

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A Special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in room 36A of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC, and via teleconference or videoconference on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:00 hours, at which were:

Present at Administration Centre: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Present via teleconference or videoconference: Commissioner Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliozakis and Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley.

Also present via teleconference or videoconference were: Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson; Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations; Andrew Robinson, Coordinator of Transportation and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioner Melissa Wall.

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and confirmed with the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General that the process for calling this special meeting was in conformity with the law.

TIME: 9:06 hours

After roll call, the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed quorum.

1.1 Acknowledgement of the Land:

"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends."

2.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Agenda
EC-200821-CA-0010

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the agenda of the special Executive Committee meeting be approved as presented in document no. X-SWLSB-2020/08/21-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Material Resources and Transportation

3.1 Additional Transportation Needs – COVID-19:

3.1.1 Autobus Groupe Séguin Inc. – Vehicle 1:

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that the upcoming transportation resolutions are for:

- Additional transportation needs in order to meet the health guidelines set out by the government concerning COVID-19;
- Annual additional transportation needs to accommodate students;
- Reduction of travel time;
- The addition of six new vehicles;
- Increasing the size of 11 vehicles;
- There are no accommodations for walkers or out-of-zone students at this time;
- Ensuring that these needs are attainable within the budget.

Additional Transportation
Needs – COVID-19

Groupe Séguin Inc.
Vehicle 1

EC-200821-TS-0011

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that the maximum capacity of school buses has been set at forty-eight (48) passengers due to the current COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of this MEES directive, an intermediate-size bus is required to service overcapacity students travelling to and from Our Lady of Peace Elementary School and St-Paul Elementary School;

WHEREAS it is considered a temporary measure until the COVID-19 situation is resolved;

WHEREAS this modification is in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned schools;

Commissioner Vicky Kaliotzakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Autobus Groupe Séguin Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
1	30	\$58,151.18

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modification indicated herein.

Carried unanimously

3.1.2 Transport Shiro Inc. – Vehicle 960

Additional Transportation
Needs – COVID-19

Transport Shiro Inc.
Vehicle 960

EC-200821-TS-0012

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0129, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated August 12, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the maximum capacity of berlines has been set at four (4) student passengers, with a physical barrier installed, or two (2) student passengers, without a physical barrier installed;

WHEREAS an additional berline is required to service the students to and from Laval Junior Academy given that there are two (2) additional students requiring service;

WHEREAS it is considered a temporary measure until the COVID-19 situation is resolved;

WHEREAS this modification is in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned school;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation and the Director of Pedagogical Services, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Transport Shiro Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
960	5	\$31,000.00

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modification mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.2 Additional Transportation Needs – Change in Vehicle Size - COVID-19:

3.2.1 Autobus Campeau Inc. – Vehicles 101 and 300

In response to a request from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Chairperson surveyed the members of the Executive Committee and all agreed that due to the intermittent communications problems being experienced that the resolutions would only be partially read aloud.

Additional Transportation
Needs – Change in Vehicle
Size - COVID-19

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

Autobus Campeau Inc.
Vehicles 101 and 300

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that the maximum capacity of school buses has been set at forty-eight (48) passengers due to the current COVID-19 pandemic;

EC-200821-TS-0013

WHEREAS, in order to allow for more students to be transported on their regular routes while respecting all sanitary measures and directives provided by the MEES, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires additional transportation places so as to be in compliance with these measures and directives;

WHEREAS the vehicles mentioned below will service Arundel Elementary School and Laurentia Elementary School;

WHEREAS these modifications are temporary in order to comply with the directives given by the MEES as well as all other sanitary measures as prescribed by various governmental authorities;

WHEREAS these modifications are in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned schools;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to the contract with Autobus Campeau Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicles:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Rows)	Cost Increase 2020-2021
101	12	\$6,580.97
300	8	\$1,475.66
Sub-total:		\$8,056.63

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modifications mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.2.2 Groupe Renaud Inc. – Vehicles 67, 72, 74, 78 and 90

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that a report will be sent to the MEES requesting reimbursement of additional transportation expenses due to COVID-19.

Additional Transportation
Needs – Change in Vehicle
Size - COVID-19

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

Groupe Renaud Inc.
Vehicles 67, 72, 74, 78
and 90

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that the maximum capacity of school buses has been set at forty-eight (48) passengers due to the current COVID-19 pandemic;

EC-200821-TS-0014

WHEREAS, in order to allow for more students to be transported on their regular routes while respecting all sanitary measures and directives provided by the MEES, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires additional transportation places so as to be in compliance with these measures and directives;

WHEREAS the vehicles mentioned below will service Mountainview Elementary School, St-Jude Elementary School and Rosemère High School;

WHEREAS these modifications are temporary in order to comply with the directives given by the MEES as well as all other sanitary measures as prescribed by various governmental authorities;

WHEREAS these modifications are in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned schools;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to the contract with Group Renaud Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicles:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Rows)	Cost Increase 2020-2021
67	12	\$6,580.97
72	12	\$6,580.97
74	12	\$6,580.97
78	12	\$6,580.97
90	12	\$6,580.97
Sub-total:		\$32,904.85

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modifications mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.2.3 Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. – Vehicles 301, 302 and 304

Additional Transportation
Needs – Change in Vehicle
Size - COVID-19

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

Les Autobus Transcobec
(1987) Inc.
Vehicles 301, 302 and 304

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that the maximum capacity of school buses has been set at forty-eight (48) passengers due to the current COVID-19 pandemic;

EC-200821-TS-0015

WHEREAS, in order to allow for more students to be transported on their regular routes while respecting all sanitary measures and directives provided by the MEES, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires additional transportation places so as to be in compliance with these measures and directives;

WHEREAS the vehicles mentioned below will service Laurentia Elementary School;

WHEREAS these modifications are temporary in order to comply with the directives given by the MEES as well as all other sanitary measures as prescribed by various governmental authorities;

WHEREAS these modifications are in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned school;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to the contract with Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicles:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Rows)	Cost Increase 2020-2021
301	12	\$6,580.97
302	8	\$1,475.66
304	8	\$1,475.66
Sub-total:		\$9,532.29

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modifications mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.2.4 Transport Shiro Inc. – Vehicle 953

Additional Transportation
Needs – Change in Vehicle
Size - COVID-19

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0129, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

Transport Shiro Inc.
Vehicles 953

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) informing the school board that the maximum capacity of school buses has been set at forty-eight (48) passengers due to the current COVID-19 pandemic;

EC-200821-TS-0016

WHEREAS, in order to allow for more students to be transported on their regular routes while respecting all sanitary measures and directives provided by the MEES, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires additional transportation places so as to be in compliance with these measures and directives;

WHEREAS upgrading the existing minivan to a minibus in the contract signed with Transport Shiro Inc. will make it possible to transport more students on regular routes;

WHEREAS said minivan will service Mountainview Elementary School and St-Jude Elementary School;

WHEREAS this modification is temporary in order to comply with the directives given by the MEES as well as all other sanitary measures as prescribed by various governmental authorities;

WHEREAS this modification is in the best interest of the students attending the above-mentioned schools;

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Transport Shiro Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until such a time as the COVID-19 situation is resolved, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Type)	Cost Increase 2020-2021
953	Minibus	\$26,354.30

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modification mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.3 Additional Transportation Needs – Special Needs:

3.3.1 Transport Shiro Inc. – Vehicle 959 – JHS:

Additional Transportation
Needs – Special Needs

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0129, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

Transport Shiro Inc.
Vehicle 959 - JHS

WHEREAS a student with special needs attending Joliette High School requires specific conditions to be transported to school;

EC-200821-TS-0017

WHEREAS a minivan would support the student's needs and eliminate all transfers;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation and the Director of Pedagogical Services, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Transport Shiro Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until June 30, 2022, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
959	5	\$31,903.62

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modification mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.3.2 Groupe Renaud Inc. – Vehicle 931 – MOSD:

Additional Transportation
Needs – Special Needs

Groupe Renaud Inc.
Vehicle 931 - MOSD

EC-200821-TS-0018

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0129, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS two (2) students under the responsibility of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are in need for transportation to and from the Montreal Oral School of the Deaf;

WHEREAS a minivan is required to fulfil these transportation needs;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Groupe Renaud Inc. for the period beginning August 31, 2020, until June 30, 2022, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
931	5	\$38,000.00

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modifications mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.4 Additional Transportation Needs – Travel Time:

3.4.1 Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. – Vehicle 308:

Additional Transportation
Needs – Travel Time

Les Autobus Transcobec
(1987) Inc.
Vehicle 308

EC-200821-TS-0019

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS section 3.6.2 of policy no. 1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board states that “Students at all levels within established school zones will not normally be required to spend more than ninety (90) minutes on the bus each way per day”;

WHEREAS route improvements were implemented for students travelling to and from Laurentian Regional High School in Lachute;

WHEREAS an intermediate-size bus for the Saint-Hippolyte area would reduce travel time to under ninety (90) minutes;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until June 30, 2022, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
308	20	\$53,724.10

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modification mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.4.2 Autobus Campeau Inc. – Vehicle 107:

Additional Transportation
Needs – Travel Time

Autobus Campeau Inc.
Vehicle 107

EC-200821-TS-0020

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0129, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS section 3.6.2 of policy no. 1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board states that “Students at all levels within established school zones will not normally be required to spend more than ninety (90) minutes on the bus each way per day”;

WHEREAS route improvements were implemented for students travelling to and from Laurentian Regional High School in Lachute;

WHEREAS a minivan for the Montfort area would reduce travel time to under ninety (90) minutes;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to the contract with Autobus Campeau Inc. for the period beginning September 1, 2020, until June 30, 2022, by adding the following vehicle:

Vehicle no.	Updated Capacity (Passengers)	Cost 2020-2021
107	5	\$30,775.50

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the modifications mentioned herein.

Carried unanimously

3.5 Sale of Transportation Contracts:

3.5.1 Autobus Campeau Inc. to Transport Shiro Inc. – Vehicles 603, 604, 606 and 932:

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the sale will not impact the contract in any way and that all the terms and conditions remain in place until June 30, 2022.

Sale of Transportation
Contracts

Autobus Campeau Inc. to
Transport Shiro Inc.
Vehicles 603, 604, 606
and 932

EC-200821-TS-0021

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation companies, including Autobus Campeau Inc., for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS Autobus Campeau Inc. has negotiated the sale to Transport Shiro Inc. of the following buses servicing the Rawdon and Joliette regions: 603, 604, 606 and 932;

WHEREAS the current contract between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Transport Shiro Inc. includes twenty-five (25) buses operating mainly on the territories of Laval and Rosemère;

WHEREAS Clause 44 of the contract between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Autobus Campeau Inc. requires that the school board approve such a transaction;

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee approve the transfer of buses 603, 604, 606 and 932 from Autobus Campeau Inc. to Transport Shiro Inc.

Carried unanimously

3.6 Change of Ownership:

3.6.1 Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc.:

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the addition of family members as owners will not impact the contract in any way and that all the terms and conditions remain in place until June 30, 2022.

Change of Ownership

Les Autobus Transcobec
(1987) Inc.

EC-200821-TS-0022

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170628-TS-0128, renewing contracts with various transportation companies, including Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. ("Transcobec"), for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS Transcobec's contract includes four (4) buses (ten [10] routes) mainly in the Saint-Jérôme territory;

WHEREAS the current administrators of Transcobec informed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of its intent to transfer the majority of the company's share capital to Pierre-Alexandre Brunet, Kim Paquette and Jeff Séguin;

WHEREAS Clause 44 of the contract between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Transcobec requires that the school board approve such a transaction;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee approve the transfer of the majority of the share capital of Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. to Pierre-Alexandre Brunet, Kim Paquette and Jeff Séguin;

AND THAT the terms and conditions of the pre-existing contract with Les Autobus Transcobec (1987) Inc. remain in full force and effect notwithstanding said transfer.

Carried unanimously

3.7 Purchase of Sanitary Equipment for Back-to-School 2020-2021:

3.7.1 Visa-Vie Inc.:

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that Financial Resources reports COVID-19 related expenses monthly to the MEES.

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Gagnon, the Director of Financial Resources noted that a report on the financial impact of COVID-19 will be presented at the Corporate Committee.

Purchase of Sanitary
Equipment for Back-to-
School 2020-2021

WHEREAS sanitizing products are required for the 2020-2021 school year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

Visa-Vie Inc.

WHEREAS an order was placed with the Visa-Vie Inc. supplier for hand sanitizers and distributors in the amount of \$96,250.00, before taxes, or \$102,878.50, net taxes;

EC-200821-MR-0023

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the order placed with Visa-Vie Inc. in the amount of \$96,250.00, before taxes, or \$102,878.50, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this acquisition.

Carried unanimously

4.0 QESBA:

4.1 Special Assessment – Court Challenge on Bill 40 :

The Chairperson thanked Commissioner Guy Gagnon for his input on the resolutions concerning the court challenge and the progressive entry for the 2020-2021 school year.

Special Assessment –
Court Challenge on Bill 40

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board believes that Bill 40 denies our constitutional right granted in Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms granting an exclusive power of management and control over minority language instruction and facilities to rightsholders or their representative;

EC-200821-CA-0024

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200527-CA-0111, expressing its full support for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and its co-applicants' challenge to Bill 40's constitutionality;

WHEREAS the declaration of intervention of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to become a co-applicant in the court challenge was authorized;

WHEREAS the applicants were granted the initial challenge for a stay on the applications of Bill 40;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has taken the decision to challenge and appeal this ruling;

WHEREAS this appeal by the Government of Québec will incur additional legal costs for the QESBA that may exceed the initial budget set aside for this purpose;

WHEREAS the QESBA is proposing a special assessment of \$2.00 per student for all its English School board members to help offset its growing legal fees;

WHEREAS the QESBA is also exploring other avenues of funding to further finance the legal challenges;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the request of the Quebec English School Boards Association for a special assessment fee of \$2.00 per student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried unanimously

5.0 Financial Resources:

5.1 Allocation of Measure 15028:

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Financial Resources noted that Measure 15028 was new in 2019-2020 and is for extracurricular activities for the high schools. These activities are outside of regular school hours.

Allocation of Measure
15028

EC-200821-FR-0025

WHEREAS appendix 1, section 1.1 of by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorizes the Executive Committee to "Exercise all functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners during the period from July to the date of the August meeting of the Council of Commissioners";

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200429-FR-0090, accepting the recommendations of the Resource Allocation Committee for the 2020-2021 school year, which includes Measure 15028: Extracurricular Activities for High Schools, as a protected measure;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has modified Measure 15028, changing it from a protected measure to a dedicated measure;

WHEREAS said measure is to be allocated upon request, as indicated in the Allocation of Resources 2020-2021 document adopted by resolution no. CC-200429-FR-0090;

WHEREAS the high schools were consulted on their individual needs;

WHEREAS the Resource Allocation Committee held a special meeting on August 14, 2020;

WHEREAS it is recommended by the Resource Allocation Committee to allocate all funds as individually requested by all high schools and to distribute any remaining balance of Measure 15028 on a per capita basis;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Resource Allocation Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the allocation of funds from Measure 15028 to the high schools as recommended by the Resource Allocation Committee, and as more precisely detailed below:

Schools	Projected Enrolment	Total
Joliette High	241	\$73,388.00
Lake of Two Mountains	369	\$102,899.00
Laurentian Regional	574	\$112,843.00
Phoenix Alternative	33	\$1,601.00
Rosemere High	1,228	\$207,516.00
Laval Junior Academy	935	\$220,353.00
Ste-Agathe Academy	113	\$35,481.00
Laval Senior Academy	1,405	\$168,151.00
Mountainview - Batslaw	40	\$66,940.00
Total	4,938	\$1,100,172.00

Carried unanimously

6.0 Varia:

6.1 Progressive Entry 2020-2021:

Progressive Entry
2020-2021

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has mandated that all students physically return to school for the 2020-2021 school year;

EC-200821-CA-0026

WHEREAS appendix 1, section 1.1 of by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorizes the Executive Committee to "Exercise all functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners during the period from July to the date of the August meeting of the Council of Commissioners";

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board continues to affirm its constitutional right granted in Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms granting an exclusive power of management and control over minority language instruction and facilities to rightsholders or their representative;

WHEREAS the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have been duly and legally elected by their communities as the representatives and governing body of our school board;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has the responsibility, first and foremost, to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's 3rd orientation in its commitment to success plan states our intention of "Promoting learning and working environments that promote health, safety and well-being";

WHEREAS several schools have made a request for progressive entry to school for 2020-2021 to allow a well organized and controlled beginning to the school year ensuring the health and safety of all their students and staff;

WHEREAS progressive entry was given as a viable option by the MEES as part of the of the reopening of schools on May 11, 2020, following the emergency closing of schools due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS a progressive entry would allow to gradually reintegrate schools and buildings without overwhelming both students, teachers and staff and allow for verification of measure put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19;

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the request for progressive entry for all its schools over a period of not more than three (3) days, as of the students' first day of school.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson requested that this resolution be sent to QESBA so that it can be shared with its other member school boards.

7.0 Adjournment:

The Director General thanked the entire Council for its unwavering support in this time of uncertainty noting that when administrators were advised on Monday that a resolution would be presented today for progressive entry the level of anxiety diminished greatly.

The Chairperson noted that the Council has a high level of respect for the students and staff and that the Council hopes that its current term can be extended so that it can continue to work for the success of the students of this school board.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 9:36 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ September 23, 2020