

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the proceedings of a **special** session of the Council of Commissioners for Riverside School Board held at the Administration Centre, 7525, chemin de Chambly, St. Hubert, Québec on September 22, 2015.

The Secretary General established that quorum was met and Chairman Dan Lamoureux, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Booth Morrison

D. Butler

A. Capobianco Skipworth

H. Dumont

M. Gour

D. Lamoureux

L. Llewelyn Cuffling

A. Mazur

D. Smith

D. Smyth

Parent Commissioners

T. Aguiar

P. Chouinard

M. Rayes

L. Rodrigues

Regrets: C. Craig, C. Horrell

Also present

Sylvain Racette, Director General

Pierre Farmer, Assistant Director General

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

Michel Bergeron, Director of Financial Resources

Wendy Bernier, Director of Human Resources

Mary Williams, Director of Educational Services

Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

Lucie Roy, Director of Adult and Continuing Education

Presence noted

Adam Velin, Christina Croce, Christine Rayes

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Rodrigues, and seconded by Commissioner Morrison, that the agenda be adopted with the removal of correspondence and Other Business and that a copy be appended to the Minutes of this meeting.

UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: There was an exchange of questions and answers regarding ongoing provincial negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution B549-20150922

COUNCIL VOICES ITS SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS we, the Riverside Council of Commissioners, are committed to supporting public education in our community;

WHEREAS the Mission Statement of Riverside School Board (RSB) states that we are dedicated to providing a stimulating and caring environment which enables all students to achieve personal success;

WHEREAS employees of Riverside have consistently worked together for the benefit of students;

WHEREAS the result of these efforts is the delivery of excellent educational services resulting in a high student success rate, exceeding the goals set by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, Research and Science (MEESR);

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has made \$9.4 Million in budget cuts to RSB since 2011;

WHEREAS the dedication, creativity, passion, and professionalism of Riverside employees has helped to mitigate the negative effects of the cuts on Riverside students;

WHEREAS the effects of the current labour disputes and budget cuts are having a negative impact on the ability of the School Board to meet the objectives of the Partnership Agreement between Riverside and the MEESR as well as of the Management of Educational Student Achievement (MESAs) at the school level;

IT IS MOVED by Chairman Lamoureux , seconded by Commissioner Cuffling, that the Council of Commissioners of Riverside School Board strongly urge the Government of Quebec:

- 1: To prioritize and invest in public education, acknowledging its importance to future generations of Québec citizens;
- 2: To recognize the importance of creating a positive learning environment for students;
- 3: To give RSB the financial means to pursue its mission of educating its students.

We also strongly urge all parties at the negotiation table to work toward a prompt and fair resolution to labour negotiations;

FURTHERMORE, we encourage Riverside parents and community members to voice their concerns to their local Members of the National Assembly regarding public education in Quebec; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to our partners in Education including the RSB Parent Committee, Riverside Teachers' Union, Riverside Association of Administrators, Association québécoise des cadres scolaires, Syndicate of Montreal Area Services Professionals, Local 800, SEU, Local 576 SEPB, the Association of Directors General of English School Boards, the Quebec English School Boards Association and its members, as well as to Mr. Philippe Couillard, Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Blais, Minister of Education, Higher Education, Research and Science, Mrs. Francine Charbonneau, Minister of Families, and all members of the National Assembly as well as fellow French school boards.

1 opposed
9 in favour
CARRIED

Resolution B550-20150922

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General states that four (4) commissioners be elected prior to September 30 of every year to sit on the Director General Liaison Committee;

WHEREAS the Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General also states that these four members shall normally be the Chairman of the Council, the Vice-Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Human Resources Committee;

WHEREAS the Education Act implies that the Chair of Council must also be Chair of the Executive;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Mazur, seconded by Commissioner Butler that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners sit on the DG Liaison Committee, that commissioners Dumont, Horrell and Smith be appointed and that a parent commissioner also be a member of the Committee.

Moved by	Nominee	Seconded by	Accepts	Declines
L. Rodrigues	M. Rayes	T. Aguiar	x	

Il n'ayant pas d'autres nominations, la commissaire Rayes fut élue membre du comité.

As there were no further nominations, Commissioner Rayes was elected to be a member of the committee.

The following Commissioners will form the membership of the DG Liaison Committee:

Chairman Lamoureux, commissioner Cuffling and commissioners Horrell, Dumont, Smith and Rayes.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: A short exchange took place.

CLOSING:

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Morrison, and seconded by Commissioner Gour, at 8:35, that the meeting be closed.

UNANIMOUS

Dan Lamoureux, Chairman

Denise Paulson, Secretary General



CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Members are hereby convened to a **SPECIAL** meeting on
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Centre
7525 chemin de Chambly, St. Hubert, QC

REVISED AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order and Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Questions from the Public – 30 minutes
4. Chairman's Remarks
5. Director General's Remarks
6. Resolutions
 - 6.1 Council Voices Its Support for Public Education
 - 6.2 Selection of Members to the Director General Liaison Committee
7. Questions from the Public
8. Close of Meeting
9. Date of Next Regular Meeting: October 20, 2015

Given at Saint-Hubert, Québec, on September 18, 2015

Denise Paulson, Secretary General