

**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of FEF Board of Directors held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2008**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Frontier Education Foundation Board of Directors was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at 1100 hours in Chief Minister's Secretariat under Chairmanship of Chief Minister NWFP/Chairman FEF BOD. The following attended the meeting.

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| i)    | Mr. Amir Haider Khan Hoti<br>Chief Minister NWFP   | Chairman |
| ii)   | Mr. Hamayun Khan<br>Minister for Finance, Government of NWFP   | Member   |
| iii)  | Mr. Imtiaz Gillani<br>Vice Chancellor, University of Engineering<br>and Technology, Peshawar   | Member   |
| iv)   | Mr. Ikram Khan<br>Secretary to Government of NWFP<br>Planning and Development Department   | Member   |
| v)    | Mr. Bilal Mustafa<br>Managing Director<br>Bank of Khyber   | Member   |
| vi)   | Prof. Dr. Siraj-ud-Din Ahmad<br>Nominee Chief Minister NWFP  | Member   |
| vii)  | Dr. Umar Ayub Khan<br>President SAARC Medical Association<br>President Pakistan Medical Association, NWFP  | Member   |
| viii) | Mr. Hazrat Masaud Khan<br>Additional Secretary to Government of NWFP<br>Higher Education Department<br>Representing Secretary to Government of NWFP<br>Higher Education Department | Member   |
| ix)   | Ms. Salma Masood Khan<br>Director LIMS<br>Nominee of Chief Minister, NWFP  | Member   |

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| x)  | Ms. Kausar Firdaus<br>Director<br>Representing Managing Director<br>National Education Foundation | Member           |
| xi) | Ms. Ali Begum<br>Managing Director<br>Frontier Education Foundation                               | Member/Secretary |

2. The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran. Chief Minister NWFP/Chairman FEF BOD welcomed the members to the meeting and highlighted the need to develop education both in Public & Private sector. Managing Director FEF stated in brief the performance of the Foundation. She informed that the Foundation was operating 15 Degree Colleges for Girls most of which were located in disadvantaged areas of the Province. The fees were nominal and in many cases, FEF Colleges alone provided the girls access to college education. She stated that in the previous financial year, the Foundation disbursed Rupees 14.40 Million as scholarship through Public and Private sector Educational Institutions in the Province. In the context of loans to private sector, Rupees 37.70 Million had been disbursed. She also stated that Rupees 70.00 Million were allocated for loans to private sector in the Current Financial Year Budget which was approved by FEF Advisory Committee duly representing Finance, Higher Education and Establishment Departments under the FEF Rules of Business.

**Decision:**

Chief Minister directed that FEF should continue its good work as per its mandate under Frontier Education Foundation Act.

3. Managing Director FEF informed the Board that Foundation had been working since 1992 without having its rules which were to be formulated under section 17 of the Act III of 1992. “Rules of Business”, “Service and General Rules”, “Financial Rules” and “Rules for Financial Assistance to Private Sector” were formulated approved in March, 2008. The Foundation was thus institutionalized with a frame work of well defined rules which also brought with it a sense of security to the employees, enhanced discipline and transparency in the working of the Foundatin. She stated that the Foundation did not enjoy periodical financial support from the Provincial Budget which constrained the Foundation form extending duly deserving benefits to its employees. It was due to such constraints that she suggested amendment in Rule 21 of FEF Financial Rules by deletion of

words “for each completed year of service” to reduce financial burden on FEF in future.

**Decision:**

It was decided that appropriate financial support will be provided to FEF for its sustainability.

4. Managing Director FEF explained in detail the financial constraints due to lack of any budgetary support to the Foundation since 1995. The Educational Institutions under the Foundation have to charge only nominal fees due to locational disadvantages of many colleges and also because provision of education especially female education, was the avowed government policy. FEF could not afford to make its educational institutions profit oriented. The Board of Directors in its meeting held in November 2007 had approved Rupees 1.00 billion to add to the seed money of the Foundation. It was desirable to release these funds in reasonable installments to the Foundation.

**Decision:**

Chief Minister NWFP assured FEF of financial support and asked Minister for Finance NWFP to hold a meeting to be attended by Managing Director FEF and Secretary Finance Department to see how much resources could be provided to the Foundation from the aforesaid committed funds.

5. Managing Director Frontier Education Foundation informed the Board about the working of FEF Academy at Kohat. She stated that about 1400 Lecturers and Professors from public and private sector as well as Army educational institutions and others had been trained through the Academy. She brought forward the importance of training for college faculty and the need for implementation of the Board decision in previous meeting regarding establishment of Pre service Training Academy and making training mandatory for promotion. The Vice Chancellor UET strongly supported the proposal along with Mrs. Salama Masood. The representative of Higher Education Department mentioned opposition to the idea of training made mandatory for promotion from the faculty side.

**Decision:**

The Chairman directed Higher Education Department to come up with detailed proposals for making training mandatory in the first phase and linking it with promotions in the second phase. The department will also identify the specific problems in implementation of the said decisions.

6. Managing Director stated that a project for construction of additional class rooms and improvement of FEF colleges labs was included in ADP 2008-09 and requested that the funds may be released to FEF as grant in aid so that the work is carried out through the Engineering Section of the Foundation which is already constructing FEF in-service training Academy at Kohat worth Rs. 50.00 Million. FEF colleges were scattered in different extended areas and C&W Department capacity to carry out small schemes of FEF college buildings belonging to various departments and local governments which may be difficult for C&W. Realizing these difficulties, Education Department had also forwarded a summary to this effect.

**Decision:**

Chief Minister NWFP directed the concerned departments of Planning & Developments and Finance to expedite the case.

7. Managing Director brought out the issue of damaged building of its college at Mansehra due to October 2005 earthquake. She informed that 243 students were since then taking classes in tents as the building was declared dangerous. Despite consistent pursuit of the case from the Foundation, PERA had placed the work in category III. She said that Minister Higher Education had held a special meeting on the case with Higher Education Department to find some solution to accommodation problem of the college but suitable building for rent is not only not available but also not affordable. She pleaded that a project for reconstruction of building for FEF College at Mansehra may be included in the next year's ADP so that if ERRA could not undertake construction of the building, the work could be carried out through ADP.

**Decision:**

It was decided that the project will be included in next year's ADP for reconstruction of FEF college building at Mansehra and also P&D department will pursue the case with ERRA to undertake this work.

8. Managing Director FEF informed the Board about the sad demise of Board member Prof. Waheeda Ghafoor Sahiba. The Board prayed for her soul to rest in eternal peace. The term of the rest of the nominated member of the Board was extended i.e. 4 years, while a nominee of Chief Minister NWFP needed to be identified to complete the Board Members.

**Decision:**

It was decided that a suitable nominee will be selected from a panel.

The meeting ended with appreciation of Chairman and Board of Directors for the work of the outgoing Managing Director.