

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 4:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman  
 Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman  
 Mr. Mordechai Antal  
 Mr. Mario Benvotato, Parent Commissioner  
 Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner  
 Mr. Julien Feldman  
 Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner  
 Mr. James Kromida  
 Mr. Joseph Lalla  
 Me Patricia Lattanzio  
 Me Joe Ortona  
 Mr. Rosario Ortona  
 Mr. Bernie Praw  
 Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. Agostino Cannavino

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General  
 Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division  
 Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General  
 Mrs. E. Alfonsi, Regional Director, East  
 Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West  
 Mr. C. Della Rocca, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services  
 Mrs. C. Denommée, Director of Human Resources  
 Mrs. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational and Technology Services  
 Mr. D. Hogue, Director of Material Resources  
 Mr. L. Lewis, Director of Student Services  
 Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services  
 Me L. Roy, Interim Director of Legal Services  
 Mr. L. Di Filippo, Assistant Director of Educational and Technology Services  
 Ms. V. Forgetta, Assistant Director of Financial Services  
 Ms. J. Rene de Cotret, Assistant Director of Student Services  
 Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist  
 Ms. C. Colasessano, Administrative Technician, Secretary General

Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following changes:

- 2.4: Remove Sub-Category
- 2.6: Remove Item
- Add: 6.4 Hiring, Assignment and Promotion of Family Members

VOTE: 11-1-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. R. Ortona voted against; Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-1

2. In Camera Session

2.1 Motion to Move In Camera

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 4:45 p.m.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-2.1

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

3. Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera

2.2 CNESST Retrospective Plan

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has advised the *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNEEST)* of the Board's choice of limit per claim regarding the maximum insurable annual salary of an employee for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 (#16-11-23-3.2);

WHEREAS OPTIMUM CONSULTANTS AND ACTUARIES INC., after study of the CNESST documentation received in year 2017, the final assessment year of 2014, recommend in their report, an optimal choice of 900% for the yearly maximum insurable wage, for an insurance limit amount set to \$666,000 for year 2018;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- a) *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNEEST)* be advised that the Board's choice of limit per claim in phase III of the CNESST Retrospective Plan for 2018, regarding occupational injuries and diseases, be set at 900% the yearly maximum insurable wage, for an insurance limit amount set to \$666,000 for year 2018;
- b) the Director General be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board the pertinent documents related to the CNESST Retrospective Plan.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-11-29-2.2

2.7 Position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Position Assistant Director – Material Resources Department

WHEREAS Council had approved a regular 2<sup>nd</sup> position of Assistant Director in the Material Resources Department;

WHEREAS the position was advertised internally and externally in October 2017;

WHEREAS four (4) candidates were invited to an interview on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017;

WHEREAS the resume of the recommended candidate is attached;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT DIANA NGUYEN be appointed as the Assistant Director in the Material Resources Department with the start date to be agreed upon by the Board and the individual.

	<p>VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Antal not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-11-29-2.7</u></p>
4.	<p><u>First Question Period</u></p> <p>None.</p>
5.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of October 25, 2017 Meeting</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting be approved with the following correction:</p> <p>Item 2.6, the vote is “15-0-0” since Mr. Gharibian had returned to the room before the vote took place.</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-11-29-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>6.1 Asphalt Project Report          6.2 Service Contract Regulation (Architect)          6.3 Group Purchase Report (CCSR)</p> <p>The Director of Material Resources provided information and answered questions on the items above.</p> <p>6.4 <u>Hiring, Assignment and Promotion of Family Members</u></p> <p>Mr. J. Lalla informed Council that the HR Committee is scheduled to meet on December 12<sup>th</sup> and he hoped that following the discussion, a mandate would be given to Management so that work on a draft policy could begin.</p>
7.	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Board values the contribution made by its employees;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. B. PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board note with regret the passing of Lynn Egbert Lawrence, Documentation Technician, Lester B. Pearson High School, on October 28, 2017, and that an expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved family.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-11-29-7</u></p>
8.	<p><u>Monthly Reports</u></p> <p>8.1 <u>ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)</u></p> <p>Mrs. J. Charron informed Council that they had a presentation on the role of occupational therapists at their last meeting and the Director of Student Services gave a comprehensive report on the hiring of a part-time psychiatrist, changes made to the validation process and the protocol used for coded students transitioning from elementary to high school.</p> <p>8.2 <u>CPC (Central Parents’ Committee)</u></p> <p>Mr. J. Trudeau stated that it is CPC’s intention to meet the needs of the parents by creating a Marketing and Communications Committee, a Parent Conference Committee and a Parent Commissioners Committee.</p>

8.3 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Ms. P. Lattanzio informed Council that on November 20<sup>th</sup>, director generals and chairpersons of the 5 island school boards were invited to the *Comité* to discuss and to understand the details of the offer of settlement to the class action suit being undertaken by the parents versus the school boards of Quebec.

8.4 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Mr. B. Praw informed Council that their last meeting began with a Leadership Challenge and continued with discussion on the Safe Schools Action Plan; Digital Literacy, Staying Safe Online; and Student Voices in a blog.

8.5 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Ms. S. Lo Bianco stated that there was nothing to report.

9. New Employee Assistance Provider

WHEREAS the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies requires school boards to proceed by means of a public call for tenders for the procurement of goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

WHEREAS the acquisition of goods or services exceeding \$100,000 requires Board approval;

WHEREAS Administration has assessed operational needs and recommended to the Council of Commissioners to proceed with a public call for tenders for Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) services;

WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #17-09-27-12 was given to Procurement Services to proceed to place a public call for tenders for EFAP services;

WHEREAS Homewood Santé has submitted the lowest compliant bid in the amount of \$167,856.00 (plus applicable taxes) for the period commencing December 1st, 2017 and terminating November 30th, 2020. This amount is for 2 years, plus 1 optional year;

WHEREAS Administration recommends that the contract be awarded to Homewood Santé;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the contract for the Employee and Family Assistance Program services be awarded to Homewood Santé up to an amount of \$167,856.00 (plus applicable taxes) for the period commencing December 1, 2017 and terminating November 30, 2020;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board or Vice-Chairman of the Board, and the Director General or the Deputy Director General – Administration Division be authorized to sign the contract.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-11-29-9

10. Final Adoption of Revised By-Laws 1 and 4 (2017)

WHEREAS in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act the Council of Commissioners must establish, by by-law, the day, time and place of its regular meetings;

WHEREAS by virtue of resolution #17-09-27-11, provisional approval was given to Revised Draft By-Law No. 1 and No. 4 (2017) in order to remove the Board and Executive Committee meetings scheduled for January 24, 2018;

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND RESOLVED THAT approval be given to Revised By-Law No. 1 (2017) and Revised By-Law No. 4 setting the day, time and place of the regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board and Executive Committee, for school session 2017-2018.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-2-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. J. Lalla voted against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-11-29-10</u></p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Awarding of Contract</u></p> <p>11.1 <u>T-4057 - ESCO Phase III -Energy Management and Efficiency Tender – Candidate Qualification</u></p> <p>WHEREAS approval was given by virtue of resolution #16-10-26-11 to proceed with an energy management and efficiency project via an energy service company operator (ESCO) for Phase 3, incorporating seventeen (19) buildings;</p> <p>WHEREAS a public call for qualifications(RFQ) was issued for ESCOs to present their firms qualifications regarding their organizational /operational and financial capacity and experience for energy management and efficiency projects for public institutional buildings of similar project size and scope in relation to the seventeen of the Board’s facilities;</p> <p>WHEREAS four ESCOs submitted proposals that were in conformity with the tender documents;</p> <p>WHEREAS the four proposals were evaluated via a selection committee made up of five voting members including one independent expert;</p> <p>WHEREAS this proposal has been endorsed by the Board Administrators;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) FIRMS that qualified be invited to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of public tender T-4057:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Énergère Ecosystem Siemens Johnson Controls</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-11-29-11</u></p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Change Orders Over 10%</u></p> <p>12.1 <u>T-3946 – Bancroft – Renovation Phases 3 and 4</u></p> <p>During discussion of this item, the Chairman called a recess at 9:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Mr. M. Antal and Mr. J. Feldman were not present at 9:15 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution # E16-10-26-5.3 the Board awarded the contract for the Renovation Phase 3 and 4 Project at Bancroft School to “Consortium MR.” for the amount of \$5,064,000.00 (plus taxes);</p> <p>WHEREAS during the construction phase, the Board approved change orders totaling \$603,400.00 (plus taxes) which were required to proceed with the project;</p> <p>WHEREAS the following additional change order totaling \$10,100.00 (plus taxes) were recommended, negotiated and accepted by the professionals and supported by the Director of Material Resources:</p>

<u>Change Order</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M-14.	\$ 1,000.00 (plus taxes)
M-17.	\$ 1,000.00 (plus taxes)
E-20	\$ 1,750.00 (plus taxes)
E-21	\$ 1,000.00 (plus taxes)
DCA062	\$ (400.00) (plus taxes)
DCA064	\$ 4,250.00 (plus taxes)
DCA067	\$ 1,500.00 (plus taxes)

WHEREAS the revised cost of the Renovation Phase 3 and 4 Project at Bancroft School is \$613,500.00 (plus taxes);

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND RESOLVED THAT, there be approved the change orders for a total amount of \$10,100.00 (plus taxes) for the Renovation Phase 3 and 4 Project at Bancroft School as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

VOTE: 8-0-4. ADOPTED.

Voted in Favour	Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mrs. A. Mancini
Abstained	Ms. M. Bentrovato, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona
Not Present	Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman

Resolution #17-11-29-12.1

13. Mesure 50580 – Funding of Equipment for Vocational Training Programs

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has revised the two vocational training programs of 5816 - Assistance in Health Care Facilities and 5817 - Home Care Assistance into one revised vocational training program 5858 - Assistance in Health Care Facilities and Home Care as of the 2017-2018 school year;

WHEREAS the vocational training program being revised that affects the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) is 5816 - Assistance in Health Care Facilities;

WHEREAS the (Mesure 50580) states that the allocation granted within this measure may not exceed 66<sup>2/3</sup> % of the costs recognized by the MEES and that the balance shall be borne by the school board;

WHEREAS the breakdown of shared cost for the program between MESS and the EMSB is as follows:

PROGRAMS	EQUIPMENT COST	MEES (66 <sup>2/3</sup> %)	EMSB (33 <sup>1/3</sup> %)
Assistance in Health Care Facilities and Home Care	\$25,583	\$17,055	\$8,528

WHEREAS the AEVS Advisory Committee on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 approved the shared cost for the program;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. R. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the AEVS Advisory Committee, an amount of \$8,528 be reserved in the Capital Investment Budget to cover the EMSB's share of equipment for the revised vocational training program.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-13

14. Recommendation from Education Committee

14. Endorsement of the Declaration of the Partners of the Education System on Bill C-45 (Cannabis Act)

WHEREAS the following resolution was adopted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board on September 25, 2017;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada enacted Bill C-45 (referred to as the Cannabis Act) which, upon coming into force, will permit Canadian adults to legally purchase and consume cannabis;

WHEREAS a response to the Cannabis Act entitled "*Déclaration des partenaires de l'éducation concernant les encadrements sur le cannabis en milieu scolaire*" has been prepared detailing the stance that Quebec students should grow and mature in a healthy environment that favours their educational success, and as such, a framework must be put in place with regards to cannabis;

WHEREAS all partners of the education system have been asked to unite their efforts and to endorse said Declaration;

WHEREAS said Declaration has been submitted to commissioners and management with this motion;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board wishes to make known its endorsement of said Declaration:

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee, the English Montreal School Board Council of Commissioners endorses the *Déclaration des partenaires de l'éducation concernant les encadrements sur le cannabis en milieu scolaire*; and

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board permit its name and logo to be used on said Declaration where warranted; and

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Quebec English School Board Association.

VOTE: 6-4-2. ADOPTED.

Voted in Favour	Ms. M. Bentreovato, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau, Mrs. A. Mancini
Against	Mr. J. Kromida, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. R. Ortona, Ms. S. Lo Bianco
Abstained	Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian
Not Present	Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman

Resolution #17-11-29-14

15. Recommendations from Finance Committee

15.1 MAO – Additional MEES Allocation 2017-2018

WHEREAS in conformity with Operating Budget procedure, all requests to incur additional expenditures over and above the approved original Operating Budget, to reduce projected revenues from previous forecasts, and to transfer budgets in excess of \$20,000 must be approved by the Board;

WHEREAS the Management Table has reviewed the department requests to use the remaining MAO reserve budgets;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to allocate an amount of \$35,000 from the MAO/CIB Reserve 2017-2018 to purchase wireless microphones and electrical plugs, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) approval be given to the Directors of Human Resources, Student Services, Financial Services, ETS and the Director General to allocate an amount of \$77,693 from the MAO/CIB Reserve 2017-2018 to meet the needs of various departments and schools for furniture and equipment, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- c) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-15.1

#### 15.2 Material Resources – Padlocking Program

WHEREAS in conformity with Operating Budget procedure, all requests to incur additional expenditures over and above the approved original Operating Budget, to reduce projected revenues from previous forecasts, and to transfer budgets in excess of \$20,000 must be approved by the Board;

WHEREAS there has been established a protocol whereby departments are to submit (via the Budget Control Committee) the appropriate form indicating such requests with supporting rationale, to the Finance Committee;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to transfer \$50,000 from the Appropriation from Accumulated Surplus budget to the Lockout System Materials budget as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget transfers.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-15.2

#### 15.3 Student Services – Pre-Kindergarten

WHEREAS in conformity with Operating Budget procedure, all requests to incur additional expenditures over and above the approved original Operating Budget, to reduce projected revenues from previous forecasts, and to transfer budgets in excess of \$20,000 must be approved by the Board;

WHEREAS there has been established a protocol whereby departments are to submit (via the Budget Control Committee) the appropriate form indicating such requests with supporting rationale, to the Finance Committee;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

WHEREAS these have no impact on the budget as the increase to expenses is offset by an increase in revenues;

IT WAS MOVED BY MRS. J. CHARRON AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Student Services to increase CCW Technician Salaries and Fringes budget by \$20,925 as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;



- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases.

VOTE: 11-0-1. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained; Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-15.3

15.4 Student Services – Child Care Workers

WHEREAS in conformity with Operating Budget procedure, all requests to incur additional expenditures over and above the approved original Operating Budget, to reduce projected revenues from previous forecasts, and to transfer budgets in excess of \$20,000 must be approved by the Board;

WHEREAS there has been established a protocol whereby departments are to submit (via the Budget Control Committee) the appropriate form indicating such requests with supporting rationale, to the Finance Committee;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Student Services to transfer \$150,000 from the Appropriation from Accumulated Surplus budget to the CCW Attendant - Salary and \$18,000 from the Appropriation from Accumulated Surplus budget to CCW Attendant - Fringe Benefit budget as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget transfers.

VOTE: 9-1-2. ADOPTED.

Voted in Favour	Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. J. Lalla, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau
Against	Mr. R. Ortona
Abstained	Ms. M. Bentrovato, Mrs. A. Mancini
Not Present	Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman

Resolution #17-11-29-15.4

16. Class Action Suit – Debate on Free Education

Whereas the principle of free education was introduced in Quebec more than 50 years ago. Since then, teaching methods in public schools have changed to ensure the academic success of the largest number of students;

Whereas school boards have shown innovation in teaching methods, including early childhood development programs often designed in cooperation with social, cultural and economic professionals in the community who work with students in their milieu;

Whereas school boards are facing a class action which asserts that all school supplies and services should be free, thereby calling into question whether many of the school activities can take place;

Whereas the English Montreal School Board believes in the importance of preserving schools that support the academic success of its students using a variety of teaching methods;

IT IS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Education be asked to participate, with school boards, in a substantive debate on the scope of free education in the Quebec society of today.

This social discussion should focus on what students need to facilitate their success in a vibrant, stimulating and welcoming school environment.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-11-29-16

At 10:30 p.m., it was moved by Mr. B. Praw that the meeting continue.

17. QESBA Resolution on School Board Elections

WHEREAS the school board elections are scheduled for November 2018;

WHEREAS the impending elections for the school board network has been an area of concern for the members of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the November 2018 elections are in conflict with the November 2018 provincial elections;

WHEREAS there is no assurance the DGEQ will be in a position to support joint electoral processes should both school board and provincial elections be held simultaneously;

WHEREAS the QESBA would be amenable to an extension of mandates;

WHEREAS confirmation of funding support for the school board electoral process remains unresolved;

WHEREAS school boards are the only level of elected governance that do not receive budgets for elections. This directly impacts the finances devoted to students and our schools as funds are derived from our operating budget. This also creates a void in our ability to create public awareness due to limited funding;

WHEREAS a much needed investment in correcting the English electoral list has not occurred. No effort has been placed in making these vital adjustments;

WHEREAS in the English sector, voters must travel great distances to arrive at polling stations, which are often not equipped to receive them;

WHEREAS the QESBA has been lobbying for the twinning of school board elections with municipal elections, a practice in place in every province and territory in Canada, with the exception of Québec;

WHEREAS the QESBA has been suggesting a solution-orientated approach with online voting for our elections in the event twinning of elections is not possible;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND RESOLVED THAT the government of Quebec place this item on the parliamentary agenda as soon as possible for the network of English School Boards to receive confirmation from the Ministry of Education and the DGEQ regarding the November 2018 school board elections.

- ▲ An amendment to the motion was moved by Mr. J. Kromida that –
- the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clauses be removed regarding online voting and twinning.

Vote on amendment: 4-7-1. DEFEATED.

Voted in Favour	Ms. M. Bentrovato, Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. R. Ortona
Against	Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mrs. A. Mancini
Abstained	Mr. N. Gharibian
Not Present	Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman

▲ Two amendments to the motion were moved by Ms. P. Lattanzio that -

- 3<sup>rd</sup> WHEREAS read: “**October 1**, 2018 provincial elections”;

- Last paragraph read: “as soon as possible *so that* the network of English School Boards *can* receive *all the necessary information and* confirmation ...*regarding the proposed* November 2018...elections”.

Vote on the two amendments: 7-4-1. ADOPTED.

Voted in Favour	Ms. M. Bentrovato, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mrs. A. Mancini
Against	Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. R. Ortona
Not Present	Mr. M. Antal, Mr. J. Feldman

A vote on the revised main motion was taken.

WHEREAS the school board elections are scheduled for November 2018;

WHEREAS the impending elections for the school board network has been an area of concern for the members of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the November 2018 elections are in conflict with the October 1, 2018 provincial elections;

WHEREAS there is no assurance the DGEQ will be in a position to support joint electoral processes should both school board and provincial elections be held simultaneously;

WHEREAS the QESBA would be amenable to an extension of mandates;

WHEREAS confirmation of funding support for the school board electoral process remains unresolved;

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IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND RESOLVED THAT the government of Quebec place this item on the parliamentary agenda as soon as possible so that the network of English School Boards can receive all the necessary information and confirmation from the Ministry of Education and the DGEQ regarding the proposed November 2018 school board elections.

VOTE: 7-4-1. ADOPTED.

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18.	<p><u>Report of Executive Committee Meeting of September 27, 2017</u></p> <p>Provided for information purposes only.</p>								
19.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Provided for information purposes only.</p>								
20.	<p><u>Second Question Period</u></p> <p>None.</p>								
21.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>								
22.	<p><u>Motion To Adjourn</u></p> <p>It was moved by Mr. N. Gharibian and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 p.m.</p>								
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