

CANADA

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board was held at the Administrative Office of the Board at 40 Mountsorrel, New Carlisle, Quebec on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The following persons were present:

COMMISSIONERS: W. Gifford Chairperson
M. E. Beaulieu (Telephone-conference)
K. Eldridge, Vice-Chair (videoconference)
M. Chesser
M. Clarke (videoconference)
G. Hayes
G. Briand
D. Bourgouin (videoconference)
R. Mundle (videoconference)
K. Dickson (videoconference)

PARENT COMMISSIONER: K. Mackenzie (Videoconference)
C. Carney
D. Martin (Video Conference)

DIRECTOR GENERAL: H. Wood
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL: S. Ward; Director of Finance
INTERIM SECRETARY GENERAL: M.A. Cooke

OTHERS: L. Mosher; Director of Education Services
D. Smith; Director of Human Resources (videoconference)
T. Renouf; Superintendent of Services
A. Guilbeault; Coordinator of Adult and Vocational Education Services

ABSENT: J. Davies sent her regrets

The Chairperson, Mr. Gifford called this regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present.

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared at this time.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

C20-08-597

It was moved by G. Briand that the agenda for this regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board be approved with the following additions to Varia:

- 11.1 Entry Island School – CAMI
- 11.2 Cross Walk – New Carlisle High School.

CARRIED

3. **QUESTION PERIOD**

No items.

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Reading of the Minutes

4.1.1 June 16, 2020

C20-08-598 It was moved by G. Briand that whereas the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on June 16, 2020, were circulated six hours prior to the meeting in accordance with article 170 of the Education Act, the Secretary General be excused from the reading of same.
CARRIED

4.1.2 July 10, 2020

C20-08-599 It was moved by M.E. Beaulieu that whereas the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on July 10, 2020, were circulated six hours prior to the meeting in accordance with article 170 of the Education Act, the Secretary General be excused from the reading of same.
CARRIED

4.1.3 July 17, 2020

C20-08-600 It was moved by M. Chesser that whereas the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on July 17, 2020, were circulated six hours prior to the meeting in accordance with article 170 of the Education Act, the Secretary General be excused from the reading of same.
CARRIED

4.2 Approval of the minutes

4.2.1 June 16, 2020

C20-08-601 It was moved by G. Briand that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on June 16, 2020, be approved.
CARRIED

4.2.2 July 10, 2020

C20-08-602 It was moved by M. E. Beaulieu that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on July 10, 2020, be approved.
CARRIED

4.2.3 July 17, 2020

C20-08-603 It was moved by M. Chesser that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on July 17, 2020, be approved.
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No Items

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 **Complice Persévérance scolaire Gaspésie - Les Îles**

A letter was received asking ESSB to renew its membership with Complice Persévérance scolaire Gaspésie- Les Îles for the 2020-2021 school year. The letter was placed on file.

6.2 **RSEQ Est-Du-Quebec**

C20-08-604

It was moved by G. Briand to renew the membership with RSEQ-Est-du-Québec for the 2020-2021 school year and that Pat Drohan be named as a delegate for the Eastern Shores School Board, and

That the Director of Educational Services is to be mandated to find the remaining delegates.

CARRIED

6.3 **Letter of Resignation – L. Martin**

C20-08-605

It was moved by M. E Beaulieu to accept with regret the resignation of the Commissioner of Ward 4, Luc Martin dated August 16, 2020. The letter was received and placed on file.

CARRIED

6.3.1 **Ward 4 Replacement**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioner received notice on August 16, 2020, of the resignation of Commissioner Luc Martin;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointing the appropriate candidate within 30 days;

C20-08-606

IT WAS MOVED by M. E. Beaulieu that **Ms. Nancy Doddridge** be appointed the position of Commissioner for Ward 4 for the remainder of the term or November 1, 2020, whichever event occurs first.

CARRIED

6.3.2 **Transportation Committee**

C20-08-607

It was moved to nominate Commissioner, M. Chesser to sit on the Transportation Committee to replace Mr. Martin and to ensure quorum.

CARRIED

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

7.1 **QESBA Special Assessment Court Challenge on Bill 40**

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and its member boards have embarked upon a court challenge to Bill 40: *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance*;

WHEREAS QESBA had a budget set aside for a portion of the total cost of a court challenge that could last up to five years;

WHEREAS QESBA was granted the initial challenge for a stay;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has decided to challenge and appeal this ruling;

WHEREAS it is our responsibility to protect and promote English public education in Québec;

C20-08-608

IT WAS MOVED by G. Briand that Eastern Shores School Board approve a special assessment of \$2.00 per pupil to help offset the growing legal fees to QESBA.

CARRIED

8. **DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Director General's monthly activity report was received and placed on file.

9. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

9.1 **Information Technology**

No items to report

9.2 **Education Services**

The Director of Education gave a verbal report on the activities that have been ongoing since May to ensure student success for the 2019-2020 school year. Her team is working diligently to ensure that schools are ready for the 2020-2021 school year.

9.3 **Complementary services**

9.3.1. **Psychological Services Contract**

WHEREAS a job offer was published for the position of Psychologist;

WHEREAS no applications were received;

WHEREAS following the unsuccessful recruitment efforts, two companies were invited to submit service offers;

WHEREAS one company submitted an of services;

C20-08-609

IT WAS MOVED by G. Briand to contract the services of Dr. Bernard Nadeau, for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$ 39,520.00.

CARRIED

9.3.2 **Speech and Language Pathology Services Contract**

WHEREAS a job offer was published for the position of Speech Therapist;

WHEREAS no applications were received;

WHEREAS following the unsuccessful recruitment efforts two companies were invited to submit service offers;

WHEREAS two offers of services were received;

C20-08-610

IT WAS MOVED by G. Briand to contract the services of Le Centre Mosaïque for the 2020-2021 school year. An estimation of 20 evaluations will be completed for a maximum cost of \$40, 000.00 excluding travel.

CARRIED

9.4 **Adult and Vocational Education Services**

The Director General's monthly activity report was received and placed on file.

9.5 **Financial Services**

The Director of Financial Services gave a brief verbal summary of the progression of the 2020-2021 budget. She is still missing important information to finalize it.

9.6 **Human Resources**

9.6.1 **Assistant Director General**

C20-08-611

It was moved by G. Briand to appoint **Jane Bradbury** to the position of Assistant Director General effective October 26, 2020.

CARRIED

9.6.2 School Principal Replacement Positions

New Carlisle High School

C20-08-612 It was moved by C. Carney to appoint **Ian Gilker** to the 100% replacement position of School Principal in New Carlisle High School effective August 17, 2020. CARRIED

Gaspé Polyvalent School

C20-08-613 It was moved by D. Bourguin to accept the appointment of **Marie-Christine Plourde** to the replacement position of Principal in Gaspé Polyvalent School from August 24-31, 2020. ABSTENTIONS: G. Briand CARRIED

Evergreen High and St.Patrick's School

C20-08-614 It was moved by G. Briand to extend the 100% replacement position of **Nadine Savage's** as School Principal in Evergreen High School and St-Patrick/St-Joseph School until June 30, 2020. CARRIED

9.6.3 Resignations

C20-08-615 It was moved by K. Dickson to accept the resignation of **Mike Isaac**, School Principal in New Richmond High School as of August 25, 2020. CARRIED

9.6.4 Appointment of Interim School Principal

New Richmond High School

C20-08-616 It was moved by K. Dickson to appoint **Kelly Caldwell** as interim School Principal (100%) in New Richmond High School with 50% teaching duties, pending the recruitment of a new principal. CARRIED

9.6.5 Posting of School Principal

C20-08-617 It is moved by D. Bourguin to post the 100% position of School Principal in New Richmond High School. CARRIED

9.7 Material Resources and Transportation

The Superintendent of Services gave a verbal report about both services.

9.8 Secretary General

9.8.1 Student Ombudsman Contract

C20-08-618 It was moved by G. Hayes to renew the Student Ombudsman agreement with Mr. Donatien Grenier and the Centre de service scolaire Littoral for three years from 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 for the following amounts:

2020-2021	\$8,551.68
2021-2022	\$8,979.27
2022-2023	\$9,428.23

CARRIED

10 **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

September 23, 2020

Executive: 9:00 a.m.
Council: 9:30 a.m.

11. **VARIA**

11.1 **Entry Island - Cami**

Commissioner M. Clarke informed Council that CAMI has received a considerable sum of money to renovate the former Entry Island School and requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to them.

11.2 **Crosswalk NCHS**

Commissioner M. Clarke brought to the attention of the Council that despite receiving news of the approval by the Minister of Transportation to install a crosswalk and markers in front of New Carlisle High School, he is worried about the student population crossing Church Street.

12. **ADJOURNMENT at 7:40 P.M.**

C20-08-619

It was moved by M. E. Beaulieu that, there being no further business the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED

Secretary General

Chairperson