立法會 Legislative Council

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Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 9 May 2003 at 8:30 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Present Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon SZETO Wah

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Member : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Absent

Public Officers : Mr CHENG Yan-chee

Attending Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower (4)

Mr Andrew POON

Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and

Manpower (Quality Assurance)

Mrs YU LAW Siu-man

Senior Education Officer (Education Ordinance Review

and Compliance)

Mr Gilbert MO

Deputy Law Draftsman (Bilingual Drafting and

Administration)
Department of Justice

Clerk in Attendance : Miss Flora TAI

Chief Assistant Secretary (2)2

Staff in Attendance

: Ms Bernice WONG Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr Stanley MA

Senior Assistant Secretary (2)6

I. Confirmation of minutes

LC Paper No. CB(2)1982/02-03]

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2003 were confirmed.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1723/02-03(01), CB(2)1983/02-03(01)-(03) and CB(2)1818/02-03(01)]

- 2. The Bills Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
- 3. The Bills Committee requested the Administration -

Grounds for cancellation of registration of manager

- (a) To review the grounds for cancellation of registration of manager under section 31 of the Education Ordinance and consider setting out the procedure in the Bill;
- (b) To review the powers of the Permanent Secretary of Education and Manpower (Director of Education in the Bill) to cancel the registration of a manager and consider whether additional restrictions should be imposed over the exercise of such powers;
- (c) To elaborate on the operation of the appeal mechanism provided for under the Bill;

- (d) To clarify by whom where leave for absence would be granted under the proposed new section 31(1)(g)(i) and consider how to facilitate fair and consistent enforcement;
- (e) To explain the rationale for the proposed amendment to the Chinese version of proposed amended section 31(2)(a), i.e., by repealing "校董會多數校董不再接受該校董為該學校的校董" after "覺得" and substituting "多數校董不接受該校董為該學校的校董";

Relationship between the School Sponsoring Body (SSB) and the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC)

(f) To elaborate on the mechanism to resolve conflicts between a SSB and an IMC arising from the exercise of the functions of SSB in proposed new section 40AD and explain the type of "general directions" to be given under proposed new section 40AD(1)(e);

Vacation of office of teacher manager, etc.

(g) To explain whether a SSB could terminate the appointment of a parent, teacher, alumni or independent manager and if yes, elaborate on the appeal channel available to the manager whose appointment was terminated;

Appointment of managers by Director of Education and dissolution of an IMC

- (h) To explain the existing procedures for the Administration to intervene in the management of a school i.e., urging the School Management Committee of a school to consider changing its senior management, appointing government officials or suitable persons as managers of a school, or taking over the operation of a school;
- (i) To give an account of past cases of such intervention taken place since 1997; and
- (j) To elaborate on the appeal channels available to the parties who were affected by the Administration's actions in 3(h).
- 4. A draft paper entitled "Proposed areas of study" prepared by the LegCo Secretariat was tabled at the meeting [LC Paper No.CB(2)2056/02-03]. Members were invited to propose additional areas of study. The

Administration was requested to provide the requisite information in the paper to facilitate future discussion of the Bills Committee.

III. Any other business

- 5. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded members that the next meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on Monday, 12 May 2003 at 4:30 pm.
- 6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:45 am.

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on Education (Amendment) Bill 2002 on Friday, 9 May 2003 at 8:30 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action
			required
0000 - 0259	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 11.4.03	
		and the paper on "proposed areas of studies"	
		tabled at the meeting.	
0300 - 2811	Ms Audrey EU Chairman Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Admin	Relationship between SSB and IMC; and	See para
		Interpretation of "giving general directions to	3(f) of the
		IMC" in proposed new section 40AD(1)(e)	minutes
2812 - 3518	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman Admin	Grounds for cancellation of registration of	
		manager; and	
		Measures which would be taken by the	
		Administration to intervene in the management	
		of a school;	
3519 - 4127	In Do Donner J HO	Danier of CCD in annualisies of the small of	
3519 - 4127	Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman	Power of SSB in supervision of the work of IMC;	
		Power of SSB in appointment of principal and	
		supervisor; and	
		Power of IMC chairperson to convene an IMC	
		meeting.	
4128 - 5200	Ms Emily LAU Admin	Whether SSB should be empowered to dissolve	
		an IMC or veto its decisions and whether the	
		proposals in the Bill could balance the interests	
		of different stakeholders.	
5201 - 5840	Ms Audrey EU Admin	Vacation of office of teacher manager, etc.	
5841 - 010209	Mr SZETO Wah Admin Ms Audrey EU	Registration of IMC before and after	
		commencement of the Bill.	

010210 - 012504	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Admin Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung	Appeals against the Director's decision to	3(a), (b)
012505 - 012815	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman Ir Dr Raymond HO Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Ms Emily LAU Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Ms Audrey EU	Administration's measures to intervene in the management of a school; and Grounds for cancellation of the registration of manager and procedures for appeal.	3(h), (i)
014203 - 014719	Ms Audrey EU Admin Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Chairman	Enforcement of proposed new section 31(g)(i) "absent without leave from three consecutive IMC meetings"	•
	Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong Chairman Admin Ms Emily LAU	Rationale for the proposed amendment to the Chinese version of proposed amended section 31(2)(a); and Termination of the appointment of a parent, teacher, alumni or independent manager by a SSB, and the appeal channel available.	3(e) and 3(g) of the minutes
015623 - 015900	Chairman	Date of next meeting and cancellation of the meeting on 16 May 2003	

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