



**Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046, chemin St-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4.**

<b>Present:</b>	Stephen Burke Sara Downs Debbie Ford-Caron Chantal Guay Wyna Marois Stephen Nellis Esther Paradis Stephen Pigeon Patsy Poulin Jo Rosenhek Jo-Ann Toulouse Aline Visser	Chairman Commissioner (videoconference) Commissioner (videoconference) Commissioner (videoconference) Commissioner Parent Commissioner Commissioner Director General Parent Commissioner (videoconference) Commissioner Commissioner (videoconference) Commissioner (telephone)
<b>Absent:</b>	Isabel Béland Heather Clibbon Christian Falle Kevin Jack Jean Robert	Parent Commissioner Commissioner Parent Commissioner Commissioner Vice-Chairman
<b>In attendance:</b>	Laurent Després  François Garon Yves Lorange  Marty Patterson Melanie Simard Mark Sutherland	Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment Computer Technician Incoming Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment President, CQTA (videoconference) Executive Secretary Director of Instructional Services

**15-10.01**      **Call to order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**15-10.02**      **Approval of the agenda**

It was MOVED by J.-A. Toulouse, SECONDED by C. Guay and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**15-10.03**      **Public question period**

Mr. Patterson asked the Chairman if the Council of Commissioners was aware of the latest proposal made by the CPNCA and detailed a few points of the document. Mr. Burke requested to receive the CQTA's question in writing so he can find answers to them; a follow-up will be made to Mr. Patterson.

**15-10.04**      **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

**15-10.05**      **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

**15-10.06**      **Presentation of the Audited Financial Statement**

S. Nellis  
arrived  
at 7:17  
p.m.

S. Pigeon invited L. Després, Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment to present the 2014-2015 financial statements. Mr. Després made a detailed report mentioning the small changes made to the budget this year.

Laurent Després, Director of Financial Services was attending his last Council of Commissioners meeting before retiring; S. Burke on behalf of the Council of Commissioner thanked Mr. Després for his years of service with the Central Québec School Board and welcomed Mr. Yves Lorange, incoming Director of Financial Services.

**15-10.07**      **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 25, 2015**

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by W. Marois and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Friday, September 25, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

Commissioner E. Paradis abstained from voting.

**15-10.08**      **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**15-10.09**      **Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman had sent a report to commissioners that addressed the following:

- Agenda Meeting - September 30th, 2015
- Second Meeting with Chairs of the Region's French school boards - October 6th, 2015
- Letter to the Premier

S. Burke made a brief report on the official announcement of the building extension at Dollard-des-Ormeaux School.

**15-10.10**      **Director General's Report**

The Director General formally addressed the Council and provided a report on the following items:

- a) Update on Strategic Planning
- b) 2015-2016 Registration Update
- c) Report on the first MAC meeting of the year
- d) High School Open Houses
- e) Update on Negotiations
- f) Labour Relations Committees
  - i) Senior Staff of Service – Directors, Coordinators and Management Staff
  - ii) Senior Staff of Schools and Centre – Principals
  - iii) Teachers
  - iv) Professionals
  - v) Support Staff

**15-10.11**      **New Business**

- a) Nomination of a new Central Québec School Board RORC (*Responsable de l'observation des règles contractuelles*)

WHEREAS the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, contains stipulations destined to ensure integrity in the treatment of public contracts;

WHEREAS the chief executive officer of a public body must designate a contract rules compliance monitor;

WHEREAS the outgoing Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment also carried the title of Contract Rules Compliance Monitor (RORC);

It was MOVED by W. Marois, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board designate the incoming Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment, Mr. Yves Lorange, to be the School Board's Contract Rules Compliance Monitor as stipulated in the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies.

- b) Association régionale de sport étudiant: Québec - Fees and representatives

- i. Membership in the "*Association régionale du sport étudiant*"

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by W. Marois and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Association régionale du sport étudiant de Québec et de Chaudière-Appalaches Inc* based on \$0.22 per student for elementary and secondary students attending Central Québec schools in administrative regions 03 and 12 based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.

**New Business (continued)**b) Association régionale de sport étudiant: Québec - Fees and representatives (continued)

## ii. Delegation of representatives

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by W. Marois and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Ed Sweeney, for the secondary level, and Gary Kenler, for the elementary level, to represent the School Board at the “*Association régionale du sport étudiant de Québec et de Chaudière-Appalaches*” for the 2015-2016 school year. The School Board’s representative’s mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

c) Association régionale de sport étudiant: Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean - Fees and representativei. Membership in the “*Association régionale du sport étudiant*”

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Association régionale de sport étudiant –Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean* based on \$0.22 per student for elementary and secondary students attending Central Québec schools in the Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean regions; based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.

## ii. Delegation of representative

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Mr. Derek Savoy, to represent the School Board at the “*Association régionale de sport étudiant –Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean*” for the 2015-2016 school year. The School Board’s representative’s mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

d) Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie: Fees and representativei. Membership in the “*Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie*”

It was MOVED by S. Downs, SECONDED by C. Guay and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie*; based on \$0.22 per student for secondary students attending Three Rivers Academy and Shawinigan High School in the Mauricie region, based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.

**New Business (continued)**d) Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie: Fees and representative (continued)

## ii. Delegation of representative

It was MOVED by, SECONDED by and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Veronique Gingras; to represent the School Board at the *Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie* for the 2015-2016 school year. The School Board's representative's mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

e) Request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche*: Equitable School Taxation

WHEREAS as specified by the Education Act, the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) must set the school tax rate at the time of the adoption of the budget of the school board;

WHEREAS the maximum rate is determined by the *Ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche*;

WHEREAS the government of the province of Québec in its November 20, 2012 budget cut by half the equalization grant applicable to the 2013-2014 taxation year and modified the manner in which the tax reduction was calculated by English School boards;

WHEREAS before the reduction in the equalization grant, the calculation of the tax reduction by English School Boards was based on the same reduction in percentage as that of French school Boards with whom they shared a territory;

WHEREAS CQSB's territory - which covers one third of the province of Québec - comprises 18 French School Boards and over 200 municipalities;

WHEREAS CQSB does not have the staff and resources to establish a rate for each municipality;

WHEREAS the effect of these changes has been an increase CQSB's average net tax rate from \$0.248 in 2012-2013 to \$ 0.30166, creating for CQSB taxpayers in the Quebec City area a financial disadvantage compared to taxpayers of French School Boards with whom it shares the same territory;

WHEREAS for 2015-2016 the net tax rate of CQSB is \$0.30730 compared to \$0.14 for *Commission scolaire des Découvreurs*; \$0.21 for *Commission scolaire des Premières-Seigneuries*; \$0.25 for *Commission scolaire des Navigateurs* and \$0.20 for *Commission scolaire de la Capitale*;

New Business (continued)

- e) Request to the Ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche: Equitable School Taxation (continued)

WHEREAS all French Boards in the Québec City Region charge significantly less because the value of their standardized assessment is greater and their taxable immovable includes all neutrals;

WHEREAS French and English school boards offer the same services;

WHEREAS this method of calculation is not equitable for all taxpayers and is mostly discriminatory to parents who enrol their children in the English system;

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board formally request that the *Ministre de l'Éducation* set a national tax rate that is equitable for all taxpayers of English and French-speaking school boards across Québec; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the *Ministre de l'Éducation* as well as to all MNAs representing the regions served by the Central Québec School Board; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all English school boards in the province; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the newspapers in all the regions served by the Central Québec School Board.

- f) Replacement of a Member: 2015-2016 CQSB Audit Committee

WHEREAS one member of the 2015-2016 Audit Committee has had to resign from the committee due to other commitments;

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board requires three commissioner members on the Audit Committee;

It was MOVED by W. Marois, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT for the 2015-2016 school year, the third member of the CQSB Audit Committee be Jean Robert.

15-10.11

New Business (continued)

g) Derogation: COSB Transport Advisory Committee Membership

WHEREAS Section 2 of the Regulation Respecting Student Transportation states that the advisory committee on student transportation of a board shall consist of (...) the Director General or the Assistant Director General of the board;

WHEREAS the Director General intends to delegate the responsibility to the Director of Transportation and Secretary General;

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT for the 2015-2016 school year, the Administrative Council representative for the Central Québec School Board Transport Advisory Committee be the Secretary General.

h) AccèsD Affaires - Principal Administrator for the School Board

WHEREAS the Director of Financial Services has indicated his intention to retire as of October 16, 2015;

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board uses the *AccèsD Affaires* service and appointed Mr. Laurent Després as principal administrator for the School Board;

WHEREAS it is necessary to modify the person designated as principal administrator;

It was MOVED by P. Poulin, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT Mr. Yves Lorange, Director of Financial Services be designated the School Board's Principal Administrator, with all the pertinent powers, for the use of the *AccèsD Affaires* service effective October 17, 2015; and

THAT on behalf of the School Board, the Chairman and the Director General be authorized to sign all pertinent documents related to this resolution.

15-10.12

Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled on October 24, 2015.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled on October 26, 2015.

Committee Reports (continued)

d) Transport Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on September 30, 2015. E. Paradis made a report.

e) Audit Committee

A meeting was held on September 28, 2015. J. Rosenhek made a report.

f) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

g) Ethics and Governance Committee

A meeting was held on October 6, 2015. S. Burke made a report.

i. Request from the Special Needs Advisory Committee

WHEREAS the Special Needs Advisory Committee has presented a formal request to increase the number of parent members on the Special Needs Advisory Committee from 7-8 to 18 in order to have one parent representative and one substitute from each school and a parent representative who has a child enrolled in the Work-Oriented Training Path (WOPT) program;

WHEREAS parent representatives are not nominated to the committee to represent their *school*, but rather, to represent *all* the parents of *all* the children who have special needs within the School Board;

WHEREAS The Special Needs Advisory Committee also includes a community member (from the Jeffery Hale services), a school administrator, a support staff member (special education technician) and the Coordinator of Complementary Educational Services;

WHEREAS the size of such a committee would not be functional, practical or advisable;

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by W. Marois and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the parent membership of the Special Needs Advisory Committee be increased by two people: one to represent students enrolled in the Work-Oriented Training Path (WOTP) and one other parent; and

THAT the budget should not increase; and

THAT the additional parent members accept the mandate to represent all the parents of all the children who have special needs within the School Board.



**15-10.12**      **Committee Reports (continued)**

h) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

i) Riverside Schools Ad Hoc Committee

No meeting was held.

**15-10.13**      **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

S. Burke made a report on the previous meetings.

b) Reports from Committees

No report was made.

**15-10.14**      **Next meetings**

A special meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 and the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

**15-10.15**      **Question period**

a) Public

Q. M. Patterson requested an update on when renovation will begin at Riverside Regional High School.

A. S. Pigeon stated that the construction should start in January.

b) Commissioners

No questions were asked.

**15-10.16**      **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

**15-10.17**      **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:45 p.m. on a MOTION by W. Marois, SECONDED by C. Guay.

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Patti L. Moore  
Secretary General

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Stephen Burke  
Chairman