

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-02-23

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Library of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2000-02-23 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand (via telephone connection), Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, 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: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Linda Gagnon and James McDougall, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

000223-CA-0156

WHEREAS section 169 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) recognizes the right of a Commissioner to take part in a meeting by means of telecommunications with the consent of a majority of Commissioners present;

WHEREAS there exists a quorum and that, furthermore, the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners is present for the meeting of 2000-02-23;

WHEREAS there exists exceptional circumstances which prevent the presence in person of a Commissioner and, furthermore, that it is deemed advisable to have as many Commissioners as possible participate in the decision-making process of the board;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, for the regular meeting of 2000-02-23 of the Council of Commissioners, authorize Peter Haldimand to participate and vote by means of a telephone connection.

Carried unanimously

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

- 1.0 **Participation by Telephone**.....RES
- 5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING:**
 - 5.4 *Calendar of Committee Meetings*.....INFO
- 6.0 **BUSINESS ARISING:**
 - 6.5 *Sale of the Rawdon School*.....RES

4.0. After discussion, the Council of Commissioners agreed to move items 14.0 and 16.0 to follow item 4.0.

000223-CA-0157

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2000/02/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel noted that on page 0290 of the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2000-01-26 under item 6.1 the following statement was omitted *“Walter Fogel voiced his opposition to the holding of caucus meetings because he considers such meetings contravene section 167 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).”*

The following error was also noted on page 0290 under item 5.3, paragraph 1 and 2 should read *“Direction générale de la sécurité civile at de la sécurité incendie”*.

Nick Milas entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:40 hours

000223-CA-0158

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2000-01-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council that he had received a letter from the Ministère de l'Éducation authorizing the construction of a new Administration Centre.

He went on to remind the Council of the 2000-03-11 Symposium to be held at Lake of Two Mountains High School and encouraged everyone to attend.

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Linda Kafenzakis, a parent from Genesis Elementary School, concerning not knowing who the Commissioner was for her school, the Director General advised that the Commissioners represent all the schools of the board. She was informed that Genesis is in Electoral Division 15 and that Nazario Facchino was the Commissioner elected in that division.

In response to concerns expressed by Mrs. Kafenzakis over the school board denying the request of her school to grant an exemption from policy #99-ED-03: Elementary Program of Studies in respect to the teaching of English Language Arts, the Director General explained that the board had adopted a policy on the teaching of English Language Arts as a compulsory subject at all levels after considerable discussion and review and that as an English board it did not wish to seek permission from the Ministre de l'Éducation for an exemption from the obligation to teach English in its schools.

Mrs. Kafenzakis stated that the parents of Genesis Elementary School feel that they have not been respected, as their request for the status quo was ignored. She also noted that the school felt that not enough time or attention had been given for this consultation.

In response to the comment from Mrs. Kafenzakis that the parents' recommendations had not been given due consideration, the Chairman advised that prior to the adoption of the policies on the programs of studies the recommendations received through consultation were studied and discussed thoroughly at several different meetings.

14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Pierre Niding reported that the Director General had attended the last Parents' Committee meeting and spoke on the 1998-1999 budget.

In response to Mario Gaulin's statement that there are some Governing Boards that are still having difficulties in communications with the Principal, the Chairman expressed the hope that representatives from these schools would be attending the Symposium to be held on 2000-03-11 in order to help develop better communication through an understanding of roles and responsibilities.

The Director General asked to be advised of such problems so that he may offer his assistance in trying to establish a good working relationship between the Principal and the parents who sit on the Governing Board.

Mario Gaulin left the meeting.

TIME: 20:05 hours

16.0 QESBA

Carolyn Curiale reported that the 2000 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Quebec English School Boards Association would be held from 2000-05-04 to 2000-05-06 at the Chateau Mont Tremblant in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec.

In response to a concern expressed by Walter Fogel on the cost of the Spring Conference, the Director General advised that each administrator has a Professional Improvement budget and that the cost of such activities are covered by this budget and that a specific budget had been approved for attendance by Commissioners.

Mr. Fogel asked that an accounting of the costs of attendance at this conference last year by administrators and Commissioners be provided.

Edward Turchyniak suggested that an account of the cost for participation in the conference be made to the Council after the activity.

000223-CA-0159

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association will be holding its Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting at the Chateau Mont Tremblant, Mont Tremblant, QC from 2000-05-04 to 2000-05-06;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the QESBA 2000 Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting from 2000-05-04 to 2000-05-06 in Mont Tremblant, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 750\$ per Commissioner, to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and travel expenses:

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svolitis

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Edward Turchyniak

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Emergency Preparedness Courses:

The Director General advised the Council that, a few days after the last meeting of the Council, the long awaited authorization had been received from the Direction générale de la sécurité civile et de la sécurité incendie to hold an in-servicing course for administrators in emergency preparedness to be given by the Canadian College of Emergency Preparedness.

The Deputy Director General reported that recently the Canadian College of Emergency Preparedness announced that it would no longer offer a course that would be suitable for school administrators and that he is presently negotiating an agreement to hold a course tailored to suit the needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board next October.

Mario Gaulin returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:17 hours

Walter Fogel expressed his disappointment that the emergency preparedness course would not be held until the 2000-2001 school year and that he felt the students and staff were currently being placed at risk.

The Director General stated that he disagreed with Mr. Fogel that the staff and students are at risk by not offering this course at this time because Principals in each school take seriously the obligation to provide for the safety of students and staff.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on the financing of the emergency preparedness course, the Director General advised that provision for the course will be included in the 2000-2001 budget as it had been in this year's.

5.2 QESBA Constitution:

Carolyn Curiale explained that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) periodically reviews its constitution and it is suggesting the addition of a Commission on the Education Mandate of School Boards and a Commission on School Board Financing.

The Council entered into discussion.

Natalie Auclair entered the meeting.

TIME: 20:30 hours

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

TIME: 20:30 hours

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed amendments to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) constitution, as contained in document #2000/02/23-CA-002; AND THAT the proposed amendments be again amended to read in paragraph 2 in sections 10e and 10f "The Commission shall consist of two Directors, *not from the same school board*, a non-Director Commissioner,"

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Natalie Auclair, Walter Fogel

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

5.3 Legal Opinion on Rules of Order:

The Director General reviewed the legal opinion sought on certain sections of Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Council entered into discussion

WHEREAS Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was adopted by the Council of Commissioners on 2000-01-26 by resolution #000126-CA-0127;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requested a legal opinion on sub-section 4.2.4;

"4.2.4 Call a caucus meeting at his discretion."

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the basis of the advice received from Me Harold Ashenmil, Lawyer, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board maintain sub-section 4.2.4 of Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as written.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolution concerning sub-section 4.2.4 of Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be amended to read *"4.2.4 Call a caucus meeting at his discretion provided that such caucus respects section 167 of the Education act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3)."*

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis

NAY: Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi,

The Chairman called for a ten (10) minute recess.

TIME: 20:40 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:52 hours

Peter Haldimand entered the meeting via telephone link.

TIME: 20:53 hours

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Loan Request – Administrative Centre:

The Director General advised Council that the request for authorization to borrow to build a new administrative centre had been received.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that should the board be permitted to sell T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Schools the proceeds from the sale may be used by the school board only in accordance with the conditions established by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

000223-FR-0165

WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #980401-0099 at its meeting of 1998-04-01 whereby it sought the authorization from the Ministre de l'Éducation to build an administrative centre located in the general area of the junction of Autoroute 15 and Autoroute 640;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has satisfied, at a cost of 625 607\$, the condition set by the Ministère de l'Éducation of renovating a section of Rosemere High School from its own operating budget in order to accommodate the increased enrollment at McCaig Elementary School prior to receiving authorization to proceed with the building of an administrative centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested the authorization to spread over a period of twenty (20) years the financing necessary for a project to build an administrative centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received an authorization in principle from the Direction des opérations budgétaires et financières du ministère de l'Éducation dated 2000-02-10;

WHEREAS following receipt of this authorization the board must adopt a resolution to borrow through a long-term note established for a period not exceeding twenty (20) years;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contract a loan in the amount of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (2 250 000\$) from the Financière Banque Nationale located at 1155 Metcalfe in Montréal, Québec;

AND THAT this loan be contracted on 2000-02-25 and repayable according to the following terms and conditions:

1) The loan will bear interest at 6.9444 per cent at the Financière Banque Nationale.

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2) The interests will be paid to the Bank semi-annually as of 2000-08-25.

The Director General advised the Council that the Association of Directors' General of English School Boards have asked QESBA to undertake, in cooperation with all English boards, a critical review of the maps as to their accuracy given board funding could be affected.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:09 hours

The Deputy Director General presented the socio-economic maps for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board territory and provided an explanation of the factors used to determine the socio-economic level of our schools as determined by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Edward Turchyniak retired from the meeting.

TIME: 21:10 hours

The Chairman, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, asked the Chairman of the Executive Committee to take the chair.

The Chairman left the meeting.

TIME: 21:15 hours

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:19 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

6.5 Sale of Rawdon School:

The Director General reviewed the following resolution noting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board owns the building but that Christ Anglican Church owns the land and has agreed to sell the land to the Municipalité de Rawdon.

000223-CA-0169

WHEREAS the Municipalité de Rawdon has indicated an interest in acquiring the former Rawdon Elementary school located at 3797 Metcalfe on lot 17-203 located in the Municipalité de Rawdon;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has agreed to sell the building for the sum of 1,00\$ to the Municipalité de Rawdon;

WHEREAS the school board has leased lot 17-203 which is owned by the Christ Anglican Church of Rawdon on the condition that the land revert back to the church if the building ceased to be used as a Protestant school;

WHEREAS Christ Anglican Church has agreed to sell lot 17-203 to the Municipalité de Rawdon;

WHEREAS the Directorate supports this transaction;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request the authorization of the Ministre de l'Éducation to proceed with the sale of the building located on lot 17-203 to the Municipalité de Rawdon as per the agreement negotiated by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

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AND THAT all associated costs, i.e. notarial and legal fees, survey fees, etc.; be paid by the purchaser.

FURTHER THAT the sale of the building be contingent upon approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Carried unanimously

Edward Turchyniak left for the evening.

TIME: 21:20 hours

7.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

No report.

8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

The Director General reviewed the following information noting that Mr. Greschner is currently the Head Teacher at Genesis Elementary School.

000223-HR-0164

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **promote temporarily** the person named below to the position indicated, for the period indicated in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Collective Agreement for Protestant Teachers and his individual contract:

Fred Greschner

Principal
Genesis
Elementary School

Effective 2000-02-03, for the
duration of the absence of
the Principal

Carried unanimously

9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

9.1 Call for Public Tender for Blainville School - Architect:

The Director General commented on the following project noting that the school in Blainville will accommodate 372 students and is a project jointly funded by the Government of Quebec and Heritage Canada.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that the land on which to build the school has not been offered at this point and that the Ville de Blainville will make its selection on the site in agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Mario Gaulin called a "point of order" and inquired what the land had to do with the selection of an architect and a consulting engineer and suggested that the meeting move on.

Walter Fogel expressed an interest in sitting on a committee to review the tenders for this project.

000223-MR-0171

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new elementary school in Blainville;

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires the services of an architect for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the architect be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of an architect;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for public tenders for the services of an architect for the Blainville Elementary School project.

Carried unanimously

9.2 Call for Public Tender for Blainville School - Engineer:

000223-MR-0172

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new elementary school in Blainville;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires the services of an consulting engineer for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the consulting engineer be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of a consulting engineering;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for public tenders for the services of a consulting engineer for the Blainville Elementary School project.

Carried unanimously

9.3 Sale of T.H. Bowes & Prince Charles Schools:

The Director General presented the following resolution concerning the sale of T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Schools and reviewed the conditions of the sale. He noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation must approve the sale.

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel expressed his dismay that this issue is only now being discussed in public and that the decisions on this matter were taken at a caucus meeting. He also objected to the Executive Committee mandating the Director General to proceed with the negotiations to sell these schools.

Carolyn Curiale called "point of order" and advised Mr. Fogel that the issue of the sale of these two (2) schools was being discussed publicly at this time and objected to his comments that imply that Council does business in secret and that decisions are made behind closed doors.

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In response to a question from Glen Haines on the land between the two (2) schools, the Director General noted that the land would only be turned over to École Notre-Dame de Nareg upon the completion of the sale of the Prince Charles School in 2002 but that its use would be permitted by École Notre-Dame de Nareg as of 2000-07-01 if the sale is approved.

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the offer of École Notre-Dame de Nareg to purchase T.H. Bowes Elementary School and Prince Charles Elementary School in accordance with the following terms subject to the approval of the Minister of Education:

- ❖ The purchase price for T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Elementary Schools will be 1 2000 000\$, payable in two installments: 700 000\$ on July 1, 2000, and 500 000\$ on July 1, 2002.
- ❖ As a guarantee of its good faith, École Notre-Dame de Nareg deposits, by March 15, an amount of 70 000\$ in trust.
- ❖ The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will continue to occupy Prince Charles Elementary School rent-free until June 30, 2002.
- ❖ École Notre-Dame de Nareg will have the use of the land between T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Elementary Schools, with the exception of an area for parking, at no additional cost for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002.
- ❖ École Notre-Dame de Nareg accepts T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Elementary Schools in their present condition. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board shall turn over Prince Charles Elementary School on July 1, 2002 in the same condition as at present, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
- ❖ École Notre-Dame de Nareg agrees not to sell T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Elementary Schools for at least fifteen years unless there is an agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.
- ❖ École Notre-Dame de Nareg accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis

NAY: Walter Fogel

10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

10.1 Revised Budget 1999-2000:

The Director General deposited the Revised Budget for 1999-2000 for the Council's information. He advised that the document would be reviewed at the 2000-03-08 meeting of the Financial Resources Committee and that it would be presented for adoption on 2000-03-22.

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10.2 Student Fees:

The Director General advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board portion of the Ministre de l'Éducation's 15 000 000\$ financial aid package to help parents with school fees is 175 000\$.

The entire sum will be given to the schools and the Principals will discuss with their Governing Boards how to best credit the parents, as the funds must be used within the 1999-2000 school year.

He also noted that the per student amount varied between 10\$ and 20\$ depending on the school and would not be sufficient to eliminate student fees.

The Council entered into discussion.

11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

11.1 Time Allocations for Elementary Schools:

The Director General reviewed the time allocations for the 2000-2001 school year noting that Genesis Elementary and Hillcrest Academy have not approved the proposals of their respective Principals although these reflect the Basic School Regulations (Régimes pédagogique) and board policy. He noted that the time allocations are important to the staffing process of schools for the 2000-2001 school year.

In response to a question from Pierre Niding concerning section 218.2 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3), the Director General advised that the school board is empowered to substitute its decision for a Governing Board when it fails to comply or observe a regulation or a policy. If the time allocations are not approved the board could act and both schools have been advised of this.

The Council entered into discussions on the time allocations.

000223-ED-0170

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the time allocations approved by the Governing Board of each elementary school, as per document #SWLSB/2000-02-23/ED-001, for the 2000-2001 school year, as they are in compliance with section 2.2 of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

12.0 ADULT EDUCATION

No report.

13.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

13.1 Sale of Board Owned Buses & Routes:

The Deputy Director General advised that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on 2000-04-03 and that the meeting of 2000-03-06 has been cancelled.

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000223-TS-0174

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board sell its entire fleet of buses and their

respective routes by public tender. AND THAT the sale be finalized for the start of the 2000-2001 school year.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis

NAY: Walter Fogel, Nick Milas

15.0 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

No report.

17.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Anita van der Ven on the need for students to purchase graphic calculators, the Director General noted that a student is not obligated to purchase this item and that the school board has purchased class sets of this type of calculator.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

19.0 VARIA

In response to a question from Walter Fogel as to why the Quebec income tax receipts were only in French, Mario Gaulin advised that these forms are available only in French.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Nancy Rupnik MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:10 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 2000-03-22

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman