

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 offices of the Board on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The following persons were present:

COMMISSIONERS: W. Gifford, Chair  
R. Mundle, Vice-Chair  
M. E. Beaulieu (online)  
M. O'Brien (online)  
J. McWhirter (online)  
M. Syvret-Caplin (online)  
K. Ward  
D. Hunt  
D. Bourgouin  
K. Dickson

PARENT COMMISSIONER: K. Mackenzie  
J. Bizeau (online)  
R. Di Tanna (online)  
R. Steward (online)

DIRECTOR GENERAL: D. Simoneau  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL: J. Bradbury; Assistant Director General  
and Director of Adult and Vocational  
Education  
SECRETARY GENERAL: D. Gauthier

OTHERS: S. Ward; Director of Finance  
M. Hayes-Dow; Director of Information Technology, School  
Organization and Transportation (online)  
D. Foltin; Director of Education Services  
A. Dupuis; Director of Human Resources

ABSENT: G. Hayes, sent his regrets

Mr. Gifford, Chair, 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**

C24-02-091

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

- Motion to accept the resignation of a commissioner.
- Letter from the New Carlisle Municipality
- St. Patrick's School follow-up

CARRIED

**3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**3.1 Reading of the Minutes**

**3.1.1 January 8, 2024**

C24-02-092 It was moved by M. E. Beaulieu that whereas the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on January 8, 2024, 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

**3.2 Approval of the minutes**

**3.2.1 January 8, 2024**

C24-02-093 It was moved by K. Ward that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on January 8, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 By-Law 11 – Complaint Procedure**

Tabled to the June meeting if no further information is received before then

**4.2 Returning Officer.**

C24-02-094 It was moved by K. Ward to open the position for the position of Returning Officer with a view to engaging the incumbent before the end of the school year.

CARRIED

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Unité régionale loisir et sports (URLS) Gaspésie-et-des-Iles**

C24-02-095 It was moved by D. Hunt to renew the membership with URLS for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of 200.86\$;

It was further resolved to nominate Nadine Savage and Shauna Simpson as representatives for Eastern Shores School Board.

CARRIED

**5.2 CAMI – Letter of request**

**WHEREAS** property (lot 3 777 352) was sold to the Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders (CAMI) in 2014;

**WHEREAS** a right to first refusal was included in the deed of sale;

**WHEREAS** CAMI is in the process of restructuring and would like to mortgage said property;

**WHEREAS** CAMI's notary has recommended obtaining authorisation from ESSB to mortgage the property;

**WHEREAS** said authorization maintains ESSB's right to first refusal.

C24-02-096 **IT WAS MOVED** by K. Dickson to authorize CAMI to mortgage said property which in turn allows ESSB to maintain its right to first refusal.

CARRIED

**5.3 Morency Lawyers – Information Letter**

A letter was received from Morency Société d'avocats regarding the Civil Suit – Marcil. The remaining balances of the civil suit will be deposited in IN-TRUST accounts while waiting for the audition with the court that is scheduled for June 7, 2024. It is not expected to have the judgement before the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

The criteria for the distribution of the remaining balances will need to be established and adopted by each School Board and Service Centre. The document was received and placed on file.

**5.4 Director of Elections Quebec**

A letter was received from the director of Elections Québec accepting our Ward distribution for the upcoming elections. The letter was received and placed on file.

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**6.1 Report Summary**

Mr. Gifford gave his report verbally. He discussed the following items:

- Planning the meetings for next year,
- QESBA Spring Conference
- PD for the next Commissioners' meeting

**6.2 QESBA - Spring Conference**

C24-02-097

It was moved by D. Bourgoïn that the travel expenses for the 2024 Spring Conference be paid as per the travel policy.

CARRIED

**7. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

**7.1 DG's Report**

Ms. Simoneau presented her report to the Council. The document was received and placed on file.

**8. SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE**

**8.1 Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)**

Parent-Commissioner, R. Di Tanna, gave a summary of the first meeting of the SNAC.

**8.2 Central Parents Committee (CPC)**

Parent-Commissioner, K. Mackenzie expresses the concerns of the CPC regarding principals who have 2 or more schools to run.

She also inquired about the Anti-bullying survey completed at the beginning of the year.

**9. RESOLUTION ITEMS**

**9.1 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION – QESBA**

**WHEREAS** the council of commissioners adopted resolution C23-11-070 to add their support to QESBA's court action challenge pertaining to the various aspects of Bill 96.

**WHEREAS** a financial contribution was pending, and an amount not determined at that time.

C24-02-098

**IT WAS MOVED BY** D. Hunt to financially contribute an amount of \$7, 500 to QESBA to support the court challenge of various aspects of Bill 96.

CARRIED

**9.1 Commissioner Resignation**

C24-02-099

It was moved by D. Bourgoïn to accept the resignation of Mitchell Syvret-Caplin, Commissioner of Ward 4, effective February 13, 2024.

It was further resolved that, in accordance with article 199 of the School Elections Act, to begin the procedure to replace Mr. Syvret-Caplin.

CARRIED

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

No items

**11. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

**March 25, 2024 (New Richmond)**

**Working Session**

- 2:00 p.m.

**March 26, 2024 (New Richmond)**

- Executive: 9:00 a.m.
- Council: 9:15 a.m.

**12. VARIA**

**12.1 New Carlisle Municipality**

Mr. Gifford indicated that a resolution was received from the Municipality of New Carlisle asking for a piece of land to install a reservoir to ensure an adequate water supply for consumption as well as for fire safety purposes for the new school. The document was received and placed on file.

**12.2 St. Patrick's School – Follow-up**

A summary of the meeting held on February 6, 2024, was presented by J. Bradbury and D. Gauthier.

**12.3 Notice of Motion**

Notice of motion was given by Commissioner D. Hunt that at the next sitting of the Council of Commissioners, a resolution be adopted requesting that the Minister of Education (MEQ) consider a long term solution for St. Patrick's School.

**13. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:05 P.M.**

C24-02-100

It was moved by D. Bourgoïn that, there being no further business, the meeting adjourns.  
CARRIED

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Secretary General

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Chairperson