

CANADA

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board was held at Fort Prével, situated at 2053, boulevard de Douglas, Saint-Georges-de-Malbaie, Quebec, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. The following persons were present:

COMMISSIONERS: W. Gifford, Chair
M. E. Beaulieu
M. O'Brien
S. Jerome (online)
K. Ward
G. Hayes
D. Hunt
K. Dickson

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

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

OTHERS: M. Hayes-Dow; Director of Information Technology, School
Organization and Transportation
A. Dupuis; Director of Human Resources
S. Ward; Director of Finance and Material Resources
T. Renouf; Superintendent of Services

ABSENT: R. Mundle, J. McWhirter, D. Bourguin, R. Di Tanna sent their 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**

C24-09-174

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 addition to Varia:

12.1 Rules of Order and Procedures for the Council Meetings

CARRIED

3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Reading of the Minutes of August 19, 2024

C24-09-175

It was moved by K. Mackenzie that whereas the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on August 19, 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 of August 19, 2024

C24-09-176

It was moved by G. Hayes that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on August 19, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No Items

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 CASSA

A press release was received announcing Ken Klassen as the new Executive Director of the Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA)

6 CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Gifford, Chairperson, gave a verbal report of his recent activities. Mr. Gifford invited Ms. June Main-Denis, ESSB's Returning Officer to speak about the upcoming elections. Ms. Main-Denis informed Council about the important dates that are coming up.

7. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

D. Simoneau, Director General, gave a brief presentation of her written report, which has been placed on file.

7.1 Education Services Presentation

D. Foltin, Director of Education Services gave a presentation about last year's school results for ESSB students

7.2 New School Presentation

T. Renouf, Superintendent of Services, gave a presentation regarding the new school construction project in New Carlisle.

8. SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE

8.1 Special Needs Advisor Committee

Representatives will be named soon.

8.2 Central Parents Committee

Representatives will be named soon.

9. RESOLUTION ITEMS

9.1 Commissioner Remuneration

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board is composed of ten (10) commissioners, one (1) Chair and four (4) Parent Commissioners.

WHEREAS the Quebec Government decree #1216-2024, dated August 14, 2024, establishes the annual maximum amounts of remuneration to be paid to Commissioners who are members of the Council of Commissioners.

WHEREAS commissioners received the details regarding the maximum annual amounts for the 2023-2024 school year on August 19, 2024.

WHEREAS the total maximum annual amount allocated to Commissioners for 2024-2025 school year is \$142,357.00.

C24-09-177

IT WAS MOVED by M. O'Brien, that the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board adopt the 2024-2025 distribution of the Commissioners remuneration as presented.

CARRIED

9.2 Delegation of Powers to the DG During the Electoral Period

WHEREAS pursuant to the Act Respecting School Elections, a school election will be held on November 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS under section 160.1 of this Act, the Council of Commissioners or the Executive Committee shall not sit after September 29, 2024

“...unless a fortuitous event necessitating its intervention occurs, or to comply with an obligation imposed by law...”;

WHEREAS the last regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is being held on September 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS the mandate of the current commissioners will end on the date of the proclamation of the election, or no later than November 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to ensure the continuity of the operations of the School Board between September 29 and November 8, 2024:

C24-09-178

IT WAS MOVED BY K. Mackenzie to authorize the Director General, Denise Simoneau, to take all necessary decisions and all necessary measures required to ensure the continuity of operations from September 29, 2024 until November 8, 2024 and for this purpose, including, but not limited to, issuing orders and contracts, in accordance with the laws and the policies in force and according to the available budget; and

THAT at the first regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners scheduled on November 11, 2024, the Director General shall present a report of the decisions and measures taken by her to ensure continuity of operations during this period.

CARRIED

9.3 2024-2025 Budget

ATTENDU QUE conformément à la Loi sur l'instruction publique (chapitre I-13.3), « la commission scolaire Eastern Shores doit adopter et transmettre au ministre de l'Éducation son budget de fonctionnement, d'investissement et du service de la dette pour l'année scolaire 2024-2025;

ATTENDU QUE ce budget prévoit un déficit d'exercice de 53 004 \$ et que ce montant est inférieur à la limite d'appropriation de l'excédent accumulé représentant 15 % de l'excédent accumulé au 30 juin 2023 exclusion faite de la valeur comptable nette des terrains et du montant des provisions relatives aux offres salariales net des subventions anticipées pour ces offres;

ATTENDU QUE le produit de la taxe scolaire au montant de 695 727 \$ a été établi en prenant en considération :

- une évaluation uniformisée ajustée des immeubles imposables de 25 000 \$ et moins au montant de 24 581 747 \$;
- un nombre de 4 960.23 immeubles imposables de plus de 25 000 \$, et :
- Le taux de 0,9152 \$ du 100\$ d'évaluation fixé par le ministre pour la taxe scolaire 2024-2025.

C24-09-179

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR J. Bizeau que le budget de fonctionnement, d'investissement et du service de la dette prévoyant des revenus de 43 179 213 \$ et des dépenses de 43 232 217 \$ soit adopté et transmis au ministre de l'Éducation.

ADOPTÉ

Commissioners asked to put this next resolution (9.4) on hold until M. Gifford speaks to the Director General

9.4 Ajoute d'espace – Queen Elizabeth High School

WHEREAS Flemming Elementary School requires major renovations to the exterior envelope, roof and windows;

WHEREAS Flemming School, located at 542 & 530 Brochu Street, in Sept-Îles, has a physical condition index of over 15% and a government condition index of D;

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the major renovations at Flemming School, students will have to be relocated to 2 different schools and that this relocation could result in the division of the school and a considerable loss of English-speaking students;

WHEREAS these renovations and upgrades will result in a number of constraints for the students and staff of the school;

WHEREAS energy conversion work must be carried out in the buildings at 542 & 530 Brochu Street and 95 Père-Divet Street;

WHEREAS the socio-economic environment index (SEI) of Flemming Elementary School is 10 (882018);

WHEREAS, in a medium to long-term time range, the school clientele will benefit to be housed in the same building;

WHEREAS the Eastern Shores School Board will benefit from maximizing its pedagogical, human, material and financial resources;

C24-09-180

IT WAS MOVED BY M. O'Brien to submit to the Ministry of Education a request for additional space at Flemming School; and

THAT this additional space be located on the grounds of Queen Elizabeth High School, 95 Père-Divet Street.

CARRIED

10. QUESTION PERIOD

There was one question about the l'ajout d'espace dossier and the consultation process.

11. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

COUNCIL: November 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. (Hybrid)

12. VARIA

12.1 Rules of Order and Procedure for the Council Meetings

Tabled

13. ADJOURNMENT AT 11:35 A.M.

C24-09-181

It was moved by K. Ward that, there being no further business, the meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Secretary General

Chairperson