

**Province of Quebec
Western Quebec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 31, 2023, in a hybrid model at the Western Québec School Board office 15, rue Katimavik at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Daly, Commissioners R. Boucher, Brushey, Cornforth, George, Giannakoulis, Goldsbrough, Graham, Labadie, Lyrette-Brennan, Shaar, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, A. Boucher, Fortier and Taylor.

REGRETS: Commissioner McCrank

Personnel:

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi
Director of Finance M. Lupien
Director of Buildings P. Proulx
Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron
Administrative Officer R. Vincent

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

- **Land Acknowledgment**

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

*Commissioner Labadie recused herself from the in-camera session

C-22/23-93

Motion to Move in Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that the meeting move in-camera at 7:06 pm.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-94

Motion to Move out of Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that the meeting move out of camera at 10:58 pm.

Carried unanimously

*Commissioner Labadie returned to the meeting.

*The Council was informed by Chair Daly that it is imperative to destroy all printed documents in connection with the files discussed. In addition, he advised Council to delete all electronic versions of the files as well.

C-22/23-95

Request for Reconsideration

CONSIDERING that a decision was made on December 7, 2022 to expel student 0044586 from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year;

CONSIDERING that on December 7, 2022 a request for reconsideration was presented by the parent of student 0044586;

CONSIDERING the representations made by the parent of student 0044586 before the Council of Commissioners;

CONSIDERING that the parents provided new information, and considering the student's documented educational needs, which have not yet been addressed by the school board;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor to have student 0044586 re-integrated into the school board in another school.

For: 4
Against: 7
Abstention: 1 Shaar
Motion Defeated

*Parent-Commissioner Brennan left the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

C-22/23-96

Request for Reconsideration

CONSIDERING that a decision was made on December 7, 2022 to expel student 0040402 from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year;

CONSIDERING that on December 7, 2022 a request for reconsideration was presented by the parent of student 0040402;

CONSIDERING the representations made by the parent of student 0040402 before the Council of Commissioners;

CONSIDERING that the parents provided new information, and considering the student's documented educational needs, which have not yet been addressed by the school board;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor to have student 0040402 re-integrated into the school board in another school.

For: 4
Against: 7
Abstention: 0
Motion Defeated

C-22/23-97

Discipline Committee Appeal Decision

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that the decision rendered on December 7, 2022 be upheld and that student 0044586 be expelled from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

For: 6
Against: 4
Abstention: 1 Shaar
Motion Carried

C-22/23-98

Discipline Committee Appeal Decision

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that the decision rendered on December 6, 2022 be upheld and that student 0040402 be expelled from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

For: 7
Against: 3
Abstention: 0
Motion Carried

C-22/23-99

Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following amendment:

Definite postponement of agenda items:

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes
- 5.1 Director General's Report
- 5.1.1 Lab-École Presentation
- 5.1.2 Commitment to Success Plan
- 6.1 Executive Committee Report
- 10.2 Governance & Ethics Committee Report
- 10.4 Parents' Committee Report
- 10.5 SEAC Committee Report
- 10.6 Transportation Committee
- 12.1 QESBA Report

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-100

Authorization Request to Join the Ongoing Contract with C2 Innovations Inc.

WHEREAS our current helpdesk software license expires in June 2023;

WHEREAS it is necessary to replace the current helpdesk software with one that has enhanced functionality;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed through Collecto (P130-2020);

WHEREAS C2 Innovations Inc. won a contract that ends on June 30, 2031 with Collecto and is offering a helpdesk software that meets our requirements;

WHEREAS the WQSB can join the contract;

WHEREAS the annual cost is \$8,500;

WHEREAS per s. 33 par. 1 of the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies*, the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body is required for every contract whose expected term, including any renewal, is greater than 3 years;

WHEREAS, as proposed by its resolution E-22/23-94, the Executive Committee recommends that Council join the contract with C2 Innovations Inc., and give the Director of Technology signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the WQSB to join the contract with C2 Innovations Inc. and give the Director of Technology signing authority for this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-101

Public Tender – Renovation of the East Entrance (Accessibility) – Contract #22510B013

WHEREAS resolution C-21/22-197 approved the buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS an amount of \$200,000 from Measure 50621 for the school year 2022-2023 was set aside for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- DMA Construction (3955788 CANADA INC.)
- Gestion DMJ (6739741 CANADA INC.)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- AppelleFred
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIÉS INC.
- LES TOITURES RAYMOND ET ASSOCIÉS INC.
- LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received;

LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIÉS INC.	\$137,800
AppelleFred	\$142,560
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$159,500
DMA Construction (3955788 CANADA INC.)	\$174,000

LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$176,485
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WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, as proposed by its resolution E-22/23-95, the Executive Committee recommends that Council award the contract to LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIÉS INC. in the amount of \$137,800 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIÉS INC. in the amount of \$137,800 and give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-102

Group Buying Program – *Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales du Québec* – Office Supplies and Photocopy Paper (By the Box) – 2022-8047-50 – Request for Authorization to Join the Ongoing Contract

WHEREAS the current contract ends on February 28, 2023;

WHEREAS the CAG, through a group purchase tender, has awarded the contract to NOVEXCO (Hamster) for a period of 36 months starting December 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, per the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies*, RLRQ C-65.1, r. 5.1, joining a contract after it is awarded requires the authorization of the chief executive officer;

WHEREAS the contract covers the period of December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2025 (36 months), with no renewal option;

WHEREAS the estimated value of the contract for 36 months is \$300,000;

WHEREAS, as proposed by its resolution E-22/23-96, the Executive Committee recommends that Council authorize the WQSB to join the contract for its purchasing of office supplies and photocopy paper (by the box) through the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales du Québec program, and give the Director General signing authority for this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the WQSB to join the contract for its purchasing of office supplies and photocopy paper (by the box) through the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales du Québec program, and give the Director General signing authority for this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-103

Six-year contract – Transport Bigras Inc.

WHEREAS, as proposed by its resolution E-22/23-97, the Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the six-year contract, including the optional two-year (1+1) renewal negotiated with Transport Bigras Inc., in the amount of \$1,377,955.59;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the six-year contract, including the optional two-year (1+1) renewal negotiated with Transport Bigras Inc., in the amount of \$1,377,955.59.

For: 12
 Against: 0
 Abstention: 1
 Motion Carried

C-22/23-104

Autobus La Petite Nation Inc. – Approval of Contract Sale

WHEREAS by its resolution number C-22/23-88 adopted on November 29, 2022, the WQSB awarded Autobus La Petite Nation Inc. a six-year contract, including a two-year (1+1) renewal option;

WHEREAS Autobus La Petite Nation Inc. has recently informed the WQSB of its interest to sell its contract representing 16 bus routes and vehicles to Autobus Transco;

WHEREAS, as proposed by its resolution E-22/23-98, the Executive Committee recommends that Council approve the sale of the contract consisting of 16 bus routes and vehicles to Autobus Transco;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the sale of the contract consisting of 16 bus routes and vehicles to Autobus Transco.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-105

Extension Request for K4 Classrooms – South Hull Elementary School

WHEREAS in consideration of the possibility of increasing K4 services for the South Hull Elementary community;

WHEREAS according to enrolment forecasts, the school population will remain stable for the next five years;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis to approve the extension request for two K4 classrooms at South Hull Elementary School.

Carried unanimously

C-22/23-106

Extension Request for K4 Classrooms – Chelsea Elementary School

WHEREAS in consideration of the possibility of increasing K4 services for the Chelsea Elementary community;

WHEREAS according to enrolment forecasts, the school population will increase within the next five years;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough to approve the extension request for two K4 classrooms at Chelsea Elementary School.

Carried unanimously

*Prior to adjournment, Chair Daly reiterated the importance of destroying all printed documents in connection with the files discussed in-camera, and to also delete all electronic versions of the files as well.

C-22/23-107

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 p.m.