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Eastern School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

LOCATION: Eastern School District School Board Office
234 Shakespeare Drive, Stratford

TIME: 7:00 p.m. **PUBLIC MEETING**

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda (**ACTION**)
 2. Minutes of April 7, 2009 School Board Meeting (**ACTION**)
Business Arising from Minutes
 3. Correspondence
 4. Public Input
 5. Superintendent's Executive Summary Report
5.1 Staffing Update
 6. Report from the Executive Committee
 7. Report from the Finance and Audit Committee
 8. Report from the Policy Planning and Development Committee
 - 8.1 Proposed Board Policy - School Lockdown Response Plan (EBCG) -
Second Reading (**ACTION**)
 - 8.2 Proposed Board Regulation - School Lockdown Response Plan
(EBCG-R) - Second Reading (**ACTION**)
 - 8.3 Proposed Policy - Naming School Facilities (FF) - First Reading
 - 8.4 Proposed Board Regulation - Naming School Facilities (FF-R) - First
Reading
 9. Appointment of Nomination Committee
 10. Report from Kids Count - The Learning Fund
 11. Report from PEI School Trustees' Association
 12. Other Business

**EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Eastern School District Board Office, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert Clow, Board Chairperson
Sandy Clark
Richard Collins
Barbara Dingwell
Ronald Lee
Anne Miller
David Mitchell
Elizabeth Rankin
Edna Reid
Henry Somers

REGRETS: Gael MacEachern

ALSO PRESENT: Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, Superintendent of Education
Louise Bruce, Acting Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda: Public Education of the Trustee.

01/04/09

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Ronald Lee that the agenda be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

02/04/09

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the Minutes of the March 11, 2009 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were two items of correspondence in addition of the Correspondence Summary of April 3, 2009.

Trustees requested clarification on two items contained in the Correspondence Summary.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

1. Staffing Update

Dr. MacDonald reported that enrolments had continued to decline, even with the addition of immigrant students, and additional grade 1 students due to the change in age of entry.

Staffing information was provided, including the number of instructional staff currently employed, and the number of retirements known to date. It is hoped that the District will continue with the same number of instructional staff in 2009/2010.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Human Resources Policies

The Board Chairperson reported that they are currently reviewing policies regarding human resource items

2. Year-End List

The Committee is developing a list of tasks to be reviewed prior to July 1.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson, Ronald Lee, reported on the following items from the Finance and Audit Committee:

- Presentation of a year-to-date financial summary.
- Members of the Finance and Audit Committee have not yet met with the auditors to finalize information for the Board's Annual Report, but plan to do so late April or early May.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Robert Clow, reporting on behalf of Committee Chairperson Gael MacEachern, noted that final reading on the School Lockdown Response Plan policy and regulation are scheduled for the May meeting.

REPORT FROM KIDS COUNT - THE LEARNING FUND

David Mitchell, ESD Director of Kids Count - The Learning Fund, reported a fund-raising goal of \$25,000. Various ideas are being considered; and potential donors will be contacted.

REPORT FROM PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Richard Collins, ESD Director, and Sandy Clark, PEISTA President, reported on the successful Professional Development session held on April 4, 2009 at the ESD Board Office. A number of trustees commented on the day, and highlighted, for future consideration, a number of topics raised by the students in attendance:

- Mid-term examinations versus exemptions.
- Formal examinations for intermediate grades.
- The need to include students in the consultation process for developing policies that affect them.
- Students/public not aware of trustees and what they do.

Trustees with comments or suggestions were asked to contact the PEISTA President. The next Directors' meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Public Education of the Trustee

Anne Miller suggested the development of some sort of viewer-friendly presentation that would help the public understand the role of the school board trustee. The Board Chairperson suggested this might be a topic for the Strategic Plan.

03/04/09 **It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Richard Collins that the Board resolve into Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.**

04/04/09 **It was moved by Sandy Clark and seconded by Ron Lee that the Board rise from Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.**

05/04/09 **It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Sandy Clark that the meeting adjourn at approximately 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.**