

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel

held on Friday, 12th February, 2010 in Committee Suite 1, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Thompson (Chairman)
Councillor G Merry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J P Findlow, T Jackson, S Jones and G Merry

APOLGIES

Councillors B Dykes and D Flude

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member made any specific declaration of interest in any item of business at this point in the proceedings. Notwithstanding this, each Member declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (Local Authority Appointments to School Governing Bodies) in respect of any nominee who was a Cheshire East Councillor.

18 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Procedure Rules 11 and 35, a total of 10 minutes was allocated for members of the public to address the Panel on any matter relevant to its work.

There were no members of the public in attendance and the Panel, therefore, proceeded to its next business.

19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2009 be approved as a correct record.

20 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

21 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel considered the report of the Strategic Director – People, which informed Members of current Local Authority School Governor vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools and recommended individuals for appointment and reappointment to identified posts.

Additional information in respect of twelve new appointments and two reappointments was tabled at the meeting.

There were 359 LA Governor positions across Cheshire East's 151 maintained schools. Currently 87 (24.2%) of these positions were vacant. The latest national benchmarking information (2009) showed 10.1% of all LA Governor positions to be vacant and 10.8% of all governor positions (of all categories) to be vacant, nationally.

In line with the agreed procedures, nominations to these vacant positions had been invited from schools and from Local Members. Any individuals who had approached the School Governance Service directly, or via the School Governors' One Stop Shop (SGOSS), had also been considered against appropriate vacancies.

The usual term of office for a school governor was four years but could be shorter, the shortest allowable term being one year. The Panel had previously agreed that all terms of office for Cheshire East LA Governors would be four years.

RESOLVED: (a) That the following appointments be approved with effect from 23rd January 2010 for a four-year period –

1. BROKEN CROSS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr D J Beckford
2. EATON BANK SCHOOL
Mrs S M Aston
3. EATON BANK SCHOOL
Mrs C C Caswell
4. HIGH LEGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr A J Knowles
5. MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr A Mierzejewski
6. MONKS COPPENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs M Lamb

7. OAKEFIELD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Mr P Chesters
8. THE DINGLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr C W Edwards
9. WILLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs J Bratherton
10. WISTASTON CHURCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr N A Simms
11. BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Gordon Fyffe
12. BOLLINBROOK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Miss Martha Christabel Marshall
13. FALLIBROOME HIGH SCHOOL
Councillor Ainsley Arnold
14. GORSEY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Christopher Stubbs
15. HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Martin Elliott
16. OAKEFIELD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Miss Geraldine Dawn Brooks
17. RUSKIN SPORTS AND LANGUAGES COLLEGE
Mr Gordon Fyffe
18. SANDBACH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Miss Rebecca Darlington
19. ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MIDDLEWICH
Mr Jonathan Williams
20. WRENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs Rachel Emma Bulkeley
21. WYCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs Jo Stainsby

(b) That it be noted that the following appointment had been made since the last meeting of the Panel, in accordance with the procedures for emergency LA Governor appointments to be made to schools in the Council's "Schools Causing Concern" programme.

22. HASLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs C A Davies Appointed with effect from 15/12/2009

(c) That the following Local Authority Governors who had requested reappointment and whose term of office ended on the date indicated, be reappointed with effect from the following day –

23. MILLFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
W S McGinnis 13/02/2010
24. AUDLEM ST JAMES'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs Nancy-May Wilton-Morgan 20/03/2010
25. PUSS BANK SCHOOL
Councillor David Neilson 13/01/2010

(d) That the nomination in respect of Hungerford Primary School be deferred to the next meeting;

(e) That it be noted that one of the nominations in respect of Monks Coppenhall Primary School was withdrawn as the nominee was an employee of the school and, therefore, prohibited from office.

(Notes: (a) Prior to discussion of the nomination for Broken Cross Community Primary School, Councillor D Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item on the basis that she was a friend of Councillor Beckford, the nominee. Having declared the interest, she withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting and re-joined the meeting after consideration of the item. Councillor G Merry assumed the Chair for this item; and

(b) Councillor G Merry declared a personal interest in the Dingle Primary School on the basis that her grand-children were pupils at the school.)

22 RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING/CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2010-2011

The Panel was invited to agree its meetings for the new Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Panel meet on the following dates at Macclesfield Town Hall, meetings to commence at 10.00 am –

28th May
22nd October
4th February 2011

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.05 am

Councillor D Thompson (Chairman)