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**Eastern School District**

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 9, 2010

**LOCATION:** Georgetown Elementary School  
47 Kent Street, Georgetown

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda **(ACTION)**
  2. Minutes of May 12, 2010 School Board Meeting **(ACTION)**
  3. Correspondence
  4. Public Input
    - 4.1 Principal of Georgetown Elementary - Norbert Carpenter
  5. Superintendent's Executive Summary Report (P.8)
    - 5.1 Kindergarten Planning
    - 5.2 Staffing
    - 5.3 Minister's Summit on Learning
    - 5.4 Georgetown Student Wins National Poster Contest
  6. Report from Executive Committee
  7. Report from the Finance and Audit Committee
    - 7.1 Trustee Remuneration Rates for 2010-2011 **(ACTION)**
  8. Report from the Policy, Planning and Development Committee
    - 8.1 Research Requests from External Agencies (LC) – Proposed Board Policy – First Reading
    - 8.2 Research Requests from External Agencies (LC-R) – Proposed Board Regulation – First Reading
  9. Report from Nominating Committee for Election of Officers for the 2010-2011 School Year
  10. Election of Officers
  11. Appointment of Trustees to Serve on the Policy, Planning and Development Committee for 2010-2011

12. Appointment of Trustees to Serve on the Finance and Audit Committee for 2010-2011
13. Appointment of Trustees to Serve as Directors of PEI School Trustees' Association for the 2010-2011 School Year
14. Approval of Dates and Locations for 2010-2011 School Board Meetings (**ACTION**)
15. Report from the PEI School Trustees' Association
16. Other Business

**EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Gulf Shore Consolidated School, beginning at 7:10 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Robert Clow, Board Chairperson  
Sandy Clark  
Richard Collins  
Barbara Dingwell  
Ronald Lee  
Gael MacEachern  
David Mitchell  
Edna Reid  
Henry Somers

**REGRETS:** Brian Deveau  
Elizabeth Rankin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ricky Hood, Superintendent of Education  
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research  
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

01/05/10 Item 10 - Proposed Motion to Take from the Table - was deleted from the agenda. **It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Richard Collins that the agenda be adopted as amended. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

02/05/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Sandy Clark that the Minutes of the April 14, 2010 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented.** Motion 04/04/10 was revised to remove the motion numbers. **Motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board Chairperson noted one item in addition to the May 6, 2010 Correspondence Summary.

The Chairperson indicated that the postponement of the construction project at Montague Intermediate and the District response to the PEI Home and School Federation resolutions would be on the agenda for discussion at the May 31, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The Board Chairperson expressed appreciation to Principal Mary Jane Ready for hosting the School Board Meeting at Gulf Shore Consolidated School, and providing a tour for trustees of the school and the outside classroom.

Principal Ready presented information on initiatives to support student learning at Gulf Shore Consolidated School, and highlighted student and staff activities at the school.

Jennifer Lidstone, President of the Gulf Shore Consolidated Home and School Association, reported on the Association's current projects.

## **QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE**

03/05/10

Trustee Edna Reid rose on a question of privilege. **It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Gael MacEachern that the complete package of any and all legal opinions, communications with legal counsel and legal correspondence with the Eastern School District staff and/or Board of Trustees regarding the school organization including school rezoning and closure process from June 2008 to current be delivered to each board member on or before June 1, 2010.**

The Board Chairperson advised that discussion on legal issues should occur during Committee of the Whole. The Board resolved into Committee of the Whole at 7:50 p.m. The Board Meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

**Motion defeated with a vote of 6 nays, 2 ayes.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT**

### Enrolment Projections

The Superintendent presented enrolment projections for the 2010-2011 school year which indicate an estimated 13,727 students in kindergarten to grade 12 in Eastern School District schools. (A copy of the enrolment projections will be filed with the official minutes.)

### Science Fairs

Two District Science Fairs were held in March under the coordination of Lise Deveau, District Department Head for Science Fair. The Bluefield, Charlottetown Rural, and Colonel Gray Science Fair was held at Eliot River School on March 4. Southern Kings Consolidated School hosted the Montague, Morell and Souris Science Fair on March 8.

There were 154 students from the District Fairs who went on to participate at the Provincial Science Fair on March 30 at UPEI. A student from Stonepark Intermediate received the Lieutenant Governor's Award for the project which best demonstrates excellence and innovation in scientific thought and skill combined with enthusiasm for the

scientific process. Several ESD students will be participating in the Canada Science Fair in Ontario in May, 2010.

The Superintendent extended appreciation and congratulations to all students, staff, parents, community members and the University of PEI who participated in these events, and to Ms. Deveau for her leadership. Mr. Hood noted that Bill Whelan, Past President of the PEI Home and School Federation, served as Coordinator of the Provincial Science Fair

#### Eastern Area Teachers' Association Annual Meeting

Mr. Hood reported that he had addressed 1,000 teachers at their May 7, 2010 Annual Meeting on a number of themes, including literacy, the importance of data collection to inform teaching practice, models of inclusion and accountability in the education process.

#### REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

#### REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

##### Naming of New School in Stratford

Edna Reid, Chairperson of the Committee to Conduct a Community Vote for the Naming of the New School in Stratford, reported that the community vote had been held on May 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2010 on the following four names: Stratford Elementary School; Captain Frederick Thornton Peters, VC Elementary; Michael Thomas School; and Hillsborough View Elementary. Stratford Elementary School received the most votes. Ms. Reid indicated that the Town of Stratford had been instrumental in organizing and financing the community vote. **It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the School Board approve Stratford Elementary School as the name for the new elementary school located in Stratford.** Several trustees expressed appreciation to Ms. Reid and the committee for their leadership towards creating such a positive community event. **Motion carried.**

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The Board Chairperson will forward a letter of appreciation to the Town of Stratford to recognize their participation and support in the community vote, as well as a letter to inform the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development of the Board's approval of the name. The Board Chairperson terminated the committee that had been established to conduct the community vote.

##### Financial Review as of March 31, 2010

Financial documents for six months ending March 31, 2010 were presented to the Board for information. (A copy will be filed with the official minutes.)

### School Board Annual Meeting

Ms. Reid announced that the School Board Annual Meeting for the year ended June 30, 2009 has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010 6:30 p.m. at Georgetown Elementary School.

### **REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Gael MacEachern, Chairperson of the Policy, Planning and Development Committee, informed the Board that their Annual Review would be held from 5:00-7:30 p.m. on May 19 and 20, and from 12:15-4:30 p.m. on May 28. The new review format will provide time for dialogue between trustees and directors, and documents from each District Department will be provided to trustees one week prior to the sessions.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board Chairperson appointed Richard Collins as Committee Chairperson and Barbara Dingwell as the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for the 2010-2011 School Year. The elections will be held at the regular June 9, 2010 School Board Meeting.

### **REPORT FROM PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

Richard Collins, one of the ESD Directors of the PEI School Trustees' Association reminded trustees that the Annual General Meeting of the PEI School Trustees' Association will be held May 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Slemon Park. Seven ESD trustees plan to attend the meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

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**It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Richard Collins that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.**