

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2009-07-07**

A Special 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 Tuesday, 2009-07-07:

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, and Edward Turchyniak; and Parent Commissioner Luc Samson; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; Donna Abel, Assistant Director of Financial Resources; Gerry Robillard, Assistant Director of Educational Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioners Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

**1.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the budget for the 2009-2010 school year highlighting the changes in conformity with the budget parameters and new accounting format of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

The Council entered into discussion and Commissioner Walter Fogel noted that there have been several observations by stakeholders and employees that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools are not safe and that a more elaborate plan needs to be developed.

Several Commissioners commented on Commissioner Fogel's statement to the effect that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools were safe and that such unfounded statements are misleading.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director General explained that there is an allotment for safety and security (emergency preparedness) within the 2008-2013 Strategic Plan.

The Assistant Director General reminded everyone that the safety and security project is a progressive project and that new steps are being taken annually to expand on the project.

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WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapitre I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Minister its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2009-2010 school year;

WHEREAS the Minister has authorized the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to adopt a budget which provides for expenditures that exceed revenues;

WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to prepare the budget is established in the amount of 7 188 787 368\$ in conformity with the law and the 2009-2010 budgetary rules;

WHEREAS the budget establishes the tax rate for the 2009-2010 school year at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of assessment;

WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2009-2010 school year.

AND THAT it be submitted to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport for approval under the terms and conditions determined by the Minister.

AND THAT the tax rate be established at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of assessment

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Edward Turchyniak
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

Commissioner Nick Milas extended appreciation to the Director of Financial Resources and her staff for all the work on the budget and for providing Commissioners with a comprehensive explanation of the tax brochure for 2009-2010.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**TIME: 19:10 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 2009-08-26**

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**Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**