

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th January 2024

A meeting of Louth and Meath Education and Training Board commenced at 5.00 p.m.

The meeting took place online via Teams.

CATHAOIRLEACH:	Cllr. Wayne Harding
BAILL I LATHAIR:	Cllr. Maria Murphy, (Leaschathaoirleach), Cllr. Nick Killian, Máirín Uí Fháinnín Uasal, Cllr. Paul McCabe, Mr. Bill Sweeney, Cllr. Gerry O'Connor, Ms. Tara Walker, Cllr. Caroline O'Reilly, Cllr. John Sheridan, Ms. Caroline Canny, Mr. Damian Kearns, Ms. Malgorzata Gilani and Cllr. Marianne Butler.
AS LÁTHAIR:	Mr. Billy Doyle, Cllr. Eileen Tully, Cllr. Andrea McKevitt, Cllr. Kevin Meenan and Mr. Barry McCourt.
AR FREASTAIL:	Mr. Martin G. O'Brien, Chief Executive Ms. Fiona Kindlon, Director of Schools Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott, Director of FET Mr. Brian Murphy, Director of OSD Mr. Frank Smith, APO Corporate Services Ms. Veronica Feeney, Land and Buildings Ms. Sorcha Malone, Land and Buildings Ms. Carmel McEvoy, PA to Chief Executive

1. Order of Business

1.1 Welcome by Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach welcomed members of the Board and of the executive to the meeting.

1.2 Welcome to new Board Member – Cllr. Caroline O'Reilly

The Cathaoirleach introduced Cllr. Caroline O'Reilly and welcomed her to the Board. Cllr. Killian noted that Cllr. Amanda Smith has stepped down from the LMETB Board and thanked her for her contribution and wished her well. The Cathaoirleach echoed these sentiments.

1.3 Conflicts of interest

The Cathaoirleach noted that, in the circumstances, the normal hard copy conflict of interest sheet was not being circulated and asked members to advise of any conflicts of interest in relation to any item on the agenda. The Chairperson noted that members had been requested to confirm the position by email and urged any members who had not yet done so to do so as soon as possible.

1.4 Apologies, condolences and congratulations

Apologies were noted from Mr. Billy Doyle, Cllr. Eileen Tully, Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt, Cllr. Kevin Meenan and Mr. Barry McCourt.

Condolences were expressed in the usual respectful manner.

1.5 Absences

It was resolved **R. 01/01/2024** to approve the absence of LMETB members: Mr. Billy Doyle, Cllr. Eileen Tully, Cllr. Andrea McKeivitt, Cllr. Kevin Meenan and Mr. Barry McCourt.

Proposed: Máirín Uí Fháinnín Uasal

Seconded: Cllr. Maria Murphy

2. Schools Directorate

2.1.1 Memberships of Boards of Management

It was resolved **R. 02/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Ciara Carry as female teacher nominee to the Board of Management of Beaufort College, replacing Ms. Suzanne Markey.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 03/01/24** to approve the continuing nomination of Cllr. Amanda Smith as LMETB nominee to the Board of Management of Coláiste de Lacy.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 04/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Morag McGowan as nominee of local associations, organisations or interests nominated by LMETB in consultation with the Bishop, to the Board of Management of Ratoath College, replacing the late Mr. Pat Gleeson.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 05/01/24** to approve the nomination of Mr. Gerry Walsh as nominee of local associations, organisations or interests nominated by LMETB in consultation with the Bishop, to the Board of Management of St. Peter's College, Dunboyne replacing Ms. Rachel McGuinness.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 06/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Rachel McGuinness as LMETB nominee to the Board of Management of St. Peter's College, Dunboyne replacing Mr. Tom O'Mahony

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 07/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Caitríona Noonan as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Ard Rí CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 08/01/24** to approve the nomination of Mr. Darragh Russell as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Ard Rí CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 09/01/24** to approve the nomination of Cllr. Yemi Adenuga as LMETB Nominee as Chairperson to the Board of Management of Ard Rí CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

Director of OSD advised members that LMETB sought and received legal advice on the eligibility of a member of staff to be a parent nominee on the Board of Management of an LMETB school. The legal advice was that a member of staff is not eligible to be a parent nominee on the Board of Management of an LMETB school. Director of OSD noted that the TUI have been informed of this legal advice but remain of the view that the member of staff is eligible to be a parent nominee on the Board of Management of the school. Director of OSD advised members that TUI are aware that the LMETB Board will consider a resolution to ratify the appointment of a female parent nominee to the Board of Management at this meeting and that his understanding is that the TUI are in contact with the Department of Education on the matter. DOSD noted that the Department of Education has previously advised ETBs that it would on balance appear reasonable the employees would not be eligible for appointment as parent nominees to a school Board of Management.

It was resolved **R. 10/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Laura McCartan as female parent nominee to the Board of Management of Ashbourne CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 11/01/24** to approve the renomination of Mr. Frank Gallogly as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Dunshaughlin CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 12/01/24** to approve the renomination of Ms. Elaine McCormack as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Dunshaughlin CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 13/01/24** to approve the nomination of Cllr. Gerry O'Connor as LMETB nominee to and Chairperson of the Board of Management of Dunshaughlin CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 14/01/24** to approve the renomination of Mr. Alan McArdle as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Faughart CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 15/01/24** to approve the nomination of Mr. John Doherty as Board of Management nominee to the Board of Management of Faughart CNS.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

It was resolved **R. 16/01/24** to approve the nomination of Ms. Mary Jackson as LMETB nominee as Chairperson to the Board of Management of Faughart CNS, replacing Dr. Padraig Kirk.

Proposed: Ms. Siobhán Greer

Seconded: Cllr. Paul McCabe

2.1.2 School Based Policies:

School	Policy
Cara Community Special School	Admissions Policy & Admissions Notice
Cara Community Special School	Appropriate Behaviour Policy (Code of Behaviour)

The above policies were noted.

2.1.3 Terms of Reference for Boards of Management of CNS Schools 2023 - 2027

It was resolved **R. 17/01/24** to approve the Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023 – 2027 as the Terms of Reference for Boards of Management of Ard Ri CNS, Dunshaughlin CNS and Faughart CNS.

Proposed: Cllr. Gerry O'Connor

Seconded: Cllr. Nick Killian

8. Land and Buildings

It was resolved **R. 18/01/24** to conduct the discussion on the recommendation of the Land and Buildings Committee in-committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Maria Murphy

Seconded: Cllr. Nick Killian

It was resolved **R. 19/01/24** to approve the recommendation of the Land and Buildings Committee.

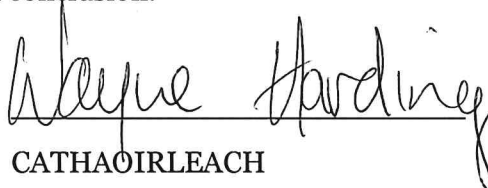
Proposed: Cllr. Nick Killian

Seconded: Ms. Siobhán Greer

4. Any Other Business

As there was no other business, The Cathaoirleach extended his gratitude and best wishes to all and brought the meeting to a conclusion.

SIGNED:


CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE:



