

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING no. 631
held in Kuujjuaq
on February 15, 2005**

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KATIVIK SCHOOL BOARD

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02/15/05

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board, for the School year 2004-05, held in Kuujuaq on February 15, 2005.

PRESENT:

Sarah Aloupa	President	Quaqtaq
Adamie Alayco	Commissioner	Akulivik
Peter Angnatuk	Commissioner	Tasiujaq
Lukasi Pilurtuut	Commissioner	Kangirsujuaq
Adamie Kalingo	Commissioner	Ivujvik
Sophie Keelan	Commissioner	Kangiqsualujuaq
Noah Crow	Commissioner	Umiujaq
Alacie Nalakturuk	Commissioner	Inukjuak
Charlie Watt Jr.	Executive Member	Kuujuaq
Thomassie Sivvaraapik	Commissioner	Puvirnitug
Charlie Alaku	KRG Representative	Kangirsujuaq

ALSO PRESENT:

Annie Grenier	Director General
Rita Novalinga	Secretary General
Mary Aitchison	Associate Director General
Claude Gilbert	Secretary General
Patrice Beaumelle	Director of Equipment
Chanh Ma Quang	Director of Finance

ABSENT:

Willie Keatainak	Commissioner (unknown reason)	Salluit
George Haukai	Vice President (mtg with Ministry)	Kangirsuk
Mary Roussel	Commissioner (urgent items in 140)	Kuujjuaraapik

1 QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE MEETING

With a quorum of the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board being present at 5:30 p.m. on February 15, 2004.

2 NOTICE OF MEETING

The President ascertained that all members of the Council of Commissioners have received notice of this meeting.

3 CHAIRPERSON

Sarah Aloupa, the President is appointed to chair this meeting.

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sarah Aloupa reads the agenda. The Agenda was modified and adopted as attached to the minutes as **Annex I**. One items has been included which is the Policy Committee report.

5 **OATH OF OFFICE**

Sarah Etok Cain recites her oath as the new Commissioner for Aupaluk replacing Lydia Akpahatak.

6 **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR EDUCATION SERVICES IN KUUJJUAQ**

Patrice informs the Commissioners about the Capital Projects.

The construction of the school in Kuujjuaraapik has the go ahead and the architects are working on it now.

Charlie would like to know if Kuujjuarapimiut agreed to give the \$500,000.00 that was supposed to go to the swimming pool for their community. Sarah say they didn't agree to give that funding to the Board.

Patrice says the Board is starting to work on the Kuujjuaq office. The first thing the government said is, they don't have enough funding to invest in it. They really don't know yet but they will find out in April.

Patrice says he explained that we had deadlines for the sealift and that we were special because the other Boards don't have the problem for sealift deadlines, we cannot wait until April and that we were stuck.

If the project is refused, we will not build this summer and if it is accepted we will be ready. The question to the Commissioners is, what do we do. Do we plan right away and spend up to 400,000.00 which the Treasury board might or might not agree to. If we agree, that means that we will spend that amount even if they don't agree this year but we will still be prepared.

Annie Grenier says that even if it is not approved this year, it might be approved next year. We could cover that over two years. Is that right Chanh?

Chanh says that if the Commissioners request a school next year, that means that the school might be delayed for another year. So the question is, what is the priority?

Mary says that there are many positions that are vacant. If the positions were all filled, we would have no housing available. For example, Valentina is using Sore's office because her position is vacant. Right now there are staff who have dual roles in their positions because the positions cannot be filled. Mary says that they have made an office in the hallway because there is no room.

Alacie Nalakturuk says that she would like to propose that we give the go ahead to make plans for the office. Seconded by Charlie Watt.

On a motion duly made by George Haukai, seconded by Mary Roussel, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following resolution no. 2004/05-29.

WHEREAS the board is presently leasing two (2) office buildings in Kuujjuaq for Education Services;

WHEREAS these facilities are not suitable enough to accommodate the required personnel;

WHEREAS the board has presented a request to the Quebec Ministry of Education for the construction of a new office building;

WHEREAS the board feels that such a project is necessary for the smooth running of Education Services;

RESOLVED:

THAT the Kativik School Board request the Quebec Ministry of Education to approve the construction of a new office building for Education Services in Kuujjuaq;

THAT the Director General, or in her absence the Director of Equipment Services, be and is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents and to do all things necessary or useful in order to carry out the foregoing.

6 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Sarah Aloupa thinks that it would be better to get the final draft before the Commissioners decide which form of ratification they will recommend (either in a referendum or an endorsement by Inuit organizations).

There are two items that were outstanding on the agenda items and one was financing. Firstly, the Board wanted the wording to be "exclusively" for education instead of "primarily" on the financing aspect, so as to protect the existing level of government funding for education.

Secondly, Sarah Aloupa says the name "Nunavimiut Aqquvinga" will have to be changed to an Inuktitut word.

8 AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

Claude Gilbert says that there were two items outstanding on the AIP that were not discussed at the policy committee meeting, namely, the preservation of the Education Committees and the existence of a body of people elected to deal with education matters. He was told at the meeting to discuss these with the special counsel for Makivik on the Nunavik government issue, Jean-Francois Arteau. The required changes to the AIP could be done through an addition to sections of the agreement. Arteau will give a copy of the amendments.

On the second item, KSB should consider that its request could be satisfied in the form of a new advisory council instead of the standing committee on education that is mentioned in the AIP. It would have a representative from each of the communities. The advisory council is assimilated to the standing committee, according to the AIP. For instance, the responsible minister has to answer to it within a certain deadline.

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Charlie Watt Jr. would like to know if there was any mention of it being permanent. Claude says he did not discuss that with the lawyer.

Charlie Watt says they decided that it would also be amended so that it would be a permanent body. That was the understanding. It should be followed up because it is a concern.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 6:11 p.m. because the agenda items are completed.

Sarah Aloupa
President

Annie Grenier
Director General

Rita Novalinga
Secretary General