

Eastern School Board
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 26, 2005

1. **OPENING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, in the Vista Regional Office, Clarendville. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Director of Education, Dr. Darin King.

Members present: Mr. Ken Best
 Dr. Edward Brown
 Dr. David Dibbon
 Mr. Chris Hammond
 Dr. Jim Hearn
 Mr. Melvin Lambe
 Mr. Rick Martin
 Mr. Jack Murphy
 Mr. Milton Peach
 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. Darrin Pike, Assistant Director, Programs
 Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance
 Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director, Rural Schools
 Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
 Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Director advised that the Chair will take over the meeting once the election is completed. The Orientation Session will be finished at the end of the regular meeting.

2. **INTRODUCTION**

The Director asked Trustees to introduce themselves for the benefit of the meeting, prior to the election.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

3.1 Mr. Eric C. Snow, Returning Officer for the District, was asked to conduct the election. Mr. Snow presented the *Procedure for Election of Officers of Eastern School Board* for Board consideration.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Derek Winsor, that a secret ballot be held and the ballots will be destroyed at end of process. Carried.

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

Mr. Snow asked Assistant Directors, Pike and Trask, to act as scrutineers.

3.1 i. **Chairperson**

Nominations:

Milton Peach nominated by Ken Best, seconded by Chris Hammond. Accepted
Jim Hearn nominated by Jack Murphy. Declined

After 3 calls, nominations ceased

Milton Peach declared Chair for Eastern School Board for 2005-06

ii. **Vice Chairperson**

Nominations:

Jim Hearn by Rick Martin, seconded by Jack Murphy - accepted
Derek Winsor by Ken Best, seconded by Rosalind Robere - accepted

After 3 calls, nominations ceased. Election held.

Dr. Jim Hearn elected Vice Chairperson for ESD for 2005-06.

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

Nominations:

Jack Murphy, by Ken Best and Eric A. Snow. Accepted.

Derek Winsor by George Sheppard and Jim Hearn. Accepted.
Eric A. Snow by Jack Murphy and Rick Martin. Accepted
Dave Dibbon by Jerry Rice and Rosalind Robere. Accepted
Rick Martin by Jim Hearn and Eric A. Snow. Accepted.
Ken Best, by George Sheppard and Jerry Rice. Accepted.

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The following were elected Executive Members for Eastern School Board for 2005-06, on first ballot:

David Dibbon, Derek Winsor, Rick Martin, Eric A. Snow

It was noted that the Annual Report 2004-05 would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board set for November 9, 2005, at which time the audited financial statements would be presented as part of the Annual Report.

Mr. Snow thanked the members for their cooperation.

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 the year. He addressed the Board advising that he believes in teamwork and is looking forward to the challenges ahead for the whole district.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Derek Winsor and Eric A. Snow.

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5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Derek Winsor, that the agenda be approved. Carried.

It was requested that School Board trustee travel be placed on the next Finance Committee meeting agenda.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Jim Hearn, seconded by Rick Martin, that the minutes of the

School Board meeting of September 22, 2005, be adopted as presented.
Carried. Mr. Best abstained from voting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 **Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association (NLSBA)** Dr. King advised that at the last meeting of the previous board the Director was asked to brief the Board on the newly constituted NLSBA. The Director did report to the Committee on this topic. Dr. King advised that he still sees ESD as a participating member of NLSBA, pending receipt of the final documents from NLSBA that will be reviewed by the Executive who will make a recommendation to the Board. There will be a Board of Governors meeting of NLSBA in early November.

It was noted that ESD is not paying fees to NLSBA at the present time; however the Board has not made a decision on this issue.

Concern was expressed over the Executive being briefed on this issue and bringing a recommendation to the full Board. It was suggested that a special meeting of ESD be convened to discuss NLSBA, with representation from NLSBA invited to provide information as requested. It was noted that NLSBA is part of Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA).

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Jim Hearn, that a full private board session be convened for the Director to brief the Board on NLSBA followed by a discussion session with the Executive Director of NLSBA. This session will begin at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting on Nov. 9. Carried.

It was noted that the Executive may discuss this issue, but not bring a recommendation to the Board.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 **Minister of Education - Fuel Price Increases** This was distributed for information purposes only.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 **Board Vacancy - Zone 4** The Director noted that a vacancy in Region 4, Vista, exists on the Board.

Motion: Moved by Melvin Lambe, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Minister of

Education be advised of the vacancy and a request for appointment to fill that vacancy as soon as possible. Carried.

- 6.2 **Provincial Assessment Results (Public Exams)** Mr. Darrin Pike, Assistant Director, Programs, gave a report to the Board on Public Exam Results for 2004-05.
- 6.3 **Visit from Minister of Education** The Director advised that the Minister is interested in attending a session with ESD and in doing a presentation on the Accountability Legislation and the duties of the trustees. It was agreed by consensus that the Minister would be invited to attend in the December meeting.
- 6.4 **Board Meeting Date – January.** The Director noted that the regular meeting for January is on the fourth. There was a request to move it ahead to January 11.

Motion: Moved by Jerry Rice, seconded by Ken Best, that the January meeting be moved to January 11th. This meeting will be held in Burin. Carried.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. King distributed his report for October, 2005.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Rick Martin, that the meeting be extended for 15 minutes. Carried.

Dr. King highlighted of issues for the past month and the items coming forward to the board in the near future.

The Director was asked, and agreed, to provide the priority listing on roof replacements and money spent on capital works. A listing of the capital priorities of the Board as submitted to the Department of Education was requested as well, with concern expressed over the placement of St. Kevin's on that list.

The Director advised that the Paradise Elementary repairs are proceeding, with ESD staff doing the work. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of November.

Concern was expressed by Trustees over the cost to schools for implementing the Government recycling program. Although the Board supported the initiative, it was felt that it was having a negative effect on schools' funding.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Melvin Lambe, to write Government asking to have the funding for this program provided through other government departments not from school funding.

Dr. King advised that he has written the Minister of Education on this issue. It was agreed that the Director's correspondence would be tabled for the next meeting. **The motion was withdrawn.**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on a motion by Derek Winsor.