

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

1. PRESENT

Mrs M E Donnell (Chairperson)

Mr P H Aiken	Councillor P P McAleer
Councillor P Brannigan	Mrs C M McCaul
Mrs S R Brownlee	Mr A McCreesh
Rev J Byrne	Councillor J McCrum
Mr M P Campbell	Councillor P McGinn
Dr P Cunningham	Rev Canon J McKegney
Councillor F Dawson	Councillor K McKeivitt
Mr B Doran	Councillor S McRoberts
Mr P Gildea	Very Rev L M McVeigh
Councillor I E B Hanna	Councillor B Monteith
Dr M Hollinger	Councillor R Mulligan
Councillor A B Lewis	Mr A G Sleator
Mr C Mackin	Mr J K Twyble
Mrs M M Magennis	Councillor Dr P A Weir
Mr W Mayne	Mrs E Wright

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs H McClenaghan, Mrs K Ryan, Messrs W Burke, J F Curran, T M Heron, P Keating, A P Murphy, B O'Hara, Mrs J McAneney and for part of meeting Mr R Gregg.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rev Mr W R Ferguson, Councillor R A Harkness and Professor P Murphy.

4. RECEIPT OF DEPUTATION FROM PARENTS AGAINST CUTS IN EDUCATION

The Chairperson confirmed that in order to facilitate the deputation agenda item 5.1 would be taken first. She explained that two people would be permitted to speak.

The following members of the deputation were invited to the Board Room at 2.45 pm.

Mr L Reichenberg, parent of a pupil, St Mary's PS, Mullaghbawn
Mr M Peacock, Principal, Brackenagh West PS, Kilkeel
Mrs C Hughes, parent of a pupil St Brigid's PS, Glassdrummond
Mrs E Moorehead, parent of a pupil, Drumadonnell PS, Ballyroney

Mr Peacock thanked the Board for agreeing to receive the deputation. He acknowledged the difficulties facing the Board with regard to finance. He highlighted a number of issues including the following:

- Rurality necessitated the bus service
- Supervision of P1-P3 children was unworkable
- Extra hour for 4-6 year olds in classroom – children too tired to complete homework in the evening
- Implications for educational provision of other children
- Teachers with specialisms used to supervise children
- Drivers were still being remunerated for hours not worked
- No private operators used within surrounding area
- Minimal savings would be made as a result of withdrawal of service
- Safety issue: overcrowding of later bus; no room to manoeuvre in small car park within the school
- Inappropriate for four year olds to travel on a bus with 16-17 year olds

Mr Reichenberg requested permission to circulate correspondence between the Department of Education and him. He highlighted the following issues:

- Greater need for transport as schools become more distant from the home
- Provision of supervision was creating another discretionary service which could potentially be removed in the next financial year
- Impact on budget as a result of funding supervision
- Remuneration of drivers was not taken into consideration
- Parents were not asked whether they were currently paying for private bus service
- Cuts should not be targeting areas with a child focus; they should be from areas such as administration
- Availability of new Board buses which were not being used

Mr Reichenberg confirmed that he had prepared two statements for the media, one which would be released should the Board decide not to reinstate the early afternoon transport service and the other, which would be released, should the Board decide to reinstate the service. He read the latter statement.

The Chairperson invited Board members to ask questions.

In reply to a question from Mr Mackin about the impact on all schools, Mr Peacock confirmed that the protest involved schools from the controlled, maintained and integrated sectors.

Councillor McGinn enquired as to whether Mr Peacock's opinion on the non-viability of supervision of children was the same view as other colleagues. Mr Peacock confirmed that Principals which he had spoken to were of the same view.

(The deputation and Councillor P McGinn left the meeting at 3.03 pm).

4.1 EARLY AFTERNOON TRANSPORT SERVICE : REPORT ON SUPERVISION OF PUPILS BY SCHOOLS

The Chairperson confirmed that in order to consider the entire facts, agenda item 4.1 would then be taken.

Mr Heron presented the paper** (B/10/05/4.1) and confirmed that information had been gathered from schools regarding the number of pupils remaining in school for an additional hour following the withdrawal of the early afternoon transport service and types of supervision in place. He said that for the year

2004/05 the early afternoon transport service, including concessionary seats, involved 2,846 children from 154 schools. For the year 2005/06, since the withdrawal of the early afternoon transport service the number of pupils eligible for transport assistance who remained on school premises for an additional hour per day was 289 eligible pupils at 39 schools. He confirmed that of the 39 schools, 17 had less than five pupils remaining, 13 had between five and ten pupils remaining and nine had more than ten pupils remaining. He said that 16 of the 39 schools had incurred additional supervisory hours. In most of the remaining 23 schools supervision was either provided by the teachers or by supervisory/classroom assistants within their current hours and two schools were running after school clubs.

It was noted that parents in four schools were paying for private bus hire. Parents in the majority of schools collected pupils at 2.00 pm. Some schools had indicated that this was because the school was unable to afford supervision. It was also the view of some schools that if the cost of supervision was met for some schools, supervision costs should be paid to all schools.

Mr Heron suggested that where eligible pupils remained in schools for an additional hour, 50% funding towards the cost of a supervisory assistant for the current financial year could be made and reviewed each term. He said that the funding would be top-sliced from the Reserve Fund for Curriculum Protection for Schools and would cost approximately £19k until 31 March 2008.

(Councillor P McGinn re-entered the meeting at 3.10 pm).

The Chairperson confirmed that in order to facilitate discussion at the meeting it was necessary to adhere to Standing Orders and read the following:

Rescission of a Preceding Resolution (14)
Notice of Motions (6.1)
Suspension of Standing Orders (27.2)
Interpretation of Standing Orders (21)

The Chairperson confirmed that it would therefore not be possible to consider the issues of the early afternoon transport service unless Standing Orders were suspended.

It was proposed by Mr Mackin and seconded by Dr Cunningham to suspend Standing Orders to allow further consideration of the early afternoon transport service.

The Chairperson called for a vote on Mr Mackin's proposal and the following votes were cast:

For	11
Against	10

The Chairperson declared that Mr Mackin's proposal had been carried.

Mr Mackin proposed and Mr Gildea seconded that the early afternoon transport service be reinstated and that the Board examine other services where savings could be made.

Councillor Dr Weir said that he wished to propose an amendment to Mr Mackin's proposal and for ease of reference circulated the following proposed amendment:

That the Southern Education and Library Board supports the reinstatement of the early afternoon transport service in principle within an enabling funding environment, acknowledges the difficulties experienced by pupils and their parents as a result of the termination of the service, recognises the implications of the Board acting outside its Financial Scheme as agreed with the Department, fears that other resources which impact directly on pupils in the classroom could be placed at risk and consequently tasks Board officers with producing a range of proposals for consideration at a special meeting of the Board to be convened within the next 14 days, which, if adopted by the Board could facilitate the release of sufficient funding to restore the early afternoon service.

Councillor Dr Weir requested a recorded vote on the matter.

In reply to a query from Mr Aiken about whether officers had been able to identify areas where savings could be potentially made, Mr Heron confirmed that it was for the Board to decide on where cuts would have to be made.

Mr Campbell made reference to a letter which had been sent to a Board member which the Board member had considered reprehensible. Councillor Lewis expressed his concern at the terms of the letter.

Mr Campbell also said that he felt his role as a Board member was to ensure the enhancement of teaching within the classroom and that he would be opposed to any reductions in, for example, Reading Recovery, Special Education or the MAGS Programme.

Councillor Lewis said that the early afternoon transport service should be reinstated and that savings be found in other areas. He suggested that Board officers provide information on where savings had been made to date and how this had affected services. He added that under equality legislation each school would be entitled to funding for supervision of pupils for an additional hour.

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that information in relation to savings was provided to the Finance Committee and subsequently to the Board.

Dr Cunningham drew attention to a number of buses within his school grounds that he was unable to use without meeting costs from his budget.

Mr Twyble confirmed that he had difficulty supporting Mr Mackin's proposal or Councillor Dr Weir's amendment to the proposal. He referred to the effective arrangement whereby parents collected nursery school children at 12.30 pm. He empathised with parents affected by the withdrawal of the early afternoon transport service, however, he pointed out the financial constraints placed on the Board. He said that reconsideration of the issue at a special Board meeting was only deferring a decision. He also pointed out that proposals for savings measures had already been examined earlier in the year. He drew attention to the fact that children remaining at only 39 schools were affected by the withdrawal of the early afternoon transport service.

In reply to a query from Mr McCreesh about the feasibility of proposals on a range of costings within the next two weeks, Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that the Board could resubmit a revised Financial Scheme if savings were identified and agreed.

Councillor I E B Hanna sought clarification as to whether both proposals referred to the remainder of the financial year 2005/06 only or to include future years.

Councillor Dr Weir confirmed that any proposals brought to a special Board meeting would be required to include proposals for the remainder of 2005/06 and future years.

Mrs McClenaghan drew attention to Article 113 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and confirmed that savings would require to be made from whatever starting date was agreed.

She said that in relation to bus drivers, negotiations were continuing with Trade Union Side, however, significant savings had been made where private operators had ceased. She also said that alternative savings of £200,000 would require to be made if the Board decided to reinstate the early afternoon transport service.

Mrs McClenaghan also confirmed that there would be some indication in November 2005 for the 2006/07 financial year regarding the likely shortfall between the Department of Education's allocation and what the Board would require in order to operate services. She said that full details of the Board's allocation would not be received until February 2006. She pointed out that should the early afternoon transport service be reinstated, additional finance would be required from within the 2006/07 budget in addition to the identified budget shortfall for that financial year.

In reply to queries from Mrs Magennis about whether there would be additional money to support the reinstatement of the early afternoon transport service and whether child-centred services would be likely to be affected, Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that there would be no additional money. In relation to the proposals the Board would need to examine front-line and support services.

In response to a query by Mr Twyble about the potential areas which would be considered for savings measures, Mrs McClenaghan confirmed possible options as Headquarters Services, Maintenance, the Reserve Fund for Curriculum Protection, and other front-line services. She added that redundancies would not achieve immediate savings.

Councillor Lewis queried how an amendment could be prepared in advance of a proposal which had not been made. Councillor Dr Weir confirmed that it was predicted that such a proposal would be made at the Board.

Councillor McGinn expressed his disappointment at the proposed amendment.

Mr Aiken expressed concern about the potential detrimental effect on support services for the wider school community if the early afternoon transport service was reinstated.

Mr Mackin referred to the potential savings to be made as a result of the withdrawal of the laundry allowance and Mr Heron confirmed that these had not yet been achieved, but Trade Union Side were currently consulting with their members on the proposal.

Councillor Monteith referred to Standing Orders and the legality of a written amendment to a proposal and suggested that legal advice be sought.

The Chairperson confirmed that she had not received any written amendment until Councillor Dr Weir had circulated it to the Board after the motion had been proposed by Mr Mackin and seconded by Mr Gildea.

Mrs McClenaghan read Standing Order 15.2 Mode of Voting and said that the mode of voting would be by a show of hands supported by five other members who would signify their support by rising in their places.

Mr Mackin confirmed that he wished to withdraw his proposal and Mr Gildea confirmed that he wished to withdraw his seconding of the proposal. Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that Councillor Dr Weir's amendment was now a substantial motion.

The Chairperson called for a vote of those in favour of Councillor Dr Weir's proposal and the following recorded votes were cast:

FOR

Mr P H Aiken
Councillor P Brannigan
Mrs S R Brownlee
Rev J Byrne
Mr M P Campbell
Dr P Cunningham
Councillor F Dawson
Mr B Doran
Mr P Gildea
Councillor I E B Hanna
Dr M Hollinger
Councillor A B Lewis
Mr C Mackin

Mrs M M Magennis
Councillor P P McAleer
Mr A McCreech
Councillor J McCrum
Councillor P McGinn
Rev Canon J McKegey
Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor S McRoberts
Councillor P Monteith
Councillor R Mulligan
Mr J K Twyble
Councillor Dr P A Weir
Mrs E Wright

ABSTENTIONS

Mrs C M McCaul
Very Rev L M McVeigh

Mr W Mayne
Mr A Sleator

(Councillors P McGinn and P P McAleer left the meeting at 3.55 pm)

The Chairperson declared that Councillor Dr Weir's proposal had been carried.

Mrs McClenaghan sought confirmation regarding a date for a special Board meeting and it was agreed that it should be held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 2 November 2005 at Board Headquarters.

On the proposal of Mr Mayne, seconded by Councillor McRoberts it was agreed to resume Standing Orders.

(Dr P Cunningham left the meeting at 4.10 pm and Councillor R Mulligan left the meeting at 4.20 pm).

5. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Mrs McClenaghan presented the paper** (B/10/05/02) and confirmed that seven of the eight posts received ear-marked funding.

On the proposal of Mrs Brownlee, seconded by Councillor McRoberts, the report** (B/10/05/02) prepared by the Human Resources Officer was adopted.

6. MINUTES

Councillor McKevitt referred to page 2, sixth paragraph and confirmed that Mr Mackin's proposal had been seconded by her and not by Councillor Lewis as stated.

On the proposal of Councillor McCrum, seconded by Mr Campbell and, subject to this amendment, the minutes* (B/09/05/03) of the meeting held on 15 September 2005 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP : RESIGNATION OF DR P CUNNINGHAM FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR I E B HANNA FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (7.1)

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that Dr P Cunningham had resigned from the Special Education Committee.

Mrs McClenaghan also confirmed that Councillor I E B Hanna had resigned from the Education Committee. She enquired if anyone wished be considered for either Committee as the schemes allowed for additional members to serve on both.

On the proposal of Mr Twyble, seconded by Councillor McRoberts, it was agreed that Mr P H Aiken should serve on the Special Education Committee.

7.2 SCHEME SPECIFYING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE DISCHARGED AND THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CHAIRPERSONS' COMMITTEE (10.2)

Mrs McClenaghan presented the revised scheme* (B/10/05/04). The scheme was adopted for signing by the Chairperson and Chief Executive.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

8.1 SCHOOL VISITS

The Chairperson confirmed that Mrs McClenaghan and she had carried out a number of visits to controlled schools. These included Railway Street Nursery School, Birches, Richmount and Orchard County Primary Schools and Clounagh Junior High School.

(Mr W Burke left the meeting at 4.25 pm; Mr C Mackin left the meeting at 4.33 pm and re-entered at 4.35 pm).

8.2 PROPOSAL FOR COLLABORATIVE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

Mrs McClenaghan presented the paper** (B10/05/5.2) and outlined its contents. She said that an implementation plan would require to be agreed and arrangements in place by 1 April 2006. She explained that the paper would be considered in detail at the Education Committee meeting on 1 November 2005 and the Youth Service Advisory Committee meeting on 7 November 2005.

It was noted that all members of the Special Education Committee, with the exception of Mr A McCreesh, were also members of the Education Committee. Mr McCreesh would therefore be invited to attend the Education Committee meeting on 1 November 2005.

Mr Twyble suggested that it might be useful to seek the views of members of both committees prior to the meetings.

Mr Aiken said that as the Youth Service Advisory Committee only existed in the Southern Board it might be useful to send the paper to members in time to allow them to consult the bodies from which they were drawn.

In reply Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that the views of the Committees would require to be sought in the first instance.

On the proposal of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mrs Wright, the paper was approved.

**8.3 RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS IN CONTROLLED SCHOOLS:
12 OCTOBER 2005**

The Chairperson reported that a special lunch had been held in recognition of teachers who retired on 31 August 2005. She added that 46 teachers had attended.

(Mr W Burke re-entered the meeting at 4.50 pm).

8.4 30 YEARS' SERVICE EVENT FOR STAFF : 13 OCTOBER

The Chairperson reported that an event had been held in recognition of staff who had 30 years' service with the Board.

9. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2003/04

Mr Heron presented the paper* (B/10/05/06) and confirmed that the Northern Ireland Audit Office was satisfied that the accounts be presented to the Board for approval and be signed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive. He said that the accounts would be forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor General for signature and certification and returned to the Board.

Mr Heron pointed out the accounts had originally been presented to the Board in July 2004 and at that time included a contingent liability for teacher salary progression to the second point of the upper pay spine (UPS2) from 1 September 2003. Subsequently a scheme was agreed between management and union and therefore the 2003/04 Annual Accounts were amended to include £1.646m of income and expenditure in relation to UPS2. This was the main change to the accounts between July 2004 and now.

He added that the accounts were difficult to interpret and he drew attention to Note 5 Funding Commitment/End Year Flexibility of £5.735m which represented a guaranteed resource which was added to the Board's approved spending limit in the next financial year. Mr Heron stated that the management accounts presented at the Finance Committee each month gave a more user-friendly view of the Board's financial position.

On the proposal of Mr A Sleator, seconded by Councillor F Dawson, the Annual Accounts for 2003/04 were approved.

10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE : MINUTES

10.1 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION : UPTAKE OF PLACES IN NURSERY SCHOOLS AND CLASSES BY UNDERAGE CHILDREN 2005/06 (9)

In reply to a query from Mr Sleator regarding the number of places occupied by under age children in nursery schools, Mr Burke confirmed that there appeared to be a slight decrease. It was noted that the Minister had not yet responded.

10.2 LOVE FOR LIFE (13)

Mr Campbell confirmed that the Love for Life Programme was acknowledged as a worthwhile initiative. It was noted that funding for the project was received from the Southern Education and Library Board, Southern Health and Social Services Board and participating schools. It was also noted that it had been agreed to recommend to the Board that funding of £15,000 be provided for the programme.

10.3 TEACHERS' PAY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE INQUIRY : FINAL REPORT – PART 2 : RECOMMENDATIONS (14)

Mr Campbell said that there appeared to be a lack of awareness about the above report. In particular, he drew attention to the recommendation implemented in England and Wales where teaching time for teachers was less than currently the case in Northern Ireland. He expressed disappointment regarding the number of responses to the consultation.

On the proposal of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr Twyble, the minutes* (E/10/05/07) of the meeting held on 4 October 2005 were adopted.

(Rev Canon J McKegney and Councillor K McKevitt left the meeting at 4.45 pm; Mr A McCreesh left the meeting at 4.50 pm and re-entered at 4.51 pm).

11. SERVICES COMMITTEE : MINUTES

11.1 SCHOOL MEALS : LAUNDRY ALLOWANCE AND ABATEMENT (8.2)

Councillor McRoberts confirmed that little progress had been made, however, negotiations were still ongoing.

11.2 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (10)

Councillor McRoberts drew attention to earmarked funding for Maintenance and School Meals.

11.3 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS (12)

Councillor McRoberts confirmed that the Catering Manager had highlighted that additional finance was available for school meals across the five Boards. The allocation was initially for food and additional funding would be made available on a draw down basis. She drew attention to the necessity of an appointment of a Nutritional Standards Project Co-ordinator to ensure the successful development of nutritional standards.

11.4 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL (8.1)

Councillor Lewis sought clarification on the issues. Mr Heron explained that additional transport funding for bus bodies had been expected, but had not been received at the time when the initial financial capital scheme was being drawn up. Therefore at that time the required transport funding was provided out of the internal capital allocation. Subsequently earmarked funding was

received for transport and therefore the amount set aside from the initial allocation could be allocated to other priorities. These other priorities include a minor work for Newry High School.

Mr Heron also confirmed that when a capital asset was sold and the proceeds returned to the Department, there was an agreed formula in place whereby some of the proceeds were returned to the Board. It was noted that this only applied to capital.

(Councillor J McCrum left the meeting at 4.50 pm and re-entered at 4.55 pm).

On the proposal of Councillor McRoberts, seconded by Councillor Brannigan, the minutes* (S/09/05/08) of the meeting held on 22 September 2005 were adopted.

12. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE : MINUTES

12.1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2005

The minutes* (M/09/05/9.1) of the meeting held on 15 September 2005 were noted.

12.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2005

The minutes* (M/09/05/9.2) of the meeting held on 29 September 2005 were noted.

13. FINANCE COMMITTEE : MINUTES

13.1 YEAR TO DATE COMMENTARY (9.2)

Mr Sleator referred to the paper* (F/10/05/8.2) and drew attention to overspends on teacher redundancies, teacher long-term sickness and Special Education. He pointed out that a number of budgets were under pressure and contingency arrangements would require to be made.

In reply to a query from Mr Aiken about the provision of information for teacher short-term sickness, Mr Heron confirmed that the first 20 days' absence was covered out of the delegated school budget. Long-term sickness was a centre budget.

Mr Aiken drew attention to a health and well-being survey which was carried out in 2001 and confirmed that the recommendations had not be implemented.

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed that no response had been produced. She pointed out that the reduction of teacher absence was a corporate target which would continue to be monitored. It was agreed that information on teacher absenteeism would be presented to the Finance and Education Committees.

Councillor Lewis asked if the savings made to date could be identified in the report.

Mr Heron explained that the projection against profile spend to date showed whether or not the Board was on target. He said that the carry over projection

of £7.6m was going to decrease to £1.9m. He added that as some services would be over spent and others would be under spent the overall balance provided a more accurate indication of the financial position of the Board.

In reply to a further query from Councillor Lewis regarding costs to the Board for teacher sickness, Mr Heron confirmed that a budget had been set aside for substitute costs of teachers. Costs to the centre were monitored on a monthly basis and a projected overspend had been identified. He said that Headquarters sickness was required to be contained within the overall Headquarters budget.

Mr Aiken suggested that it would be helpful if a report could be presented at the special Board meeting indicating the proposed savings and actual savings to date in order to determine a way forward.

(Mr P Gildea left the meeting at 5.05 pm and Mrs M M Magennis left at 5.10 pm).

13.2 YEAR END FORECAST COMMENTARY (9.4)

Mr Sleator referred to the paper* (F/10/05/8.4). He highlighted that the year end flexibility had moved from £7.6m to £1.9m and pointed out that although this was a seven month projection it provided minimal flexibility.

13.3 HELM CORPORATION REPORT (12)

Mr Sleator confirmed that the Department was still considering the recommendations of the report. It was noted that the Finance Committee had approved that the Board's draft response should be submitted to the Department of Education.

(During the discussion of this item Mr R Gregg entered the meeting at 5.00 pm).

On the proposal of Mr Sleator, seconded by Mrs Wright the minutes* (F/10/05/10) of the meeting held on 4 October 2005 were adopted.

14. CONSULTANTS' SELECTION PANEL : MINUTES

Councillor Brannigan outlined the contents.

Mr Mayne questioned whether the value for money was obtained by appointing non-rural estate agents. Councillor Brannigan confirmed that the selection of agents was based on established criteria. Mr Gregg gave a summary of established criteria.

On the proposal of Councillor Brannigan, seconded by Mr Gregg, the minutes* (CSP/10/05/11) of the meeting held on 4 October 2005 were adopted.

(Councillors J McCrum and Dr P A Weir left the meeting at 5.15 pm; Councillor B Lewis left the meeting at 5.16 pm; Mr P H Aiken left the meeting at 5.18 pm; Mr A McCreesh left the meeting at 5.12 pm, re-entered at 5.18 pm and left at 5.19 pm; Councillor P Brannigan and Mr R Gregg left the meeting at 5.20 pm).

15. SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE : MINUTES

15.1 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY ORDER (SENDO) UPDATE AND AWARENESS TRAINING (12)

Mrs McCaul confirmed that amendments were being made to the Code of Practice to bring it into line with new legislation. It was noted that the Board had established a Web Page for special educational needs.

15.2 UPDATE ON REVIEW OF SERVICE FOR PUPILS WHO HAVE SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES IN LITERACY (SpLD) (13)

Mrs McCaul confirmed that awareness raising sessions had been held for primary schools on the re-organisation and reconfiguration of provision of services. It was noted that the sessions would be extended to post-primary schools.

On the proposal of Mrs McCaul, seconded by Mr Campbell, the minutes* (SE/09/05/12) of the meeting held on 15 September were adopted.

16. TEACHERS' STAFFING COMMITTEE

16.1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2005

The minutes* (TS/06/05/13.1) of the meeting held on 21 June 2005 were noted.

16.2 APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THOSE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY REASON OF THEIR BEING TEACHERS

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

17. SCHEME OF MANAGEMENT OF CONTROLLED SCHOOLS : PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Mrs McClenaghan confirmed the membership arrangements of the Scheme of Management of Controlled Schools. She said that it was necessary to make provision for 9, 16 and 24 members on Boards of Governors to deal with the range of transferors' representatives.

On the proposal of Councillor I E B Hanna, seconded by Mrs Wright, it was agreed to approve the amendment to the Scheme.

18. PROPOSED REDUNDANCY

The Board agreed, on the proposal of Councillor McCrum, seconded by Councillor I E B Hanna to discuss this item in committee.

On the proposal of Councillor I E B Hanna, seconded by Fr Byrne, the recommendation was adopted.

On the proposal of Mr Mayne, seconded by Councillor McRoberts, the Board agreed to come out of Committee. Mrs McClenaghan reported that, due to financial restraints on the school budget, Cookstown High School had proposed to reduce the numbers of Building Supervisors from three to two and had recommended that Mr D Junk, Building Supervisor, Cookstown High School, be granted voluntary redundancy.

19. ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS

19.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2005

2884 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

Mr Campbell confirmed that the Minister had not been available to meet the delegation.

The minutes* (B/10/05/16.1) of the meeting held on 7 September 2005 were noted.

19.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2005

The minutes* (B/10/05/16.2) of the meeting held on 7 September 2005 were noted.

The meeting ended at 5.35 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE

21 October 2005
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* paper circulated
** paper tabled