

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**  
**Western Québec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on April 28, 2015 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, Larventz, McCrank, and Schaler, and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Fenton (by videoconference), Komm, and Lafond

**Personnel:**

Director of Student Services, B. Burn  
Director of Human Resources, School Organization and Transportation, M. Dubeau  
Director of Education, M. Lothian  
Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx

The Director General, Paul Lamoureux, the Assistant Director General/Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, and the Director of Legal Services/ Secretary General, R. Vézina, were also present.

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Young

**Call to Order**

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Public Participation**

Ms. Sunglee Randall, Board Librarian, presented a video highlighting the WQSB library services and successes. She also presented the digital resources accessible in the virtual library through the WQSB website.

Mr. Brian Smeltzer, president of the WQTA presented the WQSB with a symbolic invoice representing time worked by teachers over and above their workload. He asked that the WQSB support its teachers in the context of current collective agreement negotiations.

**C-14/15-159**

**Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

**C-14/15-160**

**Approval of Minutes – March 31, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the minutes of a meeting held on March 31, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented his written report. In addition, he mentioned having attended the Parents' Committee meeting, and discussed the following items:

- Budget setting exercise and planning sessions
- Governance in education and future of school boards
- Recent Supreme Court of Canada decision concerning education rights of minorities.

### **Director General's Report**

The Director General presented his oral report. He recognized and thanked all who contributed to the organization of the Music Makers event. He mentioned having received much positive feedback from students, parents and staff. He proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to all who participated in organizing the gala.

**C-14/15-161** IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that a letter of appreciation be sent to all who participated in the organization of the Music Makers concert.

Carried unanimously

It was also suggested by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that a letter of appreciation be sent to all students who volunteered their time in an effort to make this event a success.

**C-14/15-162** **Appointment – Vice-Principal at D'Arcy McGee High and Symmes Jr. High schools**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Tara Laine be appointed to the position of Vice-Principal at D'Arcy McGee High and Symmes Jr. High schools effective April 29, 2015.

Carried unanimously

### **Budget Planning Session**

The Director General provided information on the budget setting process. He mentioned that the management team had met and will be providing feedback. He stated that budget rules are scheduled to be made available May 11, and that a meeting with representatives of the MEESR is scheduled May 13, 2015.

### **International Students**

The Assistant Director General reported that two WQSB representatives were currently in China on a nine-day recruitment effort. Some agreements have been entered into, and it is expected that a number of students will be registered for next September.

### **Update on School Taxation – Amalgamation**

The Director General mentioned that the WQSB and the four French boards in the Outaouais region are in the process of preparing tender documents to conduct a study that will look into the feasibility of combining taxation services.

**C-14/15-163** **Executive Committee Report – April 21, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of April 21, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-164

**Rescind Policy D-8 “Signing Authority”**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Policy D-8 “Signing Authority” be rescinded.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-165

**Rescind Policy F-1 “AIDS Policy”**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Policy F-1 “AIDS Policy” be rescinded.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-166

**Philemon Wright High School Trip to Florida**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that Council approve the Philemon Wright High School trip to Florida in September 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-167

**Modification to 2014-2015 MB Projects**

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) has received the following allocations from the MEESR for two of its 2014-2015 MB Projects:

Dr. S. E. McDowell	Gymnasium Equipment & Ventilation	\$270,423
Noranda School	Heating System Replacement	\$540,847

WHEREAS it has been determined that a modification to the Dr. S.E. McDowell School’s existing structure must be made to allow for the installation of the ventilation system, therefore increasing the cost of this project;

WHEREAS an urgent need has been identified at South Hull School by the Governing Board, the parents, the administration team, and the Buildings Department consisting of a relocation of the bus lanes and the parents drop off area;

WHEREAS the anticipated cost of this relocation is \$340,000;

WHEREAS the replacement of the heating system at Noranda School is not urgent at this time and can be postponed;

WHEREAS the MEESR has the authority to approve the transfer of allocated funds from one project to another;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be mandated to request that the WQSB MB Projects funds be reallocated by the MEESR in the following way:

-Postpone the Heating System Replacement project at Noranda School

-Allocate an additional \$200,000 to the Gymnasium Equipment and Ventilation project at Dr. S.E. McDowell School

-Allocate \$340,000 to the South Hull bus lane relocation project.

For: 9

Against: 1

Motion carried

**C-14/15-168**

**Public Call for Tenders – MB Project – Replacement of Equipment and Ventilation System in Gymnasium at Dr. S.E. McDowell – 14510b029**

WHEREAS the need for renovating the gymnasium and replacing the ventilation equipment in the gym has been identified;

WHEREAS the MEESR has granted the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) a sum of \$270,243 (including professional fees) as part of its MB Projects for the 2014-2015 school year;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned contract;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents;

ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais  
 Construction G.M.R. Associés Inc.  
 DLS Construction Inc.  
 Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général  
 Les Constructions Lovail Inc.  
 Les entreprises RGMSP Ltée (Parisien Construction)  
 Les entreprises d'électricité Thibault (1987) Ltée  
 Solutions Acoustiques 2012 Inc.

WHEREAS the following three tenders were received and recorded:

Gestion DMJ 6739741 Canada Inc.	\$340,700
DLS Construction Inc.	\$359,777
Entreprises RGMSP Ltée (Parisien Construction)	\$396,489

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Gestion DMJ 6739741 Canada Inc. in the amount of \$340,700 excluding professional fees be approved, conditional on the approval by the MEESR of the reallocation of its MB Project funds, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be authorized to sign any and all documents related to the project.

Carried unanimously

**C-14/15-169**

**Public Call for Tenders — Sale of St. Joseph Convent**

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned sale of the St. Joseph Convent located at 100 rue Notre Dame, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes;

WHEREAS the following person retrieved the tender documents;

Rejean Marion

WHEREAS the following tender was received and recorded:

Rejean Marion	\$100,000
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

WHEREAS the municipal evaluation of the property is \$317,800;

WHEREAS the following table outlines the amounts that need to be expended to get the building up to standard;

Windows & Porch	\$32,000
Roof	\$100,000
Boiler System	\$500,000
Roof Capping	\$12,000
Waterproof Foundation	\$65,000
TOTAL	\$709, 000

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the submitted bid by Rejean Marion in the amount of \$100,000 be accepted.

Carried unanimously

**C-14/15-170**

**Public Call for Tenders – Sale of Wakefield School**

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned sale of the Wakefield School located at 20 & 20A Caves, La Pêche;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents;

Conférence Régionale des Élus de l'Outaouais  
 Conseil Cri de la santé et des services sociaux de la Baie James  
 Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)  
 Les Constructions Lovail Inc.

WHEREAS no tender was received;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the WQSB mandate the Société Québécoise des Infrastructure to start the process of a second public call for tenders.

Carried unanimously

**Daycare Fees – Bill 28**

The Director General provided information with respect to school daycare fees and recent proposed legislative changes. He recommended that fees be maintained at their current level until changes are in effect.

- C-14/15-171**      **Parents' Committee Report – March 16, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Parents' Committee minutes of March 16, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-14/15-172**      **Professional Improvement Committee (PIC – Teachers) Report – March 25, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft PIC – Teachers minutes of March 25, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-14/15-173**      **Human Resources Committee Report – April 1, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Human Resources Committee minutes of April 1, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-14/15-174**      **Communications Committee Report – March 11, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Communications Committee minutes of March 11, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-14/15-175**      **Expulsion – Student at Pontiac High School**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student **0047761** be expelled from Pontiac High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Carried unanimously

### **QESBA**

Commissioner Guy reported that discussions are ongoing with Minister Blais with respect to school board governance and possible amalgamations. He mentioned that Me Michael Bergman's services have been retained by QESBA. He also stated that membership fees had been discussed and that it has been decided that the per-student rate will remain the same for next year. He reminded all that the spring conference was fast approaching.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on May 26, 2015.

- C-14/15-176**      **Adjournment**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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