

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 22, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Guy, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Garbutt, Dionne, Labadie, Schaler, Egan, Graham, McCrank, Larventz, and Parent-Commissioners Boucher, Davis, Brennan and Cornforth.

**Personnel:**

Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi

Director of Education S. Aitken

Director of Finance S. Cox

Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Young

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Secretary General – Director of Corporate Services, G. Singfield, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education/Vocational Training, R. Ahern were also present.

**Call to Order:** 7:02 pm

**C-20/21-13 Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-14 Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the minutes of a special meeting held on August 25, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**Chair's Report**

Chair Guy presented his report. Topics discussed included:

- Bill 40 and the Court challenge
- The upcoming November 1, 2020 School Board Election

**DG's Report**

The Director General presented his report. Topics discussed included:

- His weekly updates on schools and Covid-19
- Thanked WQSB school staff and in-school administration for their outstanding job in preparing for the return to school during Covid-19
- Gave a heartfelt thank you to the senior administration team for all their hard work, support, and dedication during these unprecedented times
- He extends his gratitude to Council for having been an excellent supporter of the administration and unwavering in their mandate to always do what is in the best interest of WQSB's learners.

- The WQSB re-confinement plan submitted and approved by the Government
- Government directive from September 14 on extra-curricular activities
- The first Anti-Racism Committee meeting

**C-20/21-15 Appointment – Director of Finance – Board Office**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that Marine Lupien be appointed to the position of Director of Finance at the Board Office, effective November 2, 2020.

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-16 Executive Committee Report – September 15, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of September 15, 2020.

Carried unanimously

**Virtual School**

- The current enrolment stands at 280 students
- Classes are from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 11
- There is one group at every level, however there are now two grade 6 groups
- Some classes are being delivered by Learn Québec: advanced math, science, psychology
- Staff: 22 teachers, technicians and aides
- Staff and parents have support from consultants Stewart Grey and Lisa Diner
- Things are going extremely well
- Feedback from parents has been positive

**C-20/21-17 Tender 20510A006 - Golden Valley School - Snow Removal - 2020-2023**

WHEREAS a call for tender was made by invitation for the tendering of bids for the above-mentioned contract for three years;

WHEREAS the following businesses were invited to tender bids:

Béton Barrette  
 Pavage Nord-Ouest  
 Paysage 5 saisons  
 Lanexco Inc.  
 MJ Transport  
 Excavation JSL (9164-1019 Québec Inc.)

WHEREAS the following one (1) tender was received and recorded;

Excavation JSL	\$75,000
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Cornforth that the bid submitted by Excavation JSL in the amount of \$75,000, excluding taxes, for three years be approved and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. Pascal Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-18   Autobus Outaouais – Approval of Contract Sale**

WHEREAS by its resolution number C-16/17-218 adopted June 27, 2017, the WQSB awarded Autobus Outaouais a five-year school transportation contract;

WHEREAS Autobus Outaouais sold 46 of their bus routes and vehicles on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 after having received the WQSB approval;

WHEREAS Autobus Outaouais sold another 4 of their bus routes and vehicles on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 after having received the WQSB approval;

WHEREAS Autobus Outaouais informed the WQSB by way of a letter on September 8 of its interest to sell the balance of their contract representing 15 bus routes and vehicles to Autobus Campeau Inc.;

WHEREAS under the terms set out in its contract, Autobus Outaouais must obtain the WQSB's approval before proceeding with this final sale;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the sale outlined in Autobus Outaouais' September 8, 2020 letter be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-19   Remuneration of Election Officers**

WHEREAS the School Board must fix the tariff of remuneration and expenses of election officers;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the hourly remuneration of election officers be established at:

- Returning Officer: \$46.49
- Election Clerk: \$32.47
- Assistant to the Returning Officer: \$27.92
- Office Assistant: \$23.91
- Revisor (Board of Revisors): \$20.55
- Secretary (Board of Revisors): \$19.94
- Revising Agent: \$19.36
- Designated Person: \$20.55
- Deputy Returning Officer: \$19.94
- Poll Clerk: \$19.36
- Member: \$17.42

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that any expenses incurred by elections officers be reimbursed according to School Board Policy D-11.

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-20**

**Date for November Council of Commissioners Meeting**

WHEREAS section 160.1 of the Act Respecting School Elections states:

*During the period beginning at 5:00 p.m. 35 days before polling day in a general election and ending when the majority of the candidates elected to the office of commissioner for seats open for nominations at that election have been declared elected, the council of commissioners or the executive committee shall not sit unless a fortuitous event necessitating its intervention occurs, or to comply with an obligation imposed by law. Deliberations during such a sitting shall pertain only to such event;*

WHEREAS the elections for the Western Québec School Board will be held on November 1, 2020;

WHEREAS section 154 of the Québec Education Act states:

*The director general shall convene the members of the council of commissioners to the first meeting of the council within 15 days after the date of the general election;*

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher to set the November 2020 Council of Commissioners meeting date as follows:

- Council of Commissioners: November 10, 2020, 7:00 pm

Carried unanimously

**C-20/21-21**

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.