

Strawberry Marsh Rd
Thursday, October 2, 2014

8:00 P.M

Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2014

1. OPENING

A meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador School Board was held on Thursday, October 2, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Chair, Milton Peach.

Members present: Milton Peach, Chair
Goronwy Price
Guy Elliott
Donald Brown
John George
George Sheppard
Rick Martin
Eric Snow
Fred Douglas
Wayne Lee
Newman Harris
John McCarthy
Gary Baikie

Microsoft Lync: Kim Cheeks
Nada Borden

Also in attendance: Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Jackie Crane, Executive Assistant
Heather Hillier, SAO
Jeff Thompson, Associate Director of Education
Anthony Stack, Assistant Director of Education
Lloyd Collins, Assistant Director of Education (Acting)
Larry Blanchard, Assistant Director of Education
Ken Morrissey, Director of Communications

The Chair welcomed the trustees and staff to the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: The Board agreed unanimously to adopt the agenda. (Wayne Lee/Guy Elliott) *Carried*

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of June 14, 2014, Board meeting were adopted as presented. (Fred Douglas/John McCarthy) Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 NLESD Constitution

The Chair reminded the Trustees of our motion on June 14 which passed our Constitution without containing zones. He stated a letter was sent to the Minister of Education and a response has been received (correspondence 7.9 and 8.7 below) outlining our request and the Minister's response. It was suggested that further discussion is needed around the zones and that this work would be addressed in our working session on October 3 and a decision made around this matter.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Trustee, Ms. Nada Borden, Chair of the Finance & Operations Committee provided an overview of the June 14, 2014 committee meeting. She stated due to time sensitivity many of the motions were brought to an Executive Committee meeting to have the motions passed and executed on behalf of the Board. The only motion to put to the Board at this meeting is one relating to Isle Aux Morts land. Trustee Borden stated she would be excusing herself after the report was tabled due to prior commitments.

5.1 FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM JUNE 14, 2014

Isle Aux Morts Land

Motion: That the Board, approve the surrender of the Crown Grant on the Isle Aux Morts property on Cemetery Road, subject to Ministerial approval. (Nada Borden/George Sheppard) Carried

5.2 PROGRAMS & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 14, 2014

Consideration of Draft Policy 'Student Search and Seizure'

Motion: That the Board, approve the Student Search and Seizure Policy as tabled at the June 14, 2014 meeting of the Programs and Human Resources Committee of the Board. (Fred Douglas/John McCarthy) Carried

The following is a list of motions from the Finance & Operations Committee and the Executive Committee meetings which took place over the summer months. In all of these motions the Executive Committee acted on behalf of the Board and all motions have been carried.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS ARE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM JUNE 14, 2014

Wellington Street – Corner Brook



Motion: EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

That the Board, approve to extend the lease at 10 Wellington Street for one year, with the option to extend for a further one year, subject to Ministerial approval.

St. Matthew's School Property – Dr. Gary Tarrant

Motion: EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

That the Board, approve the request by Dr. Gary Tarrant to purchase the 370 Square feet of the St. Matthew's Elementary Property as outlined by the attached survey, subject to Ministerial approval.

Disposal of 8 busses – Western Region

Motion: EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

That the Board, approve the donation of two busses to the Lourdes Cadet Corps, and dispose of the remaining six busses through donation or through public tender.

5.3 Executive Committee Meeting June 13, 2014

THESE THREE MOTIONS CARRIED AT JUNE 14 2014 BOARD MEETING

Guiding Principles for Zones/Constitution

Motion: That the Board draft guiding principles not be approved as presented.

Motion: That the Board adopt the Constitution as presented, excluding the electoral zones, and to submit the proposed electoral zones separately to the Minister, upon completion and approval by the Board.

CSBA- Information regarding attendees at CSBA was provided to the Committee.

Motion: that the Board approve for the Chair, four trustees and one senior staff be approved to attend CSBA in July 2014, keeping in line with policy.

5.4 Executive Committee Meeting July 9, 2014

EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

1. Budget 2014-2015

Motion: That the Executive Committee approve the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District's balanced operating budget for the 12 month period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

2. Appointment of External Auditor

Motion: That the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Byron Smith, Chartered Accountant for a three year term commencing with the June 30, 2014 year end, with an option to renew for an additional two year term.

3. Wellington Street – Extension of office lease



Motion: That the Executive Committee approve to extend the lease at 10 Wellington Street for one year, with the option to extend for a further one year, subject to Ministerial approval.

4. St. Matthew's School Property – Dr. Tarrant

Motion: That the Executive Committee approve the request by Dr. Gary Tarrant to purchase the St. Matthew's Elementary Property as outlined by the survey provided.

5. Disposal of Retired School Busses

Motion: That the Executive Committee give approval to the District to donate two busses to the Lourdes Cadet Corps, and dispose of the remaining six busses through donation or through public tender.

6. Disposal – Epiphany Elementary

Motion: That the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, grant approval to dispose of Epiphany Elementary to the Town of Heart's Delight - Islington for a nominal fee on an "as-is where-is" basis, subject to confirmation by the Diocesan Synod that it has declined its right of first refusal on the property, and further subject to Ministerial approval.

7. GC Rowe Land Acquisition

Motion: That the Executive Committee approve the purchase of the land, situated near GC Rowe, to help with traffic flow around the school, purchase price of \$20,000, pending Ministerial approval.

**5.5 Executive Committee Meeting July 22, 2014
EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

1. Spaniard's Bay Regional Office Tender

Motion: That the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, grant approval to award the disposal tender for the former Spaniard's Bay regional office to the Town of Spaniard's Bay, subject to Ministerial approval.

**5.6 Executive Committee Meeting August 12, 2014
EXECUTIVE ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

1. Holy Cross Elementary and District Conference Center

Motion: That the Executive Committee approve the use of the former Holy Cross Elementary property the District School.

2. Newfoundland School for the Deaf

Motion: That the Executive Committee approve the use of School for the Deaf for space to accommodate students from the Paradise area, pending Ministerial approval.

After the reports were tabled, there was a discussion regarding the Executive acting on behalf of the Board. the Trustees felt that the optics of not tabling these items at a public board meeting could be a negative reflection on the Board. The CEO stated that this had been discussed and the Executive Committee also felt that these items should have been tabled to the full Board but timing did not allow.

NEW BUSINESS



6. No new business

Prior to adjourning John McCarthy gave a short update on the Education Foundation. He stated they are preparing to award scholarships and should complete that in the next few weeks.

7. Correspondence to Minister

- 7.1 August 27, 2014, Land Purchase St. Matthew's Elementary Property
- 7.2 August 14, 2014, Extension Granted for Assistant Director of Education, HR
- 7.3 August 5, 2014, Opening Ceremonies Request
- 7.4 August 5, 2014, Request to use Former School for the Deaf Property
- 7.5 July 11, 2014, Request Lease Extension at 10 Wellington St.
- 7.6 July 9, 2014, Land Purchase for GC Rowe
- 7.7 July 9, 2014, Request to Dispose of Epiphany Elementary
- 7.8 June 23, 2014, Rescind Request to Dispose of Grand Falls-Windsor Regional Office
- 7.9 June 17, 2014, Request Approval of NLESD Constitution
- 7.10 June 17, 2014, Request Approval of NLESD By-Laws

8. Correspondence from Minister

- 8.1 September 15, 2014, Approval to Dispose of Epiphany Elementary
- 8.2 September 10, 2014, Approval to Extend Assistant Director of HR Appointment
- 8.3 September 2, 2014, Approval of CSBA Funding
- 8.4 August 27, 2014, Approval for Opening Ceremonies
- 8.5 August 25, 2014, Response to School for the Deaf Request
- 8.6 August 21, 2014, Additional Approval of Land Purchase GC Rowe
- 8.7 August 15, 2014, Response to NLESD Constitution
- 8.8 August 15, 2014, Approval of NLESD By-Laws
- 8.9 July 15, 2014, Approval of Land Purchase GC Rowe
- 8.10 July 9, 2014, Approval of Land Purchase for new School CBS
- 8.11 July 8, 2014, Approval to Rescind Disposal of Grand Falls-Window Regional Office
- 8.12 June 25, 2014, Approval to Dispose of Lower Cove Regional Office

8. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 by motion from Fred Douglas .

Chair

Recording Secretary

