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Overview

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District held a public meeting at Waterford Valley High School in St. John's August 18, 2017. Below are highlights of the meeting.

Policies Approved

The Board approved a number of policies following review and consultation with District staff. The following policies all received approval:

- Conflict of Interest Policy;
- Employee Travel Policy;
- Use of Instructional Time Policy; and,
- Media Relations Policy.

These policies will be in place for the 2017-18 school year.

Committee Reports

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District's Operating Budget for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 was approved.

As required in the Schools Act, 1997, the proposed budget for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2017 is balanced. Approval was also provided for the auditor's report and the accompanying audited financial statements for the Fiscal Financing Agreement with the Nunatsiavut Government.

Approval was provided for the financing of 27 school buses as part of a joint purchasing program undertaken with the Atlantic province. The order was placed in the fall of 2016, with 25 of the buses to replace aging assets where it is most cost effective to replace rather than repair. Two units will replace buses damaged in the May 2016 fire at the Corner Brook depot.

The 2017-18 Repairs and Maintenance Program was also presented by the Finance and Operations Committee for the approval of the Board. This is an annual approval and provides authority for staff to request funding or adjust priorities as situations emerge throughout the year. Trustees provided their approval to the 2017-18 program, with allowance for District staff to adjust priorities as situations warrant.

Trustees provided approval to allow for a powerline easement at the new school in Conception Bay South at the request of Newfoundland Power Inc. for Baine Johnston Corporation (BJC).

Acting Director Tony Stack presented trustees with his Director's Report, outlining the progress in planning areas such as student success and operations, and highlighting the District's efforts to ensure school readiness for September. The Director provided details on the five new schools that will be opening for 2017 and the excitement within these school communities.

The recipients of this year's Education Foundation scholarship program were also shared with trustees. Scholarships of \$1,000 each were provided regionally to 27 deserving students, whose names are available on the Foundation website, <http://www.nlesd.ca/foundation>.