

Special School Board

August 31, 2009

1. OPENING

A special meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Monday, August 31, 2009 at the District Conference Centre, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Milton Peach, Chair, resulting from the agenda of the Special Closed Board meeting of August 31, 2009.

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. Jeff King
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jerry Rice
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Mr. Jack Murphy
Ms. Rosalind Robere
Mr. George Sheppard

Also in attendance: Mr. Ford Rice, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director of Education, Finance & Administration
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Corporate Assistant

2. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – August 31, 2009

a. Finance & Administration Division Restructuring Plan

A discussion was held on restructuring the Finance & Administration Department and the Corporate Services Department. The Director made specific recommendations to facilitate the smooth operation of the district. It was noted that a more equitable distribution of workload would be a result of this reorganization.

It was noted that no change would be necessary to the Board Committee structure to accommodate this administrative change.

Motion: Moved by Eric A. Snow, seconded by Jim Hearn, that the Maintenance and Facilities division of the Finance & Administration Department be moved to the Rural Education & Corporate Services Department.
Carried.

It was agreed that the CEO would provide, for information purposes at the next meeting, a draft organizational chart showing these changes. It was noted that this will begin the process of change for these departments.

b. Tender: Building Security

As a response to the recent acts of arson in the District, and the Board's concern in this regard, the matter of building security and the costs associated with it were discussed.

A recommendation was brought forward by the CEO in an effort to be pro active. It was also noted that Board approval is required for amounts over \$150,000.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Dave Dibbon, that the Board approve the expenditure of approximately \$183,000 for security services to identified at-risk schools for the 2009-10 school year.
Carried.

It was agreed that a briefing note will be provided to Trustees in advance of subsequent requests of this nature.

It was noted that additional schools may require security as the need arises. Concern was expressed over the pending long weekend and vandalism in other schools, e.g. Virginia Park Elementary. The Director stated that additional resources will be used over the long weekend in an effort to curtail vandalism

It was agreed that the financial resources used to repair broken glass compared to the cost for security would be presented at the next regular board meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

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