

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC

Galati, Chairperson; and Frédéric Greshin, Director General

videoconference. Commissioner Melissa Wall, Chairperson; Commissioner Bob
 Vinate, Chairperson; Commissioner Dena Anber, Barbara Barrasso, Anick
 Cammisano, and James DiSanto, Assistant Commissioner Tara Anderson.

Giovanna Ortona, Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and
 Operations Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; and Nathalie
 and Director of Human Resources

videoconference. Lynda DaSilveira, Director of Pedagogical Services; Florence
 Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material
 and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources;

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda
CG231129CA-003

Commissioner Donna Anbun ~~MOVED THAT~~ ~~the~~ ~~November 29, 2023~~ agenda of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as presented in document number ~~CSWLSB2023/1129CA001~~.

Carried unanimously

At the request of the Chairperson, the ~~Secretary~~ ~~General~~ and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department explained the parameters of the ~~question period~~ ~~attention~~ to where people online can type in their questions. Question period is not a platform for debate.

3.0 2022/2023 Financial Statement and External Auditor's Report

2022/2023 Financial Statement and External Auditor's Report
CG231129FR-0034

WHEREAS section 286 of the Education Act requires a school board to submit annual financial statements;

WHEREAS the firm Amyot Gélinas s.e.n.c.r.l. has completed the audit of the statements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 286 of the Education Act a public notice was given on November 1, 2023;

WHEREAS the school board has a preliminary surplus of \$31,722,804.13;

WHEREAS the 2022/2023 Financial Statements, prepared according to the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, show the following:

Beginning Accumulated Surplus:	\$1,701,277.4
Restatement of prior years:	(33,160,195.80)
Restated beginning deficit:	(31,458,918.3)
<u>Current Year:</u>	
Revenues:	\$259,176,181.67
Expenses:	<u>227,453,377.54</u>
Total Current Year Surplus:	31,722,804.13
Ending Accumulated Surplus:	\$263,885.74

Commissioner Bob Pellerin ~~MOVED THAT~~, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the 2022/2023 audited Financial Statements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending June 30, 2023, be received by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as submitted.

Carried unanimously

4.0 Vacant Commissioner Seat

4.1 Letter of Resignation

The Chairperson drew attention to the letter of resignation received from the Commissioner for Electoral Division no. 2, Karla Abraham Di Francesco.

4.2 Initiation of a Call for Nominations for Candidates

The Chairperson thanked Ms. Abraham Di Francesco for her years of service to the school board and wished her the best, on behalf of the Council, in her future endeavours.

WHEREAS section 9.6 of the Act Respecting School Elections requires the Council of Commissioners to adopt a resolution approving the division of territory before December 31 of the year preceding the year in which the general election for which the division is required

Parent Commissioner Chloée Laroche MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee Administration the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the division of territory for the November 3, 2024, school elections a document n° SWLSB2023/11/20A003.

Carried unanimously

6.0 Vocational Training Authorization Renewal Request High Pressure Welding

Vocational Training Authorization

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CG180523AE0130, requesting a provisional authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation for the AVS734 High-Pressure Welding program;

Renewal Request

WHEREAS this request was in west

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High Pressure Welding

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9.0 Nomination of a Director General

The Chairperson expressed appreciation to everyone for their patience given that this process of selecting a new Director General took some time.

Nomination of a
Director General

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution 230705CA0006 commencing the process of hiring and selected to carry out part of the process including engage external support in accordance with section 4.1.1 of Policy 2012 for the recruitment and hiring of a Director General and an Assistant Director General (“Policy”);

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution 230705CA0008 naming a Select Committee for the hiring of a Director General in accordance with section 4.2.1 of the Policy;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee, as per section 4.2.5.5 of the Policy, made a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Director General;

Commissioner Barbara Barrash MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage Russell Copeman for the position of Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board effective January 15, 2024;

AND THAT the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be authorized to sign the documentation relating to the Contract of Employment.

Carried unanimously

The new Director General, Russell Copeman, accompanied by the Interim Director General entered the meeting

Time: 18:18

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Copeman to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board noting that he had had the opportunity to work with him over the past five years as a member of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and that he is very passionate about education. The Council is confident that he is a forward thinking leader and are looking forward to working with him.

Mr. Copeman thanked the Council for its confidence in him and as a delight to be joining this school board. Being the director general is an exciting challenge and he is looking forward to working with the entire team. He noted that he is looking very forward to working with the Interim Director General as he is a very much admired and a key member of this school board. He noted that he is very passionate about English education and hopes that he can help the school board to continue to achieve exceptional results while serving all levels in the best way possible.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Copeman for the kind words. He continued by thanking the Interim Director General, on behalf of the Council, for doing an exceptional job. The Interim Assistant General was also thanked for accepting to replace the Assistant Director General while he assumes the role of Interim Director General.

Mr. Copeman will be joining the school board officially on January 15, 2024.

10.0 Question Period

The Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department confirmed there were no questions.

11.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson thanked everyone for being present this evening and again expressed his appreciation to the new and interim Director General.

Commissioner Anick Brunel **MOVED** the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 18:29

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR December 13, 2023