

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,  
17 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 2.30 PM IN THE BOARD ROOM**

**1. PRESENT** Very Rev L M McVeigh (Presiding Chairperson)

Councillor P Brannigan	Mr W Mayne
Mrs S R Brownlee	Councillor P P McAleer
Rev J Byrne	Mrs C M McCaul
Mr M P Campbell	Councillor J McCrum
Councillor F Dawson	Councillor S McRoberts
Mr B Doran	Councillor R Mulligan
Mr P Gildea	Professor P Murphy
Councillor J Hanna	Mr A G Sleator
Dr M Hollinger	Mr J K Twyble
Mr C Mackin	Councillor Dr P A Weir
Mrs M M Magennis	Mrs E Wright

**2. IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs H McClenaghan, Mrs K Ryan, Messrs W Burke, T M Heron, P Keating, A P Murphy, B O'Hara and Mrs J McAneney.

The Presiding Chairperson welcomed five people to the public gallery and pointed out that under Standing Orders they would not be permitted to speak.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr P H Aiken, Dr P Cunningham, Mrs M E Donnell, Councillor I E B Hanna, Councillor A B Lewis, Rev Canon J McKegney, Councillor K McKevitt and Councillor B Monteith.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

On the proposal of Mrs Wright, seconded by Fr Byrne, the report\*\* (B/11/05/02) prepared by the Human Resources Officer was adopted.

**5. MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Harkness, seconded by Councillor McCrum, the minutes\* (B/11/05/03) of the meeting held on 2 November 2005 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Presiding Chairperson and Chief Executive.

## **6. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

### **6.1 LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mrs McClenaghan referred to the recent Hearing of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and drew attention to the criticism which had been reported in relation to the financial management of school budgets. She highlighted the high quality work carried out by schools and paid tribute to the commitment and dedication of Boards of Governors.

Mr Campbell confirmed that Mrs McClenaghan and he had recently carried out a number of school visits at Harrison Nursery School, Carrick, Dickson, Donacloney and Waringstown Primary Schools, Lurgan Junior High School and Lurgan College. He commented on the excellent work of the teachers and other staff.

In light of the comments made by PAC it was agreed that a Press Statement should be issued to commend the commitment of Boards of Governors.

It was noted that the Audit Committee would consider the PAC findings on 24 November 2005.

*(Mr P Gildea entered the meeting at 2.40 pm and Councillor J Hanna entered at 2.41 pm).*

### **6.2 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that she had received one invitation to attend the announcement on the Review of Public Administration on Tuesday, 22 November 2005. She undertook to pursue if two representatives of the Board could attend the event.

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that the outcomes of the Review of Public Administration would be considered by the Board at its meeting on 15 December 2005.

### **6.3 BRIEFING/TRAINING SEMINAR FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Mrs McClenaghan referred to correspondence issued to Board members in relation to training seminars to be held on 30 November 2005, 1 December 2005 and 10 January 2006 and urged members to attend.

Mrs McClenaghan also drew attention to Department of Finance and Personnel consultations in relation to the Draft Priorities and Budget and the public meetings arranged by the Board over the next two weeks.

#### 6.4 EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that during the course of a Board meeting a practice evacuation of the building would take place. It was noted that it would take place within the next three months.

#### 6.5 CORPORATE SUPPORT OFFICER

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that Mrs McAneney would be leaving the Board on 30 November 2005 to take up a new appointment and wished her every success in her new post.

### **7. TEACHERS' STAFFING COMMITTEE : APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THOSE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY REASON OF THEIR BEING TEACHERS**

On the proposal of Mrs McCaul, seconded by Councillor Brannigan, Mr P Gildea was appointed to serve on this Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McAleer, seconded by Mr Campbell, Mr C Mackin was appointed to serve on this Committee.

### **8. NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF EAST TYRONE RURAL**

Mrs McClenaghan read a letter from East Tyrone Rural Ltd requesting a nomination to the Board.

On the proposal of Councillor McRoberts, seconded by Mr Twyble, Councillor R Mulligan was appointed to serve on the Board of East Tyrone Rural.

### **9. REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOVERNANCE, TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT IN THE GRANT MAINTAINED INTEGRATED AND IRISH-MEDIUM SCHOOL SECTORS : RESPONSE**

Mrs McClenaghan presented the report\* (B/11/05//0) and explained that Mr A McVeigh had been commissioned by the Department of Education to undertake a study into the support needs of the Grant-maintained Integrated and Irish-medium School Sectors. She referred to a number of recommendations and indicated that several would be overtaken by the outcomes of the Review of Public Administration.

Mr Sleator pointed out the resourcing implications should any of the changes be implemented.

It was agreed that Mrs McClenaghan should prepare a response to the document and forward it by the due date and circulate it for the Board meeting on 15 December 2005.

*(Councillor P Brannigan left the meeting at 2.51 pm and re-entered at 2.56 pm; Mr W Burke left the meeting 2.56 pm).*

## 10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE : MINUTES

### 10.1 TEACHERS' PAY AND CONDIITONS OF SERVICE INQUIRY : FINAL REPORT – PART 2 : RECOMMENDATIONS (m5.1)

Mr Campbell pointed out the following correction to the third paragraph:

Board members of the Teaching Appointments Committee would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Teaching Negotiating Committee in January 2006 to ascertain the status of the recommendations.

### 10.2 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS NO 193 AND 195 (m6.1)

Mr Campbell drew attention to falling pupil numbers and confirmed that Ardmore and Loughbrickland Primary Schools had served their communities well.

### 10.3 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP : MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2005 (m8)

Mr Campbell drew attention to the concerns expressed in relation to places available. He confirmed that the outcome of the Review of Pre-school Education was awaited.

### 10.4 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AS TO PRIMARY (INCLUDING NURSERY) AND SECONDARY EDUCATION NO 204 : CLOGHER VALLEY INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL (m9)

Mr Campbell confirmed that concern had been expressed about the proposal in light of the strategic vision for primary education in the area.

### 10.5 COLLABORATION PROPOSALS BETWEEN SELB AND WELB (m10)

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that the proposals for collaborative arrangements had been approved in principle by the Board at its meeting on 20 October 2005. She explained that a number of meetings had taken place with colleagues from Special Education, Youth and Advisory Sections of the two Boards and added that a further meeting with certain Union members would take place in the near future. She highlighted the benefits of collaboration and also indicated the different approaches to service delivery. It was noted that the integration of such approaches would be inevitable as a result of the Review of Public Administration. She paid tribute to colleagues from both Boards for their confidence and support in contemplating change.

It was also noted that a formal response to the proposals was awaited from the Department of Education.

*(Councillor Dr P A Weir entered the meeting at 3.05 pm).*

Subject to the amendment at 5.1, on the proposal of Mr Campbell, seconded by Councillor Harkness, the minutes\* (E/11/05/09) of the meeting held on 1 November 2005 were adopted.

(Mr W Burke re-entered the meeting at 3.07 pm).

## **11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE : MINUTES**

### **11.1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2005**

The minutes\* (M/11/05/10.1) of the meeting held on 12 October 2005 were noted.

### **11.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2005**

The minutes\* (M/11/05/10.2) of the meeting held on 20 October 2005 were noted.

## **12. FINANCE COMMITTEE : MINUTES**

### **12.1 FINANCE ORGANISATION CHART : FOR INFORMATION (m5.1)**

Mr Sleator drew attention to concerns expressed regarding unavoidable sickness absences and the potential impact on support to schools.

### **12.2 INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 2006/07 (m6.1)**

Mr Sleator highlighted the indicative centre budget shortfall of £2m approximately

### **12.3 RECURRENT EXPENDITURE REPORT – YEAR TO DATE (m7.1)**

Mr Sleator drew attention to the following correction:

First paragraph to read: ....He pointed out the difficulties in forecasting exactly *in* which month spend would take place and referred to the reliability of schools plans.

### **12.4 YEAR END FORECAST COMMENTARY (m7.4)**

Mr Sleator drew attention to the following correction:

Second paragraph to read: Mr Heron confirmed that it would *not* be possible to use the contingency fund to reduce the opening deficit because it would be fully required to cover in-year pressures *and* as a result the opening deficit would not decrease.

Mr Sleator pointed out that the estimated schools carry over would decrease from £4.3m to £1.8m at 31 March 2005.

Subject to the corrections at 7.1 and 7.4 and, on the proposal of Mr Sleator, seconded by Mrs Wright, the minutes\* (B/11/05/11) of the meeting held on 1 November 2005 were adopted.

**13. SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE : MINUTES**

13.1 SPECIAL EDUCATION (m7)

Mrs McCaul confirmed that provision for 16-19 year olds and the development of appropriate programmes, the matter would be raised at inter-Board level.

It was noted that a presentation would be made at a future meeting of the Committee on the management of the Special Education budget.

On the proposal of Mrs McCaul, seconded by Mr Mayne, the minutes\* (SE/10/05/12) of the meeting held on 20 October 2005 were adopted.

**14. LIBRARY COMMITTEE : MINUTES**

14.1 DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE (DCAL) (m6.3)

Mr Mayne confirmed that the document on Policy Framework would outline standards for the provision of library services.

14.2 LIBRARY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP (m8)

Mr Mayne confirmed that a number of meetings had taken place to examine the Library budget.

On the proposal of Mr Mayne, seconded by Councillor McRoberts, the minutes\* (B/10/05/13) of the meeting held on 25 October were adopted.

**15. TEACHING APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

15.1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2005

The minutes\* (TAC/10/05/14.1) of the meeting held on 20 October 2005 were noted.

15.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2005

The minutes\* (TAC/10/05/14.2) of the meeting held on 25 October 2005 were noted.

**16. COMMITTEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PERIPATETIC TEACHERS : MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2005**

The minutes\* (PT/10/05/15) of the meeting held on 4 November 2005 were noted.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**DATE**

18 November 2005  
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