



FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2021 – 12noon
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
(Via Zoom)

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board was called to order at 12pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Members Present: Steve Tessier, Chair
Goronwy Price, Board Chair
Wayne Lee, Committee Member
Winston Carter, Committee Member
John George, Committee Member
Guy Elliott, Committee Member
Raymond Bennett, Committee Member

NLESD Staff Present: Terry Hall, CFO/ADE – Corporate Services
Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education
Jim Sinnott, Director of Facilities and Custodial Management
Susan Clarke, Administrative Assistant (Corporate Services)

Regrets: Jennifer Aspell, Committee Member

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Winston Carter, seconded by Wayne Lee that the agenda be adopted as presented. *Carried.*

3. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020

It was moved by Winston Carter, seconded by John George that the minutes of November 10, 2020 be adopted as presented. *Carried.*

4. New Business (Motion)

4.1 Quarterly Budget Status Update – Period Ended September 30, 2020

Tabled by Terry Hall, CFO/ADE Corporate Services.

Budget Highlights

Total Budget

Original Budget (total)	\$829.28 Million
Revised Budget (total)	836.92 Million
Budget Increase	7.64 Million

Expenses are expected to remain within budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, although certain expenditures may exceed the approved budget allocation and budget transfers within these categories may be required.

Budget Adjustments

The total budget has been increased by \$7,643,160 as follows:

1. An increase of \$7,350,000 relating to additional one-time funding for teacher and substitute teachers for the 2020-21 school year that was not included in the original budget.
2. A decrease of \$2,400,000 due to an error in the payroll tax budget for teachers and substitute teachers.
3. An increase of \$2,693,160 relating to the approved Board Owned transportation budget which was received by the Department of Education after the original budget was approved. Additional funding included amounts required to meet scheduled payment obligations under transportation bus loans as well as additional funding relating to routes added as a result of Covid-19.

One-time Funding

NLESD has received several allocations of one-time funding to assist with additional expenses resulting from various Covid-19 precautions. Where possible, expenses relating to this funding have been disclosed on the schedules by division. Many of these allocations are intended to cover the 10 month period between September and June, therefore activity on the first quarterly budget report are expected to be lower than subsequent quarters.

The District continues to monitor increasing expenses relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. There are several potential areas of budget pressure, including contracted transportation, salaries and cleaning supplies and PPE. The attached

schedules summarize the operating results compared to the revised budget for the period ended September 30, 2020.

Motion #1:

Moved by John George, seconded by Ray Bennett that the Finance and Operations Committee recommend to the Board, approval of the Quarterly Budget Status Update for the period ended September 30, 2020. Carried.

4.2 Name Change Request – District School

Tabled by Jim Sinnott, Director of Facilities and Custodial Management.

Historically, the Avalon East School District's Alexander Street School came to be known as District School when it moved from Alexander Street circa 2000. The name has stuck for 20 years, however, it is a misnomer, given that it serves a specific geographic region rather than the District as a whole. The nature of the school is they do not have a large or consistent population, thus the traditional naming approaches (e.g. broad community naming competition) do not apply. However, they considered options and had students vote per below from administration.

Attending District School facilitates students becoming better able to recognize and develop their potential – that is awaiting them on the horizon – because of our desire to guide them in a positive direction.

The experience of attending our school extends the limits of what our students can do; it opens new horizons for them. For many of our students, coming to our school gives them the opportunity to succeed, socially and academically, because of the intensive support and instruction we can provide in a small group setting.

The horizon – in real life – is not fixed. It constantly changes depending on your location. Our teachers' and students' goals are the same – constantly changing. We set goals with and for our students and then, when they are accomplished, we set new goals. Students are constantly moving with forward momentum.

When students voted for a new name, "Horizon Academy" came out on top! When one is feeling unsteady in life, for whatever reason, one can focus on the horizon. Doing so will help balance and stabilize you until you find your equilibrium. This is what we do at "Horizon Academy", we show students there is always and opportunity on the horizon to transform their lives and become healthy, contributing members of

society.

Motion#2:

Moved by Wayne Lee, seconded by Winston Carter that the Finance and Operations Committee recommend to the Board, approval to rename District School to Horizon Academy. *Carried.*

4.3 Sale of Bayview Collegiate – St. Lunaire-Griquet

Tabled by Jim Sinnott, Director of Facilities and Custodial Management.

Bayview Collegiate in St. Lunaire-Griquet was closed by Western School District several years ago as part of the St. Anthony reorganization/new school (White Hills Academy) project. The District has received a Quit Claim from the Pentecostal Assemblies of NL. There was a previous higher offer for the property to be used in the tourism industry, but the sale was delayed pending the Crown Grant restriction on the property (for a school) being removed. Unfortunately, by the time that happened, the purchaser backed out based on Covid-19 pandemic limiting travel. In the meantime, the unheated property has deteriorated and is simply a liability for NLESD at this point. The present offer, although near immaterial cash value, removes the liability and additionally has the support of the municipality.

Motion#3:

Moved by Wayne Lee, seconded by John George that the Finance and Operations Committee recommend to the Board, approval of the sale of Bayview Collegiate – St. Lunaire-Griquet for the sum of \$7,000. *Carried.*

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Winston Carter at 12:37pm. *Carried.*