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Eastern School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

LOCATION: Southern Kings Consolidated School
2294 Peter's Road, Route 324

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

- AGENDA:**
1. Approval of Agenda (**ACTION**)
 2. Minutes of June 9, 2010 School Board Meeting (**ACTION**)
 3. Minutes of July 13, 2010 School Board Meeting (**ACTION**)
 4. Correspondence
 5. Public Input
 - 5.1 Principal of Southern Kings Consolidated – Krista Gordon
 6. Superintendent's Report
 - 6.1 A New School Year Has Begun
 - 6.2 Student Enrolments
 - 6.3 School Construction
 - 6.4 Introduction of Kindergarten
 - 6.5 District Literacy Action Plan
 7. Report from Executive Committee
 - 7.1 Trustee Remuneration (**ACTION**)
 8. Appointment of Trustees to Serve as Directors of PEI School Trustees' Association for the 2010-2011 School Year
 9. Report from the PEI School Trustees' Association
 10. Other Business

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

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Georgetown Elementary School, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Sandy Clark

ALSO PRESENT: Ricky Hood, Superintendent of Education
Marjorie Steeves, Director of Corporate Services
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson who expressed appreciation to Mr. Carpenter, the Principal of Georgetown Elementary School, and to the Home and School Association for hosting the meeting and providing a tour for trustees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01/06/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Ronald Lee that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.**

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

02/06/10 **It was moved by Henry Somers and seconded by Ronald Lee that the Minutes of the May 12, 2010 School Board Meeting be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Chairperson noted six items in addition to the June 3, 2010 Correspondence Summary.

PUBLIC INPUT

Georgetown Elementary Principal, Norbert Carpenter, presented information on initiatives in support of student learning at Georgetown Elementary, and highlighted student and staff activities at the school. Mr. Carpenter made particular note of support received from parents as well as the Town of Georgetown, Kings Playhouse and community businesses.

Toby Murphy, President of the Georgetown Elementary Home and School Association, reported that over the school year, the entire community had united with a common goal to provide the best possible education for Georgetown students.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

03/06/10 Trustee Edna Reid rose on a question of privilege regarding public release of confidential information. **It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Gael MacEachern that the Executive of the Board investigate who directly or indirectly released the email and my (Edna Reid's) letter to the media, and to report back to the Board not later than July 10, 2010. Motion carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

1. Kindergarten Planning

The Superintendent reported that planning for kindergarten continues among many partner groups. Topics including staffing, classroom space, professional development, orientation programs, curriculum resources, furniture, materials and transportation are updated on a regular basis. The planning is in place to see that our youngest students have as good a start as possible into the public school system.

There will be a delayed start for kindergarten children in September. Students in grades 1 - 12 will begin school on September 7, while kindergarten students will begin school two days later on September 9, 2010.

2. Staffing

The process of deploying and hiring District staff for the 2010-2011 school year has begun. This is a busy time for our Human Resources Department, school administrators and leadership staff in the District Office. It is hoped that the vast majority of staffing will be completed by early July.

3. Minister's Summit on Learning

The Superintendent reported that approximately 275 people had attended the Minister's Summit on Learning held on June 4 and 5, 2010 to discuss what Islanders want from the public school system. The next task will be to identify priorities and develop a focus.

4. Georgetown Student Wins National Poster Contest

A drawing done by Lauren MacConnell, a Grade 7 student at Georgetown Elementary, was selected by Natural Resources Canada as the provincial classroom poster for 2011. Each year the federal department of Natural Resources Canada holds an art contest for children aged 6-13. Artwork from the contest is published, with one drawing from each province and territory in Canada. The provincial Environment, Energy and Forestry Department coordinates the contest of PEI and Lauren received her award from Minister Brown during Canada Environment Week. Mr. Hood asked Principal Carpenter to pass along congratulations to Lauren from the Board and leadership team.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board Chairperson extended regrets on behalf of trustee Sandy Clark who was absent from the meeting due to illness.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trustee Remuneration Rates for 2010-2011

Edna Reid, Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee noted that there were no changes recommended to the remuneration rates from the previous year.

Proposed Trustee Remuneration Rates for the 2010-2011 School Year
June 9, 2010
(Rates would become effective July 1, 2010)

		<u>Rates</u>
<u>Group 1</u>	— SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS	
	- Monthly Public School Board Meetings	
	- Special School Board Meetings	
	- Committee of the Whole Meetings	
Honorarium Rates:	Chairperson	\$ 80
	Trustee	70
	Maximum Per Day	120
<u>Group 2</u>	— SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS	
	- Planning and Priorities Committee	
	- Ad Hoc Committees	
	- Board Professional Development	
	- Board Conference Sessions	
	- Committees approved by the Board for outside partners (Dept., PEITF, H&S)	
	- Board Representatives on various School Board activities	
Honorarium Rates:	Chairperson of Committees	\$ 60
	Trustees	60
	Full Day (Maximum Per Day)	120

- Group 3 — SOCIALS/OTHER ACTIVITIES
- Trustee Information Meetings, Sessions with Board Staff or Chairperson - No remuneration - travel only
 - Home & School/Parent Advisory Committees
 - Board Socials (Christmas parties, retirements, receptions)
 - Invitations by Schools (graduations, openings, festivals, drama)
 - Invitations by other partners (teachers' conventions, annual meetings)
 - Observance to unappointed committees of the Board
- Honorarium Rates: No honorariums

04/06/10

It was moved by Edna Reid and seconded by Richard Collins that the School Board approve the proposed trustee remuneration rates for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Research Requests from External Agencies (LC) - Proposed Board Policy

Gael MacEachern, Chairperson of the Policy, Planning and Development Committee, presented a proposed Board Policy - Research Requests from External Agencies (LC), for first reading.

Research Requests from External Agencies (LC-R) - Proposed Board Regulation

The Committee Chairperson also presented the proposed Board Regulation - Research Request from External Agencies (LC-R) for first reading.

Both proposals will be posted on the District website and circulated for input prior to second reading in September, 2010.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Richard Collins, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented the following Report from the Nominating Committee:

Report from Nominating Committee
June 9, 2010

Nominating Committee: Richard Collins, Chairperson
Barbara Dingwell

In accordance with Board Policy BDBB - Election of Officers, all trustees were contacted to determine interest in serving as board officers for the next year.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to bring the following trustee names forward for nomination to executive positions on the School Board for the school year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

Chairperson	-	Robert Clow
		Gael MacEachern
Vice Chairperson	-	Henry Somers
Secretary	-	Richard Collins
		Elizabeth Rankin

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the School Board Meeting on June 9, 2010.

05/06/10

It was moved by Ronald Lee and seconded by Richard Collins that the Nominating Committee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Mr. Clow vacated the chair which was assumed by the Superintendent for the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Superintendent appointed Marjorie Steeves and Philip Connolly as scrutineers for the election.

Chairperson

For the position of Chairperson, the Nominating Committee had nominated Robert Clow and Gael MacEachern. There were no further nominations from the floor.

The meeting was recessed briefly for a review of Robert's Rules of Order to determine if the mover of a nomination receives an opportunity to speak to the nomination. The Interim Chairperson ruled that as Robert's Rules of Order do not explicitly address the issue, past practice would be followed whereby only nominated candidates would have an opportunity to address the Board.

An election was held and Robert Clow was elected as Board Chairperson for the school year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Vice-Chairperson and Secretary

For the position of Vice-Chairperson, the Nominating Committee had nominated Henry Somers. Edna Reid nominated Gael MacEachern for Vice-Chairperson. An election was held that resulted in a tie vote. The Interim Chairperson reported that a subsequent election for Vice-Chairperson will occur at the next School Board Meeting.

Following a short meeting with the candidates for Vice-Chairperson, the Interim Chairperson advised that the election for Secretary will also be postponed to the next School Board Meeting in fairness to the candidates for Vice-Chairperson who may put their name forward for the Secretary position if unsuccessful in the election.

At a meeting on June 10, 2010, the current Executive Committee will determine when the next regular School Board Meeting will be held.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO SERVE ON THE POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

The Board Chairperson indicated that the Chairperson for the Policy, Planning and Development Committee would be announced at the next School Board Meeting. The following trustees were appointed to the Policy, Planning and Development Committee for the 2010-2011 school year: Gael MacEachern, Sandy Clark, David Mitchell, Elizabeth Rankin and Henry Somers.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO SERVE ON THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011

The Board Chairperson indicated that the Chairperson for the Finance and Audit Committee would be announced at the next School Board Meeting. The following trustees were appointed to the Finance and Audit Committee for the 2010-2011 school year: Edna Reid, Brian Deveau, Richard Collins, Barbara Dingwell and Ronald Lee.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF THE PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board Chairperson reported that he had received four trustee nominations to serve as Directors of the PEI School Trustees' Association for 2010-2011, and the appointments will be announced at the next School Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The following dates and locations were proposed for the 2010-2011 School Board Meetings:

September 15, 2010	-	Southern Kings Consolidated School
October 13, 2010	-	Birchwood Intermediate School
November 17, 2010	-	Montague Regional High School
December 8, 2010	-	West Royalty Elementary School
January 12, 2011	-	Vernon River Consolidated School
February 9, 2011	-	Stratford Elementary School
March 9, 2011	-	Cardigan Consolidated School
April 13, 2011	-	East Wiltshire Intermediate School
May 11, 2011	-	Souris Regional High School
June 8, 2011	-	Central Queens Elementary School

06/06/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the School Board approve the proposed School Board Meeting dates and locations for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. Motion carried.**

REPORT FROM PEI SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Richard Collins, one of the ESD Directors of the PEI School Trustees' Association, reported that the Annual General Meeting of the association had been held on May 24, 2010 in Siemon Park. The Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development spoke about kindergarten students entering the public school system, and new programs for children in day cares. At the annual meeting, Ronald Lee was elected as President of the PEI School Trustees' Association for a two-year term. The next meeting of the PEISTA Directors will be held in the fall.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

07/06/10 **It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Ronald Lee that the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.**

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

The School Board for the Eastern School District met on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the School Board Office, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Sandy Clark

ALSO PRESENT: Ricky Hood, Superintendent of Education
Marjorie Steeves, Director of Corporate Services
Philip Connolly, Manager of Policy and Research
Cindy MacLean, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01/07/10

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Barbara Dingwell that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

The Board Chairperson vacated the chair which was assumed by the Superintendent of Education for the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Superintendent indicated that the election of officers was a continuation of the process begun at the June 9, 2010 School Board Meeting. At that meeting, Robert Clow was elected as Board Chairperson. The election for Vice-Chairperson between Henry Somers and Gael MacEachern had resulted in a tie vote and in accordance with the Board Policy on Election of Officers, a subsequent election would be held at the next regular meeting.

The Superintendent appointed Marjorie Steeves and Philip Connolly as scrutineers for the election.

Vice-Chairperson

An election was held and Henry Somers was elected as Vice-Chairperson for the 2010-2011 school year.

Secretary

For the position of Secretary, the Nominating Committee had nominated Richard Collins and Elizabeth Rankin. There were no further nominations from the floor. An election was held and Richard Collins was elected as Secretary for the 2010-2011 school year

The Board Chairperson assumed the chair, and extended congratulations to Mr. Somers and Mr. Collins on their election to the Executive. The first meeting of the Executive Committee will be held near the end of August.

02/07/10

It was moved by Richard Collins and seconded by Ronald Lee that the meeting adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.