

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

ETSB BOARD ROOM
340, SAINT-JEAN-BOSCO
MAGOG, QC. J1X 1K9

MINUTES

Enhanced Literacy and Numeracy – Dropout Prevention – Physical and Mental Health

MEMBERS PRESENT (P):

COMMISSIONER'S		PARENT COMMISSIONERS	
Gordon Barnett, Member	P	Hélène Turgeon	P
Claire Beaubien, Member	P	Marc Mercure	P
Daniel Brodie, Member	P	Cindy Véronneau	A
Richard Gagnon, Member	P	Daniel Zigby	P
Gary Holliday, Member	P	ADMINISTRATORS	
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chairman	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby, Member	P	Director General, Kandy Mackey	A
Frank MacGregor, Member	P	Interim Director General and Director of Continuing Education, Michel Soucy	A
Alice McCrory, Member	P	Interim Assistant Director General and Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Jonathan Murray, Member	P	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Michael Murray, Chairman	P	Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services, Eva Lettner	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau, Member	GH	Director of Complementary Services, Emmanuelle Gaudet	P
		Director of Material Resources, Éric Plante	A
		Coordinator of Material Resources, Pierre Bruneau	P

GH: Google Hangout

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

PUBLIC

Megan Seline, President of the Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)
Matthew McCully, The Record
Monica Whitehead, Parent

INVITEES

Mr. Shawn Frost, Auditor from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton
Ms. Chantal Charest, Auditor from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to adopt the Agenda of October 22, 2019, as deposited, with the following addition/correction: item 7.1 will be moved after item 3 and item 7.6 will be tabled.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-15

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on September 24, 2019

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of September 24, 2019, meeting has been given to each Commissioner at least 6 hours before the opening of the meeting, the Secretary General is excused from reading the Minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett to excuse the Secretary General from reading the Minutes and to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on September 24, 2019, as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline: Distance ED used to be at Granby and moved to the Board Office. Where are they now?

M. Murray: By the nature of the services it provides, Distance Education is everywhere, as it provides educational services online, anytime, anywhere.

J. Pauw: The Coordinator of Distance ED is now located at the Board Office and will be moved to CBM.

M. Seline: Will that not take them further away from LVTC and the adult education services they offer?

J. Pauw: Distance Education provides services to eight (8) of the English school boards, therefore, moving to Cowansville areas will give a better proximity to Montreal and the clientele it serves there.

M. Whitehead: As a parent, and with the incident that took place last week, I am concerned about the amount of bullying that is going on at Alexander Galt Regional High School. I feel that this problem is not being dealt with by the school administration. What will be done?

J. Pauw: We are taking the events that recently took place at Alexander Galt Regional High School very seriously and we hear your concerns.

M. Whitehead: Do you know that there are many incidents at Alexander Galt Regional High School that do not get reported?

M. Murray: The situation that took place was unfortunate and we do not want to see it repeated. We are taking the situation very seriously. An evaluation is going on at the same time as that of the police investigation. We will be studying the recommendations that will come from this evaluation.

5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray presented the October 22, 2019, Recognition of Excellence:

“Semaine des directions d'établissement scolaire”

October 21 - 25, 2019

Pedagogical Leader, Supportive Colleague,

Student Champion

These are but a few words that describe what it means to be a School Principal, Centre Director, Vice-Principal or Assistant Centre Director. Working with teachers, professionals, support staff and senior management, they guide and oversee educational activities that have a positive impact on student success. They play a pivotal role not only in their school or centre but also in their community.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners and Senior Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board, we would like to take advantage of the *Semaine des directions d'établissement scolaire* to recognize the valuable contribution as well as thank all our school and centre administrators for their hard work, long hours and dedication.

Thank-You!

6. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

7. NEW BUSINESS

This item was presented after item 3, the approval of the minutes. Auditors from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton presented a summary of the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019.

7.1 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-16**Deposit of the Financial Statements for the Year Ending June 30, 2019**

WHEREAS section 286 of the Education Act requires the financial activities of school boards be audited annually;

WHEREAS the Secretary General gave public notice of the date, time and place of the presentation of the financial statements on October 4, 2019;

WHEREAS the Director General published a summary of the annual financial statements of the School Board in two local newspapers on October 11, 2019;

WHEREAS the external auditors have deposited their report to the School Board;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Murray that the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019, be received as tabled.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-17**Statement of School Taxes Remaining Due and Owing 2019-2020**

WHEREAS the Director of Financial Services presented the following summary regarding the statement of the school taxes remaining due and owing by owners;

WHEREAS the payment of the second (2nd) installment does not come due until December and consequently these amounts are included in the total school taxes not yet collected;

Annual Invoices Issued – June	2019-2020	2018-2019
Total school taxes invoices issued:	16 504	16 762
Total school taxes to be collected:	\$4,928,303.22	\$5,823,297.40
Invoices Outstanding – October	2019-2020	2018-2019
Total school taxes invoices outstanding:	7 160	8 492
Total school taxes not yet collected:	\$1,703,161.85	\$2,147,480.10

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Zigby to approve the statement of the school taxes remaining due and owing by owners.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-18**Deeds of Establishment – Distance Education**

Correction of code:

IT WAS MOVED BY M. Mercure to correct the building code for Distance Education on the 2019-2020 Deed of Establishment. The new building code is: 883801.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-19

Régime d'emprunts à long-terme

ATTENDU QUE conformément à l'article 78 de la Loi sur l'administration financière (RLRO, chapitre A-6.001), la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (l'« Emprunteur ») souhaite instituer un régime d'emprunts, valide jusqu'au 30 septembre 2020, lui permettant d'emprunter à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 23 238 000 \$;

ATTENDU QUE conformément à l'article 83 de cette loi, l'Emprunteur souhaite prévoir, dans le cadre de ce régime d'emprunts, que le pouvoir d'emprunter et celui d'en approuver les conditions et modalités soient exercés par au moins deux de ses dirigeants;

ATTENDU QU'il y a lieu d'autoriser ce régime d'emprunts, d'établir le montant maximum des emprunts qui pourront être effectués en vertu de celui-ci, ainsi que les caractéristiques et limites relativement aux emprunts à effectuer et d'autoriser des dirigeants de l'Emprunteur à conclure tout emprunt en vertu de ce régime et à en approuver les conditions et modalités;

ATTENDU QUE le ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (le « Ministre ») a autorisé l'institution du présent régime d'emprunts, selon les conditions auxquelles réfère sa lettre du 16 octobre 2019;

1. **QU'UN** régime d'emprunts, valide jusqu'au 30 septembre 2020, en vertu duquel l'Emprunteur peut, sous réserve des caractéristiques et limites énoncées ci-après, effectuer des emprunts à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 23 238 000 \$, soit institué;
2. **QUE** les emprunts à long terme effectués par l'Emprunteur en vertu du présent régime d'emprunts soient sujets aux caractéristiques et limites suivantes :
 - a) Malgré les dispositions du paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, l'Emprunteur ne pourra, au cours de chacune des périodes de **quinze mois** s'étendant du 1^{er} juillet au 30 septembre et comprises dans la période visée au paragraphe 1, effectuer des emprunts qui auraient pour effet que le montant total approuvé pour l'Emprunteur, pour une telle période, par le Conseil du trésor au titre de la programmation des emprunts à long terme des commissions scolaires, soit dépassé;
 - b) l'Emprunteur ne pourra effectuer un emprunt à moins de bénéficier d'une subvention du gouvernement du Québec conforme aux normes établies par le Conseil du trésor, au titre de l'octroi ou de la promesse de subventions aux commissions scolaires, ainsi qu'aux termes et conditions déterminés par le Ministre et pourvoyant au paiement en capital et intérêt de l'emprunt concerné même si, par ailleurs, le paiement de cette subvention est sujet à ce que les sommes requises à cette fin soient votées annuellement par le Parlement;
 - c) Chaque emprunt ne pourra être effectué qu'en monnaie légale du Canada auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - d) Le produit de chaque emprunt ne pourra servir, outre le paiement des frais inhérents à l'emprunt concerné, que pour financer les dépenses d'investissement et les dépenses inhérentes aux investissements de l'Emprunteur subventionnées par le Ministre;
3. **QU'aux** fins de déterminer le montant total auquel réfère le paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, il ne soit tenu compte que de la valeur nominale des emprunts effectués par l'Emprunteur;

4. **QU'en plus des caractéristiques et limites énoncées précédemment, les emprunts comportent les caractéristiques suivantes :**
- a) L'Emprunteur pourra contracter un ou plusieurs emprunts pendant toute la durée du régime d'emprunts jusqu'à concurrence du montant qui y est prévu, et ce, aux termes d'une seule et unique convention de prêt à conclure entre l'Emprunteur et le ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - b) Chaque emprunt sera constaté par un billet fait à l'ordre du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - c) Le taux d'intérêt payable sur les emprunts sera établi selon les critères déterminés par le gouvernement en vertu du décret numéro 432-2018 du 28 mars 2018, tel que ce décret peut être modifié ou remplacé de temps à autre; et
 - d) Afin d'assurer le paiement à l'échéance du capital de chaque emprunt et des intérêts dus sur celui-ci, la créance que représente pour l'Emprunteur la subvention qui lui sera accordée par le Ministre, au nom du gouvernement du Québec, sera affectée d'une hypothèque mobilière sans dépossession en faveur du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement.
5. **QUE l'Emprunteur** soit autorisé à payer, à même le produit de chaque emprunt contracté en vertu du présent régime, les frais d'émission et les frais de gestion qui auront été convenus;
6. **QUE l'un** ou l'autre des dirigeants suivants :
- Le président M. Michael Murray
 - La Vice-présidente Mme Joy Humenuik
ou
 - Le DG par intérim M. Michel Soucy
 - La directrice des services financiers M^{me} Sophie Leduc
- de l'Emprunteur, **pourvu qu'ils soient deux agissants conjointement**, soit autorisé, au nom de l'Emprunteur, à signer la convention de prêt, la convention d'hypothèque mobilière et le billet, à consentir à toute clause et garantie non substantiellement incompatible avec les dispositions des présentes, à livrer le billet, à apporter toutes les modifications à ces documents non substantiellement incompatibles avec les présentes, ainsi qu'à poser tous les actes et à signer tous les documents, nécessaires ou utiles, pour donner plein effet aux présentes;
7. **QUE** dans la mesure où l'Emprunteur a déjà adopté une résolution instituant un régime d'emprunts pour les mêmes fins, la présente résolution remplace la résolution antérieure, sans pour autant affecter la validité des emprunts conclus sous son autorité avant la date du présent régime d'emprunts.

Carried unanimously

7.5 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-20 Request for Contributions to the Legal Defense Fund

WHEREAS a request came from QESBA to contribute to a Legal Defense Fund in order to fight against Bill 40 deposited a few weeks ago;

WHEREAS ten thousand (\$10,000) is expected from ETSB;

WHEREAS this money will be taken from the 2019-2020 commissioners' envelope;

WHEREAS the commissioners or all English School Boards will be approached to contribute to this Legal Defense Fund;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to approve the Request from QESBA for a Contribution of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Legal Defense Fund taken from the 2019-2020 Commissioners' envelope.

Carried unanimously

7.6 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-XX

Proposal to Establish an Advisory Committee for the Adult Sector

This resolution was tabled.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's Report

The Interim Director General, Michel Soucy, was absent.

8.2 Report from the Chair

The Chairman, M. Murray, reported on the following items:

- An incident of violence occurred last week in one of our High Schools. Media and police officers were present. An assessment of the situation is actually being conducted by our professionals at the same time as the police investigation;
- Reactions to Bill 40 on school governance;
- Congratulations to the Finance Department on an excellent audit and a surplus of \$78,000.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray, presented the topics that were discussed at tonight's executive meeting:

- Personnel and Staffing Plan;
- Presentation of Resolutions adopted at tonight's meeting.

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner R. Gagnon, mentioned that no meetings took place.

The next meeting is scheduled on December 10, 2019.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, Commissioner J. Humenuik, presented the following resolutions:

9.3.1 Finance

None.

9.3.2 Material Resources

The following resolutions were presented for adoption.

9.3.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-21 Lennoxville Elementary School – Roofing Replacement

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$586,025 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments - Budget additionnel 2018-19 Mesure: 50625*;

WHEREAS it was moved by resolution #E19-06-114, on June 27th 2019, that the contract for the project stated above be awarded, respecting the budgetary basis resolution, in the amount of \$586,025;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS two (2) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$498,875 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Les Toitures Industrie Pro*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Jubenville et Associés Architectes*, has recommended the company *Les Toitures Industrie Pro*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS an amount of \$21,872 over the existing resolution is required to meet the lowest bid;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$607,897;

WHEREAS all funds required to do the project stated above will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2018-19 program*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett that the Company *Les Toitures Industrie Pro* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.2 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-23 Lennoxville Elementary School – ETSB/CSRS Lease Agreement

WHEREAS the *Commission Scolaire de la région de Sherbrooke (CSRS)* and Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) would like to renew the leasing agreement already in place for the kindergarten classes of *École Primaire Saint-Antoine*;

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur (MEES)* encourages school boards to collaborate where possible to accommodate each other on issues like space;

WHEREAS the actual lease will end by June 30th 2020;

WHEREAS the renewal will take place starting July 1st 2020, to end on June 30th 2021;

WHEREAS the upcoming lease will be renewable on a yearly basis for a maximum of two (2) more terms where both parties could end the lease with a nine (9) month notice;

WHEREAS the modalities of the previous lease will be conducted and remain unchanged;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett to conclude the leasing agreement stated above between the ETSB and the CSRS; IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.3 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-23

North Hatley Elementary School – Renovation of Interior Finishing and Replacement of Interior Lighting

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$208,165 for the project stated above, under the program *RED - Résorption du déficit d'entretien - Budget additionnel 2018-19 Mesure: 50626*;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$228,703 for the project stated above, under the program *RDE - Résorption du déficit d'entretien - Budget additionnel 2018-19 mesure: 50626*;

WHEREAS it was moved by resolution #E19-05-100, on May 29, 2019, that a company known today as *Tijaro Ltée*, be awarded a contract in the amount of \$228,703 including professional fees and taxes, for the project stated above;

WHEREAS during the project some modifications for additional work needed to be done;

WHEREAS the amount of \$24,185 to pay for all modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes), is required to finish the project;

WHEREAS the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$252,888;

WHEREAS all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *RDE - Résorption du déficit d'entretien 2018-19 program*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work for the project stated above; IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.4 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-24

Waterloo Elementary School – Lighting and Ceiling Renovation

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$130,103 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments - Budget additionnel 2018-19 Mesure: 50625*;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$139,803.96 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments - Budget additionnel 2017-18 Mesure: 50625*;

WHEREAS it was moved by resolution #E19-03-78, on March 26, 2019, that a company known today as *Athena Construction*, be awarded a contract in the amount of \$139,803.96, including professional fees and taxes, for the project stated above;

WHEREAS during the project some modifications for additional work needed to be done;

WHEREAS the amount of \$20,642 to pay for all modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes), is required to finish the project;

WHEREAS the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$160,445.96;

WHEREAS all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2018-19 program*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner A. McCrory that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.5 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-25

Richmond Regional High School – Soccer Field(s) Lights

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB), the town of Richmond, the town of Melbourne, the town of Cleveland and the Richmond County's political staffer has shown interest into lighting the Richmond Regional High School (RRHS) soccer field(s);

WHEREAS the town of Richmond's soccer teams have to play their local night games in Windsor, 20 kilometers away;

WHEREAS the facilities will be used by the local population including the RRHS student population;

WHEREAS RRHS students will benefit from this feature during the winter in the late afternoon for physical education classes;

WHEREAS there will be a possibility of having lighted hockey rink(s) during the winter;

WHEREAS a partnership is aimed to take place at a level of 33% to 50% coming from the three municipalities including the ETSB and 50% to 67% to come from a provincial program;

WHEREAS a first draft of quotes shows a project that could cost in the vicinity of \$600,000 to \$700,000 in total;

WHEREAS the ETSB is prepared to match the three (3) towns' contribution up to an amount of \$200,000 from the RTA program;

WHEREAS the maintenance fees (for the Winter and Summer facilities) are still to be negotiated as to who will be accountable;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner T. Bilodeau that the contribution of the ETSB could be up to \$200,000 for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.6 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-26

Richmond Regional High School – Gym Locker Renovation

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$840,512 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2018-19 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$802,819.84 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2018-19 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS it was moved by resolution #E19-03-80, on March 26, 2019, that a company known today as *Construction Labrie Merlos inc.* be awarded a contract in the amount of \$802,819.84, including professional fees and taxes, for the project stated above;

WHEREAS during the project some modifications for additional work needed to be done;

WHEREAS the amount of \$187,351 to pay for all modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes), is required to finish the project;

WHEREAS the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$990,170.84;

WHEREAS all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2018-19 program*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.7 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-27

Clarenceville Elementary School – Permission for Cession

WHEREAS Clarenceville Elementary School has been closed for 20 years (since July 1999);

WHEREAS extensive damages have occurred over time to the building due to inactivity and minimal maintenance attention;

WHEREAS the minimal maintenance expense has been accounted to more than \$20,000 yearly;

WHEREAS a significant investment will be needed in order to have the actual building up to code in the goal of reopening;

WHEREAS following that significant investment, the building would still be missing a gymnasium and classrooms/offices (kindergarten 4, professionals, etc.);

WHEREAS the *Société Québécoise des Infrastructures (SQI)* would lead the way for the alienation of the building;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to allow the Eastern Townships School Board to alienate this asset complying with the procedure in place; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.8 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-28
Marguerite Knapp Building – Permission for Cession

WHEREAS approximately 30% of the Marguerite Knapp Building is actually being rented;

WHEREAS extensive damage has occurred over time to the building due to a lack of financing resulting in minimum maintenance;

WHEREAS five (5) entities (*Truss, Syndicat des Professionnelles et Professionnels des Commissions Scolaires de l'Estrie, Mental Health Estrie, Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network & Townships Sun Magazine*) still operate their business from this building;

WHEREAS the major tenant, The Townshippers Association, vacated the building in October 2019;

WHEREAS The Townshippers Association, Mental Health Estrie, Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network & Townships Sun Magazine are waiting for the approval of their lease (expected in December 2019) in another building in Lennoxville;

WHEREAS The Townshippers Association, Mental Health Estrie, Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network & Townships Sun Magazine have been met on October 17th 2019, to explain the situation and the Director of Material Resources has offered and agreed to not charge any partial rent if any tenant were to move during the month no matter what day it is, only full months will be charged;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board is looking at relocating Truss somewhere, ideally within the school board;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board will accommodate their tenants of this building as long as it is possible;

WHEREAS exponential expenses are expected to be needed in short term in order to get the building up to code;

WHEREAS the *Société Québécoise des Infrastructures (SQI)* would lead the way to alienate the building;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to allow the Eastern Townships School Board to alienate this asset complying with the procedure in place; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.9 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-29
Board Office – Online Procedure on Complaint Reception and Review

WHEREAS the *Autorité des marchés publics (AMP)* has a mandate of surveillance over public bodies as well as to apply laws and rules regarding public contracts in Quebec;

WHEREAS every school board must have a process for complaints by virtue of the Article 21.0.4 of the *Loi sur les contrats des organismes publics (LCOP)*;

WHEREAS the *AMP* obliges every school board to establish a process for the reception and treatment of complaints based on a detailed guideline provided by them;

WHEREAS a lot of information is required for the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) and the *AMP* in order to analyze and treat every complaint equally and fairly;

WHEREAS the provisions concerning the handling of complaints including the provision for the information and the disclosure of wrongdoing came into effect ten months after the election of the President of the *AMP* on May 25, 2019;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the procedure relating to the receipt and examination of complaints provided for in Article 21.0.3 of the Law on Contracts of Public Bodies be posted online on the ETSB website; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

The Chair mentioned that the next Audit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019.

9.4 Educational Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, M.E. Kirby, reported that the following topics were discussed at the last meeting:

- Seven-year graduation rates for 2019;
- Graduation and qualification rates are up;
- Discussion over the committee's five (5) priorities for 2019-2020;
- Presentation by Adult Education;
- Living School model;
- PAB cohort at LVTC.

9.4.1 Resolution No. ETSB 19-10-30 **Membership to the RSEQ-Montérégie**

WHEREAS some of our schools, via their healthy school approach, would like to work with a representative of the *RSEQ Montérégie*;

WHEREAS only high schools or school boards can be members of the *RSEQ Montérégie*;

WHEREAS to become a member, a school board must present a resolution from its Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the annual membership fees for the 2019-2020 school year are a base amount of \$350.00 and an additional \$0,23 per elementary student and \$0,24 per secondary student, based on the student population on September 30th of the current school year, which represents an amount of \$756.60;

WHEREAS this amount will be paid for by the Pedagogical Services Department;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board will delegate Mr. Nate Forster and Ms. Véronique Robidas to the *RSEQ Montérégie*. The mandate of this delegate will be in relation to the 2019-2020 program activities as submitted by the *RSEQ Montérégie*. To this effect, the delegates will be mandated to participate in the decision process of the

said association and to follow up on the decisions taken, in accordance with the established procedures in our school board;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Mercure that the Eastern Townships School Board pay its membership to the *RSEQ Montérégie* for the year 2019-2020 in order to allow our schools to benefit from their services and to delegate representatives from the school board.

The Chair also mentioned that the last Advisory Committee meeting took place on October 8, 2019. The next meeting is November 12, 2019.

The Chair also mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019.

9.5 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, D. Zigby, mentioned that the next Communications Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on December 3, 2019.

9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, C. Beaubien, mentioned that the following items were discussed:

- Mandate of the committee;
- Optimization grant;
- Civility in the workplace;
- Mentoring for new teachers/
- 20-minute recess impact.

The next Human Resources Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner H. Turgeon, mentioned that the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on November 19, 2019.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Director of Complementary Services mentioned that a meeting took place on October 9, 2019, and the following items were discussed or decided:

- Cindy Veronneau was re-elected as chair and will remain as the SEAC Commissioner;
- Twenty-two parents are on the committee;
- Professionals in schools;
- Support staffing (HAS/SET);
- New special education consultant;
- Pedagogical Development Day for Support Staff, November 15th.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

10. PARENT'S COMMITTEE

The Commissioner representing parents, D. Zigby, mentioned that a meeting took place on October 9, 2019, and the following topics were discussed:

- Presentation on Bill 40 by E. Campbell;
- Election of various positions:
 - D. Zigby – Chair
 - M. Mercure – Vice-Chair
 - H. Turgeon – FCPPQ Rep

The next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2019.

11. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner J. Humenuik, representing the Student Advisory Committee, mentioned that the first meeting took place on October 18, 2019, at the Board Office:

- This year, there is a full complement of students with four (4) from Alexander Galt Regional High School and three (3) from Massey-Vanier High School and Richmond Regional High School;
- 20-minute recess impact – later arrival home impacts working schedules.

The next Student Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019, at Richmond Regional High School.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner G. Barnett presented a bursary in connection with the PRÉÉ to a student from his MRC. Many municipality representatives are giving bursaries to graduated students. He also mentioned that the GALT Athletic awards are on November 8th.

Commissioner G. Holliday attended the General Board Workshop presented on Thursday evening at Richmond Regional High School. He was disappointed with regard to the number of participants, but the presentation was well done.

Commissioner T. Bilodeau mentioned that parents are happy with the new school in Drummondville.

Commissioner A. McCrory attended the Governing Board at Parkview.

Commissioner F. MacGregor attended the Alexander Galt Regional High School open house. He found it to be well attended and well organized.

Commissioner C. Beaubien enumerated the CLC activities that took place last month, especially the Container Art Project, which allows the students to show their artistic talents. She also visited three elementary schools from her sector to share Living Schools documentation and to have an update on future projects.

Commissioner J. Humenuik presented the CLC Farnham-Butler activities such as:

- Chapters Adopt a School program with \$9,680 to purchase books for the two schools;
- Bulter participated in the Student Vote Program for the federal election.

13. CORRESPONDANCE

A correspondence was received from Appalachian Teachers Association about a promotional anti-violence campaign against teachers.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline: Regarding the situation that occurred at Alexander Galt Regional High School last week, what has the Council of Commissioners done and what will happen in regards to this situation?

M. Murray: The Council has no immediate role and will review the findings of the Safe School Procedure and the investigation.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 24th – Massey-Vanier and Richmond Regional High Schools – Open House;
- October 28th – Governing Board workshop at Massey-Vanier High School;
- October 30th – Governing Board workshop at Alexander Galt Regional High School;
- Commissioners' symposium – November 8th & 9th;
- Professionals in Education Week – November 18th – 22nd;

16. VARIA

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner H. Turgeon at 9:07 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

EC/gm
08-11-2019