

School District #5: Baie Verte, Central, Connaigre
Regular School Board Meeting
June 15, 2004
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Terry Brown, Chair
Carolyn Andrews
Clarence Brown
Randy Edison
Robert Elliott
Raymond Gray
Winston Keeping
Sharon Mayne
David Morrow
Gregory Roberts
Mabrey Winsor

Debbie Armstrong, Director of Education
Terry Hillier, Assistant Director (Finance & Administration)
Bonnie Lane-McCarthy, Assistant Director (Human Resources)
Frank Norman, Assistant Director (Programs)
Marina Hewlett, Associate Assistant Director (Hum. Res./Stud. Supp. Serv.)
Beverly Wells, Recorder

ABSENT

Albert Hodder, Sean Power and Sean Power sent Regrets.

1. INVOCATION

The meeting opened with the reading of the invocation.

2. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this meeting.

3. PROGRAM PRESENTATION

There were no program presentations at this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion the Agenda was approved. (Elliott/Keeping) Carried.

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5. MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2004, REGULAR MEETING & CLOSED SESSION MEETING

On motion the Minutes of the May 18, 2004, Regular School Board Meeting were approved. (Morrow/Gray) Carried.

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6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. HELEN TULK ELEMENTARY, VENTILATION SYSTEM

The Director advised that the Helen Tulk Ventilation System is moving ahead very slowly.

6.2. GYM FLOOR, BAIE VERTE HIGH SCHOOL

The Department of Education has approved the gym floor project at Baie Verte High School. The consultants are proceeding to prepare tenders.

6.3. SCHOOL BOARD RESTRUCTURING

The Transition Committee met at the School Board Office in Grand Falls-Windsor on June 14. The Minister of Education and three officials from his Department also attended and entertained questions from the members of the Committee. The Baie Verte, Central, Connaigre School Board trustees would like the new board to focus their energies on school development and strategic planning. The Director has been hired in the person of Randell Mercer and the assistant directors will be hired shortly. The budget for the new board was released at that meeting and the administrative budget is less than the present District 5 and District 6 budgets. There is no agenda at this time to close schools.

6.4. LOCKERS – BAY D'ESPOIR ACADEMY

At the official opening of Bay d'Espoir Academy, Milltown, the Government gave a cheque for \$4000 to help with the purchase of lockers for that school. A committee of parents had already raised \$9000 for the same purpose. It is hoped that the lockers will be purchased and installed before school opening in September 2004.

6.5. CSBA CONGRESS 2004

Terry Brown, Randy Edison and Carolyn Andrews will be attending Congress 2004 in Toronto in July 2004.

7. REPORTS

7.1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report at this meeting.

7.2. EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Executive did not meet since the last meeting.

7.3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was circulated to Board trustees. It showed a deficit of \$292,075 to June 2004.

On motion it was agreed to accept the April 30, 2004, financial statement of the Board. (Brown/Gray) Carried.

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7.4. FINANCE & PROPERTIES REPORT

The Finance and Properties Committee met on June 8, 2004.

It was agreed that a list of transitional issues would be forwarded to the new board.

Springdale Pentecostal Church had approached the Board regarding renovations that the church would like to make to a section of the school that is now shared with them. The Pastor of the church is meeting with the principal of the school to work out arrangements that will be acceptable to both parties.

It was agreed that any part of Indian River Middle School presently used for educational purposes will have to stay as is. Any physical changes to the building will be brought forward to the new board.

7.4.1. Capital Projects

A letter was received from the Minister of Education advising that capital construction projects had been approved for accessibility at Leo Burke Academy, Bishop's Falls, and for an artesian well and pump at Dorset Collegiate, Pilley's Island.

On motion it was agreed to accept the Finance and Properties Committee Proceedings dated June 8, 2004. (Morrow/Mayne) Carried.

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7.5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no proceedings from the Personnel Committee's meeting of June 2, however, Randy Edison reported verbally. Most items dealt with at that meeting concerned transitional issues.

Bonnie Lane-McCarthy, Assistant Director (Personnel) had done a survey regarding small schools in the District and found that it was to no benefit to close any of the schools reviewed. It was recommended that if/when consideration is given for changing SNE guidelines, changes should be made in consideration of programming improvements.

7.6. PROGRAMMING REPORT

The Programming Committee had met since the last meeting but there were no proceedings available from that meeting. Carolyn Andrews said the Committee discussed transitional issues and spoke about the good rapport that the Board had with school councils and schools and would like to bring that forward to the new board. The Committee said they would like the new board to continue with policy development and student assessment/achievement.

7.7. CRSC REPORT

There was no CRSC Report. David Morrow said he would recommend to the new Board that a representative continue with this group for support and involvement. Debbie Armstrong said the Board benefited by having a representative on the CRSC.

7.8. SCHOOL BOARD-TEACHER LIAISON COMMITTEE

The School Board-Teacher Liaison Committee met on May 26, 2004. Minutes of that meeting were made available to Board trustees. Terry Brown said he was impressed with the relationship between the Board and the teachers at these meetings. He said quite a few issues got resolved at these meetings and said the committee is a very valuable one.

7.9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2004-2005

A copy of the proposed school calendar for 2004-2005 was circulated to Board trustees for their input.

On motion it was agreed to approve the proposed school calendar for 2004-2005. (Andrews/Elliott) Carried.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for action at this meeting.

The Chair thanked the Board trustees for serving on the Board and the Board's committees during the past three years. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all Board trustees present.

10. MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

On motion it was agreed to convene a closed session. (Mayne/Keeping) Carried.

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Beverly Wells, Recorder

Terry Brown, Chair of the Board

