

## COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the proceedings of a **reconvened** session of the Council of Commissioners for Riverside School Board held at the Administration Centre, 299 Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier Blvd., St. Lambert, Québec on June 29, 2010.

The Secretary General established that quorum was met and Chairman Moira Bell, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

M. Bell	H. Dumont	L. Llewelyn Cuffling
F. Blais	D. Gareau	N. Nichols
P. Booth Morrison	D. Horrocks	S. Rasmussen
K. Cameron	D. Lamoureux	G. Sastre
A. Capobianco Skipworth	M. L'Heureux	D. Smith
M. Cloutier		<b>PARENT – D. Copeman</b>

Regrets: M. Gour

Absent: P. D'Avignon, D. Guerriero, P. Chouinard

### **Also present**

Stephen Lessard, Director General  
Pierre Farmer, Assistant Director General  
Denise Paulson, Secretary General  
Michel Bergeron, Interim Director of Finance  
Wendy Bernier, Interim Director of Human Resources  
Maria Nasso-Maselli, Director of Elementary Schools  
Lyse Gendron Brodeur, Director of Secondary Schools  
Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

### **Presence noted**

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner L'Heureux and seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, that the agenda be adopted and that a copy be appended to the Minutes of this meeting.

UNANIMOUS

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS :** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution B349-20100629

#### **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cuffling, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Council of Commissioners approve in principle the Partnership Agreement sent to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, subject to minor modifications that may be suggested by the Ministry.

OPPOSED 1 (Blais)  
CARRIED

Resolution B350-20100629

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PATHWAYS TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR THE TERRITORY OF THE CONSEIL RÉGIONAL**

**DES ÉLUS OF LONGUEUIL:**

WHEREAS research conducted by the *Conseil régional des élus* of Longueuil indicates that a growing number of entrepreneurs on their territory will retire within the next 5 years; ([www.credelongueuil.org](http://www.credelongueuil.org));

WHEREAS there is a lack of entrepreneurs to ensure the replacement of said retirees;

WHEREAS the *Conseil régional des élus* of Longueuil has created a partnership agreement with *Emploi Québec, le Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, la commission scolaire Marie-Victorin*, Champlain College and *CEGEP Edouard Montpetit* in order to develop strategies that will increase the number of entrepreneurs on their territory;

WHEREAS ACCESS is in a position to identify prospective young entrepreneurs;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Copeman, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that Riverside School Board sign the Partnership Agreement on the Development of Pathways to Entrepreneurship for the Territory of the *Conseil régional des élus* of Longueuil;

THAT the Director General be authorized to sign the three year partnership agreement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the *Conseil régional des élus*.

UNANIMOUS

Commissioner Morrison arrived at 7 :10 p.m.

Resolution HR256-20100629

**APPOINTMENT OF A COORDINATOR OF MATERIAL RESOURCES**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, seconded by Commissioner Dumont, that Mr. **Antonio Cicchino** be appointed to the position of Coordinator of Material Resources, effective July 26, 2010.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution HR257-20100629

**APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-PRINCIPAL AT ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Gareau, seconded by Commissioner Copeman, that Anna Sanalidro be appointed to the position of Vice-Principal at St. Lawrence School, effective July 1, 2010.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution HR258-20100629

**SCHOOL CALENDARS 2010-2011 FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ADULT EDUCATION:**

WHEREAS the proposed school calendars for the 2010-2011 school year have been the subject of discussion between the Human Resources Department and Riverside Teachers' Union;

WHEREAS the parties have reached consensus on the 2010-2011 school calendars;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner L'Heureux, that the attached school calendars for continuing education and vocational training in Adult Education be adopted for the 2010-2011 school year.

Resolution F104-20100629

**ADOPTION OF THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD 2010-2011 BUDGET:**

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act, Riverside School Board must adopt and transmit to the Minister its Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budget for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the Minister has authorized the school board to adopt a budget in which expenses exceed revenues but do not exceed 10% of the surplus accumulated as of June 30, 2008 ;

WHEREAS the 2010-2011 budget is being presented as balanced;

WHEREAS the financial impact of the *Act to implement certain provisions of the budget speech of 30 March 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014* is not yet known and therefore has not been taken into consideration in this budget;

WHEREAS the equalized valuation used in the calculation of the equalization grants has been established at \$5,247,744,647.00 in accordance with the Law and the budgetary rules for 2010-2011;

WHEREAS the budget includes a tax rate established at 35 cents per \$100 of equalized valuation;

WHEREAS the established rate respects the parameters of the Act;

WHEREAS a recommendation has come from the Finance & Audit Committee:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cuffling, seconded by Commissioner Sastre, that the Operating, Capital and Debt Service budget, for the 2010-2011 school year, be adopted and transmitted to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports; and

THAT the school tax rate be set at 35 cents per \$100 of equalized valuation.

ADOPTÉE À L'UNANIMITÉ

Resolution F105-20100629

**INTEREST RATE TO BE ASSESSED ON ARREARS:**

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 316 of the Education Act, which stipulates that the interest rate on arrears be fixed at the rate determined by the School Board;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Dumont, that the interest rate on arrears be maintained at fifteen percent (15 %).

UNANIMOUS

Resolution F106-20100629

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES BY INSTALLMENTS:**

WHEREAS pursuant to article 315 of the Education Act, the school tax may be paid in two instalments if it is equal to or greater than \$300;

WHEREAS if the first payment is not made by the thirty-first day following the sending of the tax bill, article 315 of the Education Act stipulates that the balance becomes payable immediately, except if Riverside School Board provides that only the outstanding instalment is payable;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board wishes to exert the discretion granted to it by article 315 of the Education Act;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Gareau, seconded by Commissioner Nichols, in accordance with article 315 of the Education Act, that Riverside School Board provides that the failure of a taxpayer to carry out payment of the first instalment within the prescribed timeframe does not result in the entire amount becoming due and that only the amount of the first outstanding instalment remains payable.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution MR195-20100629

**LIST OF PROPOSED WORK WITHIN THE “MESURE 50690 MAINTIEN DES BÂTIMENTS” PROGRAM:**

WHEREAS the maximum amount of \$2,176,601.00 is attributed within the initial parameters of Riverside School Board’s budgetary rules;

WHEREAS the official list of the work anticipated for 2010-2011 must be submitted to MELS for approval of its conformity;

WHEREAS in the five-year capital investment plan, Riverside School Board has targeted for year one, projects identified in SIMACS;

WHEREAS the list that appears below conforms to the prescribed criteria in the “*Maintien des bâtiments*” program;

<b>Centennial Regional High School</b>	<b>\$850,000.00</b>	Partial roof Replacement (Phase I)
<b>The Alternate School</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	Windows and masonry replacement
<b>Harold Napper</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>	Partial roof Replacement
<b>ACCESS center</b>	<b>\$415,000.00</b>	Windows and masonry replacement
<b>St. Jude</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	Partial roof Replacement
<b>St. Lawrence (St. Raymond Pavilion)</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>	Partial roof Replacement
<b>Heritage Regional High School</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	Main Electrical transformer Replacement
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,180,000.00</u></b>	

WHEREAS Riverside School Board will finance through its capital budget any amount exceeding the maximum of \$2,176,601 attributed within the initial parameters;

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Material Resources and Safe Schools Committee :

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, that Riverside School Board adopt the proposed official work list in the “Mesure 50690 Maintien des

bâtiments” program, and that the Director General be authorized to sign and send the list to MELS for confirmation of approval.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution MR196-20100629

**LIST OF PROPOSED WORK WITHIN THE SCOPE OF “MESURE 50710 RÉSORPTION DU DÉFICIT D’ENTRETIEN” PROGRAM:**

WHEREAS the maximum amount of \$615,827.00 is attributed within the initial parameters of Riverside School Board budgetary rules for the “*Résorption du déficit d’entretien*”;

WHEREAS an official list equivalent to 150% of the amount attributed for 2010-2011 must be submitted to MÉLS for approval;

WHEREAS within the five-year investment plan, Riverside School Board has targeted projects identified in the MÉLS database “SIMACS”;

WHEREAS the list that appears below is in order of priority;

<b>Chambly Academy</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>
	Partial roof Replacement (Phase I)
<b>St. Lambert</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>
	Boiler room renovation
<b>Good Shepherd</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>
	Partial roof Replacement
<b>William Latter</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>
	Washroom/Water Piping Renovations
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$970,000.00</u></b>

WHEREAS Riverside School Board will finance through its capital budget any amount exceeding the maximum of \$615,827.00 attributed within the initial parameters;

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Material Resources and Safe Schools Committee :

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Sastre, seconded by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, that Riverside School Board adopt the proposed official work list in the “Mesure 50710 de la Résorption du déficit d’entretien” program, and that the Director General be authorized to sign and send the list to MÉLS.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution MR197-20100629

**SALE OF A PIECE OF LAND AT CENTENNIAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS the sale of a piece of land of approximately 450,000 sq. ft. at Centennial Regional High School would not jeopardize the future use of the building on the remainder of the land;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board received an unsolicited offer to purchase a piece of land attached to Centennial Regional High School, measuring approximately 450,000 sq. ft. at \$11 per sq. ft. for an approximate amount of \$4, 950,000.00;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board received the offer to purchase from the “*groupe d’animation du logement communautaire* de Longueuil”, a non-profit organization looking for space to develop an affordable housing project;

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Material Resources and Safe Schools Committee :

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner Lamoureux, that a request to MELS be made for the sale to the “*groupe d’animation du logement communautaire* de Longueuil” of a piece of land measuring approximately 450,000 sq. feet at \$11 per sq. ft. at Centennial Regional High School, conditional to the approval of the MELS and that the Director General be authorized to sign the necessary documents to that effect.

UNANIMOUS

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lamoureux read the following statement:

“To the Council of Commissioners

At the May 11, 2010 public Council meeting, I voiced my concerns on the issue of the Student Ombudsman. Complaints were filed and an investigation was conducted by the Ethics Officer. He concluded that I had breached the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. As directed, I apologize to the Council of Commissioners for inadvertently breaching these Codes. In the future, I will endeavour to carefully choose my remarks and avoid a similar incident.”

Correspondence – Copies of the list are available.

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**PUBLIC QUESTIONS** : None

## **ROUND OF APPLAUSE**

- As this meeting was the last one which Mrs. Maria Nasso-Maselli would be attending in her capacity as Director of Educational Services for Elementary, commissioners and directors offered congratulations and best wishes as she begins her retirement.
- Commissioner Blais expressed his dismay at the content of the ministry exams our students are expected to write.
- Commissioner L’Heureux attended the Heritage Regional High School graduation ceremonies and offered his congratulations to the organizers. He noted that more than one-third of the students graduated with honours, a remarkable success story.
- Commissioner Lamoureux attended graduations at St. Jude, GPPI, HRHS, CRHS. He noted that there was also a high success rate at Centennial regional High School. He wished everyone a good summer and mentioned that he looked forward to the reports from the commissioners attending the CSBA conference in Newfoundland.
- Commissioner Nichols attended the last graduation at Royal Oak School, an emotional event for those present.
- Commissioner Capobianco attended the graduation at Mountainview School where the students were very entertaining. She offered thanks as well to Wendy Bernier and Michel Bergeron for stepping into the positions of Interim Director of Human Resources and Interim Director of Finance respectively. She looks forward to working together as a team in the fall.
- The Director General attended a number of graduations and stated that commissioner

presence was important. He noted Nicole Saada's 41 years of service to education and wished her well in the future. He also indicated that Maria Nasso-Maselli would be greatly missed. He expressed thanks to his administrative team for the work they do throughout the year.

**CLOSING:**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sastre, at 7:35, that the meeting be closed.

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Moira Bell, Chairman

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Denise Paulson, Secretary General



## CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Members are hereby reconvened to an ADJOURNED meeting to be held on  
**Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the  
Administration Centre, 299 Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier Blvd., St. Lambert, Québec.

### REVISED AGENDA – ADJOURNED MEETING

1. Call to Order and Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Questions from the Public – 30 minutes
4. New Business
  - 4.1 Administration
    - 4.1.1 Approval of Partnership Agreement
  - 4.2 Educational Services
    - 4.2.1 Authorization to sign a Partnership Entente
  - 4.3 Human Resources
    - 4.3.1 Appointment of a Coordinator of Material Resources
    - 4.3.2 Appointment of a Vice-Principal
    - 4.3.3 2010-11 school calendars for continuing education and vocational training in Adult Education
  - 4.4 Financial Resources
    - 4.4.1 Adoption of 2010-2011 Riverside School Board Budget
    - 4.4.2 Interest Rate to be assessed on Arrears
    - 4.4.3 Payment of School Taxes by Instalment
  - 4.5 Material Resources
    - 4.5.1 List of proposed work within the Maintien des bâtiments program – measure 50690
    - 4.5.2 List of proposed work under measure 50710
    - 4.5.3 Sale of a piece of land at Centennial Regional High School
5. Correspondence
6. Other Business
  - 6.1 Commissioner Lamoureux
7. Questions from the Public – 20 minutes
8. Round of Applause (limit of 2 minutes/member)
9. Closing

Given at St. Lambert, Québec, on June 29, 2010

Denise Paulson, Secretary General



RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD  
 2010-2011 Vocational Training Centre Calendar



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	Pedagogical Days
	Retake Exams

VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
CENTRE

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Starting and ending dates of individual programs depend on length of program and enrolment.

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD  
 2010-2011 Continuing Education Centre Calendar



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**April 2011**




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 Holidays  
 Pedagogical Days  
 Colored areas represent days of class.  
 Retake Exams

ACCESS  
 CONTINUING EDUCATION  
 CENTRE

Fall Semester:  
 From August 31 to January 21, 2011  
 19 weeks including retake exams

Winter Semester:  
 From February 8 to June 23, 2011.  
 19 weeks including retake exams

Summer Semester:  
 From July 4 to August 12, 2011.

