lot at Frank Roberts Junior High School, at an estimated cost of \$100,000, be included on the Capital Listing for submission to Government. Carried.

Director noted that paving is placed on a separate capital list, with other similar requests, with no priority ranking.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by David Dibbon, that the Board grant permission to the School Council at Bishops College to rename the Bishops College Student Art Gallery the *Brenda Rowe-Bartlett Art Gallery* as requested. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Board release the former easement on Macdonald Drive Junior High property, and approve the proposed trunk sewer easement with wording as recommended by the Board's legal counsel. Carried.

ii. Programs – September 15, 2009

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board amend Policy JJI: Athletics, as presented. Carried with J. Rice voting against.

Concern expressed over the amount of consultation with outside groups. The Director commented on the consultation process to date, which included district stakeholders, e.g. principals, coaches. The amended Policy is consistent with provincial and national policies. It was noted that consultation will continue.

The level of confidentiality of Board committee meetings was raised.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board amend Policy JJ: Co-Curricular, as presented. Carried.

- iii. Education Foundation – September 22, 2009.** Mr. Jerry Rice reported that applications for the next round of grants to schools/community groups are being accepted with a deadline of October 23, 2009 (on website). One *Swim to Survive* grant has been awarded, due to its deadline and its broad focus.

Mr. J. Rice also reported that scholarship applications have been received from all zones with the exception of Zones 11 & 14. A committee will develop criteria for grants which will be presented to the Foundation.

Mr. J. Rice also advised that the annual golf tournament was considered a success.

It was agreed that minutes from the Foundation would be presented for information purposes to the Board.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. MUN – Donation in memory of Ramona Cole’s brother, Kenneth.** The Board was advised that a donation from the School Board had been made in memory of the brother of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Update of Major Initiatives over past 4 years by region.** This listing was provided for information purposes.
- ii. H1N1 Virus – Update.** Information was distributed. The Director informed the Board of the plans in place and the preparation that has taken place in the district in an effort to be proactive. The Director advised that school buses are being included in the proactive process.

- 8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT.** The Director presented an update on recent events in the district, including summer maintenance. The Director noted the health and safety of students is of utmost concern to the district.

The Director highlighted the CSBA Congress 2010 being planned for July 2010 at the Delta St. John’s. NLSBA AGM is set for Tuesday, July 6, 2010, preceding Congress. Mr. Rice advised that space has been booked for registration for ESD trustees as well as hotel space. The Board was assured that staff working on Congress will not be using Board related time.

Mr. Rice provided a report on the recent Board of Governors’ meeting (NLSBA). Of particular note was a new committee which has been struck to establish criteria for honorary membership awards.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Ken Best.