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**Eastern School District**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2010

**LOCATION:** Stonepark Intermediate School  
50 Pope Avenue, Charlottetown

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

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda **(ACTION)**
  2. Minutes of Jan. 13, 2010 School Board Meeting **(ACTION)** (P. 2-6)
  3. Minutes of Feb. 10, 2010 School Board Meeting **(ACTION)** (P. 7-9)
  4. Correspondence (P.10)
  5. Public Input
    - 5.1 Presentation by Principal, Norman Beck
  6. Superintendent's Executive Summary Report
    - 6.1 Welcome and Support (P. 11)
  7. Report from the Executive Committee
  8. Report from the Finance and Audit Committee
    - 8.1 Naming the New School in Stratford
  9. Report from the Policy, Planning and Development Committee
    - 9.1 Administrator Transfer (GCKC-R) **(ACTION - SECOND READING)** (P. 12-15)
  10. Report from the PEI School Trustees' Association
  11. Other Business

**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-FOURTH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Morell Consolidated 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  
Elizabeth Rankin  
Edna Reid  
Henry Somers

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bob Andrews, Director of School Development  
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research  
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

The Board Chairperson called the meeting to order and thanked Principal, Leo Hendricken, for hosting the Board Meeting and providing a tour of Morell Consolidated School for the trustees.

**APPOINTMENT OF ALEX (SANDY) MACDONALD AS DEPUTY MINISTER**

The Board Chairperson announced that Dr. Alex (Sandy) MacDonald, former Superintendent of Education for Eastern School District, had been appointed Deputy Minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on February 9, 2010. Mr. Clow extended congratulations to Dr. MacDonald in recognition of his work and efforts with the Board over the last five and one-half years. Bob Andrews, Director of School Development, was in attendance at the meeting to assist the Board.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Several items were added to the meeting agenda: Public Input from the Principal and Home and School of Morell Consolidated School; Under the Superintendent's Executive Summary Report - Rescind Administrative Regulation IJNC-R, Teachers' Resource Centre; and Under Other Business - Appointment to the Department of Education Souris School Curriculum and Program Committee. Second Reading of the Administrator Transfer (GCKC-R) Board Regulation was deleted from the agenda under the Report from the Policy, Planning and Development Committee.

**It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Sandy Clark that the agenda be adopted as amended. Motion carried.**

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Principal Leo Hendricken provided highlights on activities taking place at Morell Consolidated School, and noted that the transition of new students into Morell Consolidated had gone well with support from staff and parents. Holly, a grade 7 student who entered Morell Consolidated this year from St. Peter's Consolidated, spoke about the changes she experienced, and noted her favorite things have been the opportunity to meet more new students and to participate in dances. Vice-Principal Linda Blackett also commented on changes she has experienced moving from St. Peter's Consolidated, making note of the larger number of students and staff at Morell Consolidated.

Owen Parkhouse, Co-Chair of the Morell Consolidated Home and School, noted that at the January Home and School meeting, Dr. MacDonald had spoken on staffing issues in response to their request for additional teachers, and had indicated that the request would be addressed. Mr. Parkhouse asked the Board to look into the Home and School concerns. The Board Chairperson indicated that the Board would investigate.

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

02/02/10

**It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the Minutes of the January 6, 2010 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

There were questions raised regarding the list of schools contained in motion 10/01/10, and whether other schools should have been included. The Board Chairperson indicated that adoption of the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting would be delayed until the next regular Board Meeting to allow time for the records of the meeting to be checked.

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

03/02/10

**It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Richard Collins that the Minutes of the January 27, 2010 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board Chairperson noted six items in addition to the February 4, 2010 Correspondence Summary.

Trustee MacEachern noted that two letters from the Minister of Education had not been included in the summary, one requesting additional details on the request for funding

for rezoning and the other regarding surplus school buildings. The Board Chairperson indicated that the correspondence file will be checked, and a report presented at the next meeting.

The Board Chairperson indicated that the President of the PEI Home and School Federation has been invited to meet with the Board to discuss the requests contained in their letter received by the Board on January 14, 2010. The Executive Committee will be preparing a Board response to the Home and School resolutions from their 2009 Annual Meeting.

It was suggested that a correspondence record be developed to identify when correspondence is received, whether a response is required, and the date of the response. The Board Chairperson advised that correspondence received by individual trustees can be forwarded to the Board Chairperson if they wish it to be included in the Board Correspondence Summary.

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

Bob Andrews, Director of School Development, presented the Superintendent's Executive Summary Report.

#### **Rescinding of Administrative Regulation IJNC-R - Teachers' Resource Centre**

Mr. Andrews reported that Administrative Regulation IJNC-R - Teachers' Resource Centre, is being rescinded. The Teachers' Resource Centre will remain in operation under the responsibility of the Director of Curriculum Development.

#### **Closed Schools - Surplus Property**

Questions were raised regarding the status of the schools closed last Spring and declared surplus by the School Board, and whether they are still the responsibility of the Eastern School District. The Board Chairperson indicated he would obtain the information and report back to the Board.

#### **January Meeting with Souris Parents**

In response to a question, the Board Chairperson reported that he had attended a meeting called by the Deputy Minister of Education to meet with representatives from the Souris Parent Councils to discuss plans for the new school. The Department of Education will be creating a special curriculum and program committee to plan for the school. The Chairperson indicated that it had not been a public meeting and trustees will receive a report at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

### **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Edna Reid, Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that the committee meeting had been postponed from January 20 to February 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

04/02/10

**It was moved by Gael MacEachern and seconded by Richard Collins that the School Board adopt the proposal to rescind Board Policy IJNC - Teachers' Resource Centre. Motion carried.**

The Committee Chairperson, Gael MacEachern, reminded committee members of the next meeting to be held February 19 at 5:15 p.m.

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

The Board Chairperson thanked the Directors of the PEI School Trustees' Association for hosting the Atlantic Conference for Trustees in Charlottetown the past weekend on the theme of Professional Learning Communities.

Richard Collins, ESD Director of the PEISTA, indicated that the evaluation forms from the conference would be reviewed at their February 23 meeting. A date will be chosen to hold the annual general meeting before the end of June, and plans are underway for a spring PD event for trustees.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **National Award Recognized**

As trustee for Montague, Richard Collins extended congratulations to Kevin Stonefield, Principal of Montague Intermediate School, on being recognized with a national Distinguished Principal Award. The Board Chairperson will acknowledge the award to Mr. Stonefield with a letter and presentation in the near future.

#### **Appointment to Department of Education Souris School Curriculum and Program Committee**

The Board Chairperson appointed Brian Deveau to represent the Board on the new Department of Education Souris School Curriculum and Program Committee. The construction committee for the new school will be established later. Mr. Deveau will keep the Board updated on the status of the work of the committee.

05/02/10 **It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Henry Somers that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.**