

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2007 AT 2.30 PM IN THE BOARD ROOM

1. PRESENT Mrs M E Donnell (Chairperson)

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

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs H M McClenaghan, Messrs R Bullick, G P Butler and Mrs L McCall.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr P Gildea, Mrs C M McCaul, Mr A McCreesh, Professor P Murphy and Councillor Dr P A Weir.

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Mrs McClenaghan drew attention to funding arrangements for posts contained within the report. It was agreed that the report** (B/1/07/2) prepared by the Head of Human Resources be adopted.

5. BOARD MEETING : MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2007

On the proposal of Councillor McCrum, seconded by Mrs Wright, the minutes* (B/12/06/3) of the meeting held on 13 December 2006 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive.

(Councillor Brannigan entered the meeting at 2.36 pm.)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 REVISED SCHEMES FOR THE REMUNERATION AND CHAIRPERSONS' COMMITTEES (9.3)

The Chief Executive presented the Schemes* (B/1/07/4.1) which had been revised as a result of changes arising from the establishment of joint committees. It was proposed by Mr Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dawson, and agreed that the Chairperson and Chief Executive be authorised to sign and seal copies of the above Schemes.

6.2 CONSIDERATION OF RPA POLICY PAPERS (7.1)

The Chairperson stated that the Education and Library Boards' Legal Service was currently examining the Policy Papers. She advised that advice from the Legal Service would be presented to the Chairpersons' Committee at its meeting on 17 January 2007.

Mrs McClenaghan reminded Members that a series of evening meetings to discuss the Policy Papers was being held across the Board's area to which principals, governors and staff were being invited. She confirmed that the Board's website would detail issues raised at each of the evening meetings.

(Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 2.40 pm.)

7. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

7.1 2007/08 RECURRENT FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS

The Chairperson reported that DE had convened a meeting on 23 January 2007 to which the Chief Finance Officers had been invited. She stated that information relating to the 2007/08 allocations for recurrent expenditure might be given at that meeting.

7.2 PRESS PUBLICITY

Mrs McClenaghan reported that a case involving a child with special educational needs was currently receiving press publicity. While she advised that she was unable to detail the particulars of the case, she wished to assure Members that the Board was following legislation and legal advice precisely.

7.3 NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

Mrs McClenaghan paid tribute to the following persons who had been acknowledged in the New Year's Honours List and who were associated with the Board. She stated that she had written to the recipients on behalf of the Board to acknowledge their achievements.

Ordinary Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order (OBE):

- Mr D Flanagan, Chief Executive, Council for Catholic Maintained Schools – for services to education in Northern Ireland.
- Dr J McKee, Principal, City of Belfast School of Music and former teacher within the SELB area – for services to music.

Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order (MBE):

- Mrs E M Forbes, Captain, First Northern Ireland Company, Girls' Brigade and former member of the Youth Service Advisory Committee – for services to young people.

7.4 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER : COUNCILLOR J FEEHAN

The Chairperson reported that the Minister had just advised of the appointment of Councillor John Feehan from Newry and Mourne District Council to replace Councillor K McKeivitt. She stated that Councillor Feehan would be invited to attend the Board at its February meeting.

8. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

8.1 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AS TO PRIMARY (INCLUDING NURSERY) AND SECONDARY EDUCATION NO 206 : PROPOSAL TO TRANSFORM COLLONE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO CONTROLLED INTEGRATED STATUS

Mrs McClenaghan reported that the Minister had not approved the proposal for Collone Primary School to transform to Controlled Integrated Status. She stated that the Minister, when considering this proposal, had taken into account the Bain Review, the potential to meet the viability criteria for integrated schools, the existing provision in the area proposed and the potential for future integration within existing schools.

8.2 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AS TO PRIMARY (INCLUDING NURSERY) AND SECONDARY EDUCATION NO 212 : ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW GRANT-AIDED IRISH-MEDIUM POST-PRIMARY UNIT OF COLAISTE FEIRSTE (BELFAST) IN COOKSTOWN

Mrs McClenaghan reported that the Minister had not approved the proposal to establish a new grant-aided Irish-medium post-primary unit of Colaiste Feirste (Belfast) in Cookstown. She stated that while the Minister had recognised a need for post-primary Irish-medium provision in the South Derry / East Tyrone area she had not been satisfied that the creation of a unit as a satellite of Colaiste Feirste some 45 miles distant was viable or in the best educational interests of children. Mrs McClenaghan drew attention to the difficulties arising from the growth of primary Irish-medium education and the lack of provision at post-primary level.

9. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE : MINUTES

The minutes* (M/11/06/) of the meeting held on 8 November 2006 were noted.

10. TEACHERS' STAFFING COMMITTEE : MINUTES

The minutes* (TSC/11/06/8.1) of the meeting held on 13 December 2006 were noted.

(Councillor Hanna entered the meeting at 3.00 pm.)

The meeting ended at 3.05 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE

* Paper circulated

** Paper tabled

11 January 2007

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