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Eastern School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

LOCATION: Morell Consolidated School
7755 St. Peter's Road (Route 2), Morell

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda **(ACTION)**
 2. Minutes of Jan. 6, 2010 Special School Board Meeting **(ACTION)** (P. 2-3)
Business Arising from Minutes
 3. Minutes of Jan. 13, 2010 School Board Meeting **(ACTION)** (P. 4-8)
 4. Minutes of Jan. 27, 2010 Special School Board Meeting **(ACTION)** (P. 9-10)
 5. Correspondence
 6. Superintendent's Executive Summary Report
 7. Report from the Executive Committee
 8. Report from the Finance and Audit Committee
 9. Report from the Policy, Planning and Development Committee
 - 9.1 Administrator Transfer (GCKC-R) - Proposed Revision to Board Regulation for Second Reading **(ACTION)**
 - 9.2 Teachers' Resource Centre (IJNC) - Second Reading to Rescind Board Policy **(ACTION)**
 10. Report from the PEI School Trustees' Association
 11. Other Business

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

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the School Board Office for a Special School Board Meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Elizabeth Rankin (Out of province)

ALSO PRESENT: Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, Superintendent of Education
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

The Board Chairperson indicated that the special meeting had been called in order to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones. Mr. Clow explained that if the Board approves a recommendation to proceed with rezoning, the Ad Hoc Committee will then prepare a report for presentation at a public meeting followed by a six-week public consultation process prior to a final vote by the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01/01/10

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Gael MacEachern that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES

The Board Chairperson provided information on the role and procedures followed by the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones, and read Board Regulation JCAA-R - School Attendance Zones.

The Board Meeting was recessed in order to obtain a sound system to allow members of the public to hear the proceedings. As it was not possible to provide adequate sound for people in the lobby to hear the proceedings, it was suggested that the meeting be rescheduled to a central location with a larger seating capacity and an adequate sound system.

02/01/10

It was moved by Gael MacEachern and seconded by Edna Reid that the meeting be adjourned, and that the Consideration of Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones would become an agenda item at the regular School Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010, with the location of the meeting to be announced on January 7, 2010. Motion carried.
(The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.)

The Board Chairperson indicated that the location of the meeting would be advertised through the newspapers, radio and on the ESD website.

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

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Colonel Gray High School, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Brian Deveau (Out of province)

ALSO PRESENT: Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, Superintendent of Education
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

The Board Chairperson apologized to members of the public for the inconvenience of re-scheduling the meeting from Jan. 6, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

03/01/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Sandy Clark that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

04/01/10 The Board Chairperson indicated that the request to meet with the Minister and Deputy Minister to discuss the merits of one English school board would be addressed in a future meeting. The Superintendent plans to attend the January 20, 2010 meeting of the Morell Consolidated Home and School. **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Ronald Lee that the Minutes of the December 17, 2009 School Board Meeting be adopted as amended. Motion carried.**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Chairperson noted six items in addition to the January 8, 2010 Correspondence Summary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

There was no report presented.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Edna Reid, Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that a meeting had been held with Department of Education representatives on December 21, 2009 to review budget requests for the 2010/2011 school year.

The next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee is scheduled to be held January 20, 2010.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee Chairperson, Gael MacEachern, presented proposed revisions to Board Regulation GCKC-R - Administrator Transfer, for first reading, and also gave first reading to rescind Board Policy IJNC - Teachers' Resource Centre. Both proposals will be circulated to affected groups for input prior to second reading at the February Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the Policy, Planning and Development Committee will be held on January 19, 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES

The Board Chairperson reported that an Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones had been struck to consider six requests for rezoning that had been submitted to the Board by October 15, 2009. David Mitchell was appointed Chairperson, along with committee members Sandy Clark, Barbara Dingwell, Henry Somers, Bob Andrews, Anne Hall and the Board Chairperson as an ex officio member. The committee terms of reference were as outlined in Board Regulation JCAA-R.

Committee Chairperson, David Mitchell, provided a brief overview of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, and the issues that had been considered in developing the proposed resolutions for this meeting.

05/01/10

It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Ronald Lee that the Board accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to proceed with the request submitted by Superintendent, Dr. Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, to the Board Chairperson and dated October 15, 2009.

06/01/10 **It was moved by Gael MacEachern and seconded by Edna Reid that the motion be amended to read, "That the Board accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to proceed with the request submitted by Superintendent, Dr. Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, to the Board Chairperson and dated October 15, 2009 to examine the possibility of rezoning and/or reconfiguring the following eight schools: LM Montgomery Elementary, West Royalty Elementary, Sherwood Elementary, Parkdale Elementary, Prince Street Elementary, St. Jean Elementary, West Kent Elementary and Spring Park Elementary."**

Motion for amendment was defeated with a vote of 4 ayes, 5 nays.

The original motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays.

07/01/10 **It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Henry Somers that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Board deny the request to rezone the Donagh Regional School zone dated October 9, 2009.**

Motion defeated with a vote of 3 ayes, 6 nays.

08/01/10 **It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Sandy Clark that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Board deny the request to rezone the former school zone of Tracadie Cross School and the current Morell Family of Schools zones dated September 18, 2009.**

Motion defeated with a vote of 4 ayes, 5 nays.

09/01/10 **It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Henry Somers that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Board deny the request to change the boundaries of school attendance zones to address:**

- (1) all school zones affected by the school closures of May 29, 2009; and**
- (2) all school rezoning and reconfigurations as recommended by Dr.**

MacDonald in the School Organization Plan dated January 7, 2009; dated October 15, 2009.

10/01/10 **It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Gael MacEachern that the motion be amended to add, "with the exception of the former Tracadie Cross Consolidated, former St. Theresa's Consolidated, Former St. Peter's Consolidated, LM Montgomery Elementary, Morell Consolidated, Donagh Regional and West Royalty Elementary Schools."**

Motion for amendment carried with a vote of 8 ayes.

Amended motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays.

11/01/10

It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Henry Somers that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Board deny the request that the District undertake the process of changing the boundaries of the school attendance zones for the 2010/2011 school year dated October 15, 2009.

The Board agreed to a "friendly amendment" to the motion that the schools listed in the above amendment be included with this motion, to add, "with the exception of the former Tracadie Cross Consolidated, former St. Theresa's Consolidated, Former St. Peter's Consolidated, LM Montgomery Elementary, Morell Consolidated, Donagh Regional and West Royalty Elementary Schools."

The Board Chairperson indicated there would be further discussion at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting to clarify whether the June, 2009 motion to recommend construction of a new Grade 4-6 school in Stratford would require an official reconfiguration of Glen Stewart School through Board Regulation JCAA-R.

Motion carried, with friendly amendment, with a vote of 5 ayes.

12/01/10

It was moved by David Mitchell and seconded by Ronald Lee that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Board deny the request that the District immediately commission a comprehensive zoning plan from an outside source.

The Board agreed to a "friendly amendment" to the motion that the schools listed in the above amendment be included with this motion, to add, "with the exception of the former Tracadie Cross Consolidated, former St. Theresa's Consolidated, Former St. Peter's Consolidated, LM Montgomery Elementary, Morell Consolidated, Donagh Regional and West Royalty Elementary Schools."

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee asked that the Board Chairperson notify the Minister of Education that the Board is awaiting word on the November, 2009 request for financing to allow the Board to commission a consultant to create a district-wide zoning and transportation plan.

Motion defeated, with friendly amendment, with a vote of 3 ayes and 6 nays.

The Board Chairperson indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones would now prepare a report concerning the proposed changes in boundaries and school attendance zones, to be presented first to a Committee of the Whole meeting and then a public meeting prior to January 31, 2010. There would then be six weeks of public input prior to the Board's final decisions on the report.

The Board Chairperson expressed appreciation to the Chairperson and members of the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones and to the Superintendent on their work to date.

REPORT FROM PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Henry Somers, ESD Director of the PEISTA, reported that the Directors are making final plans for the Atlantic Trustee Conference to be held in Charlottetown from January 28-30, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

13/01/10

It was moved by Barbara Dingwell and seconded by Ronald Lee that the meeting adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at Colonel Gray High School, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Elizabeth Rankin (Out of province)

ALSO PRESENT: Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, Superintendent of Education
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14/01/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Henry Somers that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD REGULATION JCAA-R - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES

15/01/10 **It was moved by Gael MacEachern and seconded by Richard Collins that the School Board adopt the proposed revision to Board Regulation JCAA-R - School Attendance Zones, as presented.**

Ms. MacEachern noted that the proposed revision would extend the date for presenting a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones from January 31 to March 31.

Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised due to adoption of the revision to Board Regulation JCAA-R, which extended the date for presentation of the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones.

- 16/01/10 **It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Richard Collins that the Board remove Item 3 - Report from Ad Hoc Committee on School Attendance Zones, from the agenda. Motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays.**

CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Board Chairperson reported that the Minister of Education requested that the School Board inform him by the end of January of any capital additions required to Eastern School District schools to accommodate incoming kindergarten students in September, 2010.

- 17/01/10 **It was moved by Sandy Clark and seconded by Ronald Lee that the School Board of the Eastern School District recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development that new additions to accommodate incoming kindergarten students at LM Montgomery Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School, and West Royalty Elementary School be constructed. The formula set by the Department of Education for determining space requirements for kindergarten students should be used in planning the additions. Construction should commence immediately for completion by September 1, 2010. Motion carried with a vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay.**

- 18/01/10 **It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.**