

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2001-05-23

An adjourned meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2001-05-23 at 20:00 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtotelis, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioner; Ghislaine Tanner, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; Agostino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Linda Gagnon and Nancy Rupnik, Commissioners; and Linda Iaconetti, Parent Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 20:00 hours.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

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Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2001-05-23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel advised that on page 0538 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2001-04-25 that paragraph 1 of item 7.1 should have added at the end "noting that meeting of the Council of

Commissioners would be held in the boardroom of the new Administration Centre located at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère (Québec)”.

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010523-CA-0182

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-04-25, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Glen Haines, Morten Schrier

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

David Fogel, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, read a statement on behalf of the parents of Hillcrest Academy asking that the Council of Commissioners consider rescinding resolution #010124-TS-0108, concerning the housing of Souvenir Elementary School kindergarten classes at Hillcrest Academy for the 2001-2002 school year, as the parents feel that the decision is detrimental to the school’s educational plan and that information provided by the school board was not complete.

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel stated that the Council should not wait to rescind this motion as Hillcrest Academy does not want to house the kindergarten students from Souvenir Elementary School and that the Governing Board has rescinded its resolution authorizing the Council to do as such.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #010124-TS-0108, concerning the housing of Souvenir Elementary School kindergarten classes at Hillcrest Academy for the 2001-2002 school year.

Steve Kmec on a “point of order” suggested that the issue concerning Hillcrest Academy be tabled to the next regular meeting to be held on 2001-06-27.

Discussions continued.

The Chairman granted Mrs. Cerone, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, permission to address the Council.

Mrs. Cerone advised the Council that the parents of Hillcrest Academy are not asking the Council to rescind the resolution at this meeting but that they want a chance to present their school to the Commissioners.

Walter Fogel withdrew his motion to rescind.

Chris Arnautelis, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, read a letter addressed to the Chairman concerning the housing of the Souvenir Elementary School kindergarten students at Hillcrest Academy.

In response to a question from Maria Olivier, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, the Director General advised that the financial statements of the board are available by contacting the Financial Resources department.

In response to questions from Ariane Lawler, a teacher, concerning her non-reengagement, the Chairman advised her to contact the Director General.

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In response to questions from Mario Gaulin, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Director General noted that under the new budget there will be more equity for schools and that the responsibilities for staffing and maintenance will be decentralized to the schools over the next two years.

Steve Kmec noted that his "point of order" made earlier in the discussions concerning Hillcrest Academy had not yet been addressed.

010523-CA-0183

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the issue concerning Hillcrest Academy and rescinding resolution #010124-TS-0108, concerning the housing of Souvenir Elementary School kindergarten classes at Hillcrest Academy for the 2001-2002 school year, be tabled to the next regular meeting to be held on 2001-06-27.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: James McDougall

ABST: Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock

Peter Haldimand commented that there were many members in the audience this evening and that they should be made aware that Parent Commissioners are allowed to make motions but are not entitled to vote.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman extended congratulations on behalf of the Council of Commissioners to the Laval Catholic High School girls handball team for their silver medal in the Canadian championships and for their exceptional fundraising of 11 000\$ in order to attend the event in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He also noted that the Western Laval High School had won the Benjamin boys basketball series in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board league.

The Chairman reported on a meeting the Director General and he had with Henri-Paul Chaput, sous-ministre, where energy costs, Measure 50590 and the "Duvernay" Elementary School renovation project were discussed.

He advised the Council that a caucus meeting would be held on 2001-05-28 at the new Administration Centre.

The Chairman advised the Council that he has attended several meetings of the Parents Committee during the 2000-2001 school year and expressed his disappointment in the lack of quorum at several of these meetings. He asked delegates to the Parents Committee to please attend the scheduled meetings.

On a "point of order" Steve Kmec advised the Council that congratulations were in order for the Laval Police Department as it had apprehended the persons responsible for a recent break and enter at Western Laval High School.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 By-Law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Meetings:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the by-law noting that the change is that meetings of the Council would be held in the boardroom of the new Administration Centre located at 235 Montée Lesage,

Rosemère (Québec). The by-law will be official once published in a newspaper circulated in the territory of the board.

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WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-13.3) indicates that a date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendment to by-law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

5.2 Budget Parameters 2001-2002:

The Director General presented the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002 noting that the Council and the Financial Resources Committee had reviewed it.

He went on to highlight the additions, cuts and changes to the parameters in order to reflect the budgetary rules of the Ministère de l'Éducation.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning the school surpluses, the Director General advised that these surpluses will be indicated on the school budgets as a reserved surplus and that once the school board has a balanced budget the surpluses can be released. He noted that if the schools were allowed to spend all their surpluses within one-year, services for the coming year would have to be reduced.

010523-FR-0185

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT section 2.4 of the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002 be amended by removing sub-section 2.4.3.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

Discussion continued.

On a "point of order" the Director General advised Walter Fogel that he should not comment on section 5.8.2 of the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002, as he would be in conflict of interest as he is currently involved in a legal case against the school board on this issue.

010523-FR-0186

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT section 5.15 of the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002 be removed.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

Discussion continued.

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010523-FR-0187

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the budget parameters for schools and centres for 2001-2002, as contained in Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-FR-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

ABST: Morten Schrier

5.3 Emergency Preparedness:

The Director General advised the Council that the resolutions concerning Emergency Preparedness are a follow-up from the meeting of 2001-04-25.

Walter Fogel objected to the resolution to rescind resolution #001122-MR-0076, creating an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness, as it is not in the same format presented at the previous Council meeting.

The Council entered into discussion.

010523-MR-0188

WHEREAS municipal governments have the responsibility for civil protection and for developing emergency preparedness plans;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and its schools cooperate with the civil authorities in ensuring a collaborative and cooperative approach in matters of civil protection and emergency preparedness within the policies and procedures established by various municipal governments;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member with Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys, Commission scolaire Pointe-de-l'Île, Commission scolaire de Montréal, Lester B. Pearson School Board, Riverside School Board and English Montreal School Board on the Comité des commissions scolaires pour la préparation aux sinistres on which also sit a representative of the Ministère de la sécurité publique and a representative of the Comité urbain de Montréal;

WHEREAS each school has developed and put into practice a basic plan for emergency preparedness in keeping within its scope of responsibilities;

WHEREAS Principals take seriously their responsibility in ensuring the safety and security of their students;

WHEREAS Principals recently completed four days of a five-day workshop on Emergency Preparedness which introduced them to a wide range of risks;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is actively engaged in providing its personnel with training in case of emergency;

James McDougall MOVED THAT resolution #001122-MR-0076, creating an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness, be rescinded.

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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

Walter Fogel presented an amended version of resolution #001122-MR-0076, creating an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

The Council entered into discussion.

010523-MR-0189

WHEREAS the base document relating to Emergency Preparedness was developed and approved by the former Laurenval School Board over seven years ago;

WHEREAS the document has not since that time been revised;

WHEREAS under normal conditions such documents should be revised every 2 – 3 years;

WHEREAS potential risks have come to light that did not exist or were not considered when the document was originally developed;

WHEREAS, to date, efforts over the last two years to form a committee to meet and revise the document have failed due to conditions set for size and composition;

WHEREAS the present committee which reports to the Material Resources Committee has only four members committed to participate, one Commissioner and three parents;

WHEREAS effective emergency planning can only be achieved where input is available from a broad cross section of the community for which it is intended;

WHEREAS the committee as it presently exists is not adequate to the task to be performed;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness be expanded to permit a broader based representation by opening places on it to each Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board school that may wish to participate as well as members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board unions and associations and Commissioners.

AND THAT should the number on the committee become too cumbersome the committee could form a steering committee and delegate specific or general tasks to smaller groups drawn from it.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

On a “point of order”, Walter Fogel noted that the Chairman was revoking his right to speak for the allotted five minutes as per the rules of order of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

A debate erupted over the “point of order” between the Chairman and Walter Fogel and other commissioners became involved.

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The debate ceased with Mr. Fogel saluting the Chairman and exclaiming “Heil Hitler”.

010523-CA-0190

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the conduct of Walter Fogel be referred to the Ethics Review Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Svolelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 21:30 hours**

The Chairman called for a 5-minute recess. **TIME: 21:30 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:37 hours**

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Purchase of Centre Concorde:

The Director General advised that authorization has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation for the purchase of Centre Concorde from the Commission scolaire de Laval and that the review of the tender overrun for renovation of the centre is ongoing.

Nazario Facchino and Nick Milas returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:44 hours**

010523-MR-0191

WHEREAS the Centre Concorde is the property of Commission scolaire de Laval;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has excess property which it is willing to sell;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the acquisition and renovation of Centre Concorde to accommodate a new elementary school in Duvernay Laval;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has determined the amount for the purchase of Centre Concorde;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently concluded the sale of T.H. Bowes;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation expects that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will allocate a portion of these revenues towards the purchase of Centre Concorde;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has made an offer to purchase Centre Concorde;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of Centre Concorde from the Commission scolaire de Laval for the sum of 360 000\$.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this purchase.

Carried unanimously

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6.2 GRICS Representative:

The Director General presented the following resolution noting that this is an annual formality.

010523-IT-0192

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires* (GRICS);

WHEREAS the membership agreement stipulates that the school board must name an official delegate to act on its behalf;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General, be named as the official delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires* (GRICS) to exercise the powers inherent;

AND THAT if the official delegate is absent or unable to act, Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Technology, be named as alternate delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires* (GRICS).

AND THAT this resolution cancel and replace any other resolution naming an official delegate to the general assembly of the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires* (GRICS).

Carried unanimously

6.3 Naming of “Blainville” Elementary School:

The Chairman advised the Council that the Provisional Governing Board on the name for the school had consulted the school community of the “Blainville” Elementary School.

The Chairman invited Karen Moore, Principal of the “Blainville” Elementary School, to explain the process for selecting the three names being presented to the Council for consideration.

Mrs. Moore advised that each student and their family were asked to submit a name and that no reason for selecting the name was requested although some families did provide a reason for their choice.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:00 hours

The Council entered into discussion on the official name for the “Blainville” Elementary School.

010523-CA-0193

WHEREAS Provisional Governing Board of “Blainville” Elementary School conducted a contest for the naming of their school;

WHEREAS the Provisional Governing Board of “Blainville” Elementary School, in accordance with the terms of its mandate, has recommended the following names:

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School
Pincrest Elementary School
Forestview Elementary School

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board assign the name of **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School** to its school situated at 1455 boul. Céloron, Blainville (Québec), contingent upon receiving permission from the Trudeau family.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec, William Pollock

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7.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

7.1 Summer Capital Projects:

The Director General explained the summer capital priorities.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting.

TIME: 22:02 hours

010523-MR-0194

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools;

WHEREAS the schools have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the requests and classified these requests in order of board-wide priorities;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee supports these capital priorities

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the summer capital priorities for its schools for a total amount of 427 393,00\$, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-MR-001.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Cost Overrun on Administration Centre:

Though Walter Fogel had left the meeting, the Director General asked to address this item because of the misconception it would leave. The Director General advised the Council that he had received a report from the Director of Finance which indicates that the building of the Administration Centre had come within budget.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 22:07 hours

8.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Director General explained the Microsoft licensing agreement.

The Council entered in to discussion.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:10 hours

010523-IT-0195

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adhered to the Microsoft Select Licensing Agreement (Select Master Agreement n° 75S50013 – Select Enrolment n° 3605361);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been selected for a one-day ACE (Awareness, Compliance and Education) Review under the “audit clause” terms of the Microsoft Select Licensing Agreement;

WHEREAS this review has been completed by Deloitte & Touche;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, under the terms and conditions of the Microsoft Select Licensing Agreement, must periodically report any new Microsoft software installations;

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has installed Microsoft software on many of its computers and servers, either as new installations or as upgraded configurations; AND THAT specific budgets were reserved for these purchases;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the purchase of Microsoft software in the amount of 71 918\$ plus tax for the Youth Sector and 25 582\$ plus tax for the Adult Sector.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this purchase.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Natalie Auclair

9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

9.1 Engagement of Auditors:

The Director General commented on a comparative table for the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region for auditing services noting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pays the lowest fee.

010523-FR-0196

Mary Sotelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Gagnon, Roy Brunet** at a cost of **14 723,00\$ including taxes** to conduct auditing services for the **2000-2001** school year.

Carried unanimously

9.2 Rate of Interest on Unpaid taxes:

The Director General reviewed the rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that he would inquire with Financial Resources as to how many tax accounts are delinquent and how much additional income is raised through the rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Financial Resources advised that all of the boards with the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region charge a rate of 15% with the exception of Commission scolaire des Laurentides which charges a rate of 18% on unpaid taxes.

010523-FR-0197

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Directorate and in accordance with Article 316 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the **RATE OF INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING (UNPAID) TAXES** be set at **15%** per annum for the school year 2001-2002.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec
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Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 22:17 hours

10.0 QESBA

10.1 QESBA Report:

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that the Director of Elections is looking at different scenarios for the next school board elections including the possibility that the government may coordinate school elections with municipal elections.

She went on to note that the Canadian School Boards Association Annual General meeting will be in Edmonton in July and that any Commissioner wishing to attend would have the registration fee paid for by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:19 hours

10.2 Report on Spring Conference:

Peter Haldimand advised the Council that he would be preparing a written report on the QESBA Spring Conference for the next Council meeting and encouraged those who attended the conference to do likewise.

11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Ghislaine Tanner noted that the Parent Commissioners did not attend the last Parents Committee meeting, therefore, there was no report as both had attended the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Spring Conference and Annual General meeting in Québec which had been very informative.

12.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

12.1 Placement on Surplus:

010523-HR-0198

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the placement of the teacher(s) named below in regular substitution for the 2001-2002 School Year as per Article 5-3.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers' Collective Agreement.

Name	School
JOLY, Sébastien	Western Laval High School
ISKANDER, Adel	Laval Catholic High School

Carried unanimously

The Chairman returned and assumed the chair.

TIME: 22:26 hours

12.2 Non-Re-engagement Due to Incapacity:

The Director of Human Resources noted that this resolution had been adopted last year but that due to a missed deadline the non-reengagement could not proceed, therefore, a new resolution must be adopted.

In response to a question from Peter Haldimand, the Director General advised that any teacher that is to be non-reengaged must be notified in writing annually by June 1st.

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010523-HR-0199

Ghislaine Tanner MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, non re-engage **Ariane Lawler** for reasons of incapacity, as per resolution #000524-HR-0255, effective on 2001-07-01 as per Clause 5-8.02 of the Teacher's Local Agreement.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Steve Kmec

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Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the meeting continue until the agenda is completed.

Carried unanimously

010523-HR-0201

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, non re-engage **Althea Belle** for reasons of incapacity (more than two years on long term disability) effective on 2001-07-01 as per Clause 5-8.02 of the Teacher's Local Agreement.

Carried unanimously

12.3 Abolition of Positions:

The Director of Human Resources explained the following resolutions abolishing and creating positions. He noted that some positions being abolished and re-created are for formality as the change is only in the hours of work.

010523-HR-0202

WHEREAS the Support Staff local unions has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolish the following positions, effective on 2001-07-01, as per Article 7-3.00 of the FTQ Local 57 Collective Agreement covering support staff.

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Caretaker	38.75	Holy Rosary Elementary School
Caretaker	38.75	McCaig Elementary School Annex

Carried unanimously

010523-HR-0203

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has reviewed with the Management Committee of Principals the services currently available in the elementary schools;

WHEREAS the Human Resources Board Committee has reviewed the plan;

WHEREAS the Support Staff local union has been consulted on the effects of such a plan;

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Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolish the following positions, effective 2001-07-01, as per Article 7-3.00 of the FTQ Local 57 Collective Agreement covering support staff.

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Laboratory Technician	30 hrs	Laval Catholic High School / Sacred Heart Middle School
Laboratory Technician	35 hrs	Lake of Two Mountains High School / Western Laval High School
Office Agent, Class II	25 hrs	McCaig Elementary School
Secretary	35 hrs	McCaig Elementary School Annex
Secretary	35 hrs	Sacred Heart Middle School
Storekeeper, Class I	35 hrs	Laval Catholic High School
Vocational Training Technician	20 hrs	Adult Education

Carried unanimously

12.4 Creation of Positions:

010523-HR-0204

WHEREAS the Support Staff local unions has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create the following positions, effective 2001-07-01:

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Caretaker	38.75 hrs	"Blainville" Elementary School
Caretaker	38.75 hrs	"Duvernay" Elementary School
Caretaker (Revised Schedule)	38.75 hrs	Holy Rosary Elementary School

Carried unanimously

010523-HR-0207

WHEREAS the Support Staff local unions has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create the following positions, effective 2001-07-01:

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Office Agent, Class II	10 hrs	"Blainville" Elementary School
Office Agent, Class II	10 hrs	"Duvernay" Elementary School
Office Agent, Class II	10 hrs	McCaig Elementary School
Office Agent, Class II	35 hrs	Sacred Heart Elementary School
School Secretary	35 hrs	"Blainville" Elementary School
School Secretary	35 hrs	"Duvernay" Elementary School

Secretary	17.5 hrs	"Blainville" Elementary School
Secretary	10 hrs	"Duvernay" Elementary School
Secretary	17.5 hrs	McCaig Elementary School

Carried unanimously

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12.5 Engagement of In School Administrator:

The Director General provided background information on the following engagement.

010523-HR-0205

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Kenneth Prokosh** to the position of Principal, effective 2001-07-01, in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and the Management Policy of the Board; AND THAT he be assigned to **Sacred Heart Middle School**.

Carried unanimously

12.6 Engagement of Director of Human Resources:

The Director General provided background information on the following engagement.

010523-HR-0206

WHEREAS the position of Director of Human Resources is vacant due to retirement;

WHEREAS this position is governed by the "Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards";

WHEREAS this position has been posted and a selection committee was convened, as per the "Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section Association des cadres scolaires du Québec";

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **François Badin** for the position of Director of Human Resources, effective 2001-08-06 in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and the Management Policy of the Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec

13.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION:

13.1 Modification to School Hours:

010523-TS-0208

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #010124-TS-0129 and change the school hours for Morin Heights Elementary School from 8:40 - 15:05 to 8:56 – 14:55.

Carried unanimously

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.1 2001-2002 School Calendars:

The Director General reviewed the school calendars for 2001-2002.

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010523-ED-0209

WHEREAS the school calendar is the responsibility of the school board;

WHEREAS a committee of three representatives each of the Teachers Union, the Parents Committee, school Administrators and Commissioners was established with a mandate to propose a calendar for 2001-2002;

WHEREAS this all party committee reached a consensus on a draft proposal for presentation to the Laurier Teachers Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS a calendar stipulating the start of the school year before September 1 requires the agreement of the Teachers' Union;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers' Union has agreed to the proposed calendar for 2001-2002:

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee has been consulted on the proposed calendar for 2001-2002;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Educational Services Committee have endorsed the proposed calendar for the presentation to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2001-2002 school calendar as presented in Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-001 for all of its schools except Arundel Elementary School, Holy Rosary Elementary School, Joliette Elementary School, Lewis King Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School, Joliette High School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

Carried unanimously

010523-ED-0210

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the French school boards have established their calendars for the 2001-2002 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the

2001-2002 school year for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-002.

Carried unanimously

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010523-ED-0211

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the French school boards have established their calendars for the 2001-2002 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the 2001-2002 school year for Holy Rosary Elementary School and Lewis King Elementary School, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-003.

Carried unanimously

010523-ED-0212

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the French school boards have established their calendars for the 2001-2002 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the 2001-2002 school year for Joliette Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School and Joliette High School, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-004.

Carried unanimously

010523-ED-0213

Mary Svtelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Adult

Education Centre located in Chomedey, Laval for the 2001-2002 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-005.

Carried unanimously

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010523-ED-0214

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Professional Education Centers located in Chomedey and Joliette for the 2001-2002 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-006.

Carried unanimously

010523-ED-0215

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Adult Education Centre located in Lachute for the 2001-2002 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-007.

Carried unanimously

010523-ED-0217

Ghislaine Tanner MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Professional Education Centre located in Lachute for the 2001-2002 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/05/23-ED-008.

Carried unanimously

14.2 Student Teaching:

The Director General reviewed the following resolution.

010523-ED-0216

WHEREAS the protocols concerning the allocation under Measure 30023, which had been duly signed by the Director General and the designated authorities of Bishop's University, Concordia University, McGill University, Université du Québec à Montréal et Université de Montréal, was tacitly renewed and sent to the Direction régionale de Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière;

WHEREAS the student teacher "documents synthèses" from said universities have been sent to the Direction régionale de Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière;

WHEREAS the total of the equivalencies (95,9) corresponds to the amount of 59 458,00\$;

WHEREAS the amount allocated corresponds to 620,00\$ per student teacher;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request an allocation of 59 458,00\$ from the Direction régionale de Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière under Measure 30023.

Carried unanimously

14.3 Cooperative Education Awards:

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the upcoming Cooperative Education Awards evening being held on 2001-06-07 at the Palace in Laval.

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14.4 Sexual Abuse:

In response to a request for an update from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that the Educational Services Committee will be looking at a program that was recently received from the Ministère de l'Éducation dealing with sexual abuse and other issues affecting students.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Chris Arnaoutelis, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, apologized to the Council for the behaviour of various members of Hillcrest Academy community earlier in the meeting and invited the Council to meet informally with Hillcrest Academy parents to discuss the issue at hand.

In response to a question from David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Director General noted that it is not unusual for schools to have three pedagogical days in November: one to mark the end of the first term; one for parent / teacher interviews and another for teachers convention.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Modlin, the Director General advised that not all the schools have coinciding spring breaks due to shared transportation with French school boards in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region.

In response to a question from Albina Pace, a parent from Souvenir Elementary School, the Director General explained that the school Principal organizes the start and end of classes but that buses begin arriving at the school at 8:10 hours.

In response to a question from Maria Olivier, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, the Director General advised that the Management Advisory Committee had provided the Council with feedback on the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002 but due to a lack of quorum at the last meeting, the Parents Committee had not done so.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Director of Human Resources reminded the Council that the retirement dinner would be held on 2001-06-13 at Le Parc in Laval.

17.0 VARIA

Peter MacLaurin extended congratulations to the Director of Material Resources and all parties involved in the Administration Centre project, as the result is very impressive.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Peter Haldimand MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:00 hours

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman