



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 25, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

A Regular Board Meeting was held this date in the Board Chambers,
33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth, NS.

PRESENT:

Gin Yee	Steve Warburton
Melinda Daye	Nancy Jakeman
Cindy Littlefair	Dave Wright
Christy Linders	Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison
Kirk Arsenault	Bridget Ann Boutilier

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
Chris Abraham, Student Advisor
Tristan Maxwell, Student Advisor
John MacPherson, Legal Counsel, McInnes Cooper

REGRETS:

STAFF:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration
Tracy O’Kroneg, Acting-Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Alison Leverman, Director, Program
Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology
Jill McGillicuddy, Planner
Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration
Vicki Palmeto, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the agenda be amended to move 9.1, 9.2 and 10.1.1 after approval of the agenda.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Jakeman) that the amendment be amended to move 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 10.1.1 after approval of the agenda.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the amended agenda be approved.

(CARRIED)

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 9.1 Report #14-06-1477 - Site Selection Committee – Eastern District P-12 – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services, and Jill McGillicuddy, Planner

It was moved and second (Boutilier/Linders) that the Governing Board submit the following sites to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for review and final approval:

- 1) **Parcel of land including:
PID 00585455 Duncan MacMillan High School – 481 Church Point Rd., Sheet Harbour
PID 00585448 Sheet Harbour Consolidated Elementary – 479 Church Point Rd., Sheet Harbour
PID 00583989 property southeast of school properties – Church Point Rd., Sheet Harbour**
- 2) **PID 41183575 Highway #7 East of Sheet Harbour**
- 3) **PID 40220121 Highway # 7 in Sheet Harbour**

(CARRIED)

- 9.2 Report #14-06-1478 - Site Selection Committee Report – Halifax South Peninsula Elementary P-6 – Halifax South Peninsula Elementary – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services, and Jill McGillicuddy, Planner

It was moved and second (Littlefair/Daye) that the Governing Board submit the following sites to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for review and final approval:

- 1) PID 00143800 LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary School – 6141 Watt St., Halifax**
- 2) PID 00049569 Ecole Beaufort (Universite Sainte Anne) – 6166 Watt St., Halifax**

It was moved and second (Littlefair/Boutilier) that the Governing Board amend the motion as follows: that the Governing Board submit the following sites to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for review and final approval:

- 1. School Construction PID 00143800 (LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary School – 6141 Watt St., Halifax)**
- 2. School Construction PID 00049569 (Ecole Beaufort / Universite Sainte Anne – 6166 Watt St., Halifax) with accompany green space replacing the current LeMarchant-St Thomas Elementary School building.**

(CARRIED)

- 9.3 Report #14-05-1475 - Boundary Review Grosvenor-Wentworth Park & Park West Schools – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services, and Jill McGillicuddy, Planner

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Boutilier) that the Governing Board allow anyone who would like to speak on the Park West recommendation who have not spoken at the June 23 and 24 meetings have the opportunity to speak.

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Daye) that the Governing Board move beyond 10:00 pm.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Warburton) that the Governing Board approve a third round of debate for two minutes on the following motion.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/) that the Governing Board approve a third round of debate for five minutes on the following motion.

(FAIL)

It was moved and second (Boutilier/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the following recommendations to be effective September 2015:

- 1) Park West School**
 - Redirect grades 7-9 students from Park West School to Clayton Park Junior High.**

- Reconfigure Clayton Park Junior High feeder schools to be Duc d’Anville Elementary and Park West Schools.
- Reconfigure Fairview Junior High feeder system to be Grosvenor-Wentworth Park (*English Program), Rockingham (*English Program), Burton Ettinger and Fairview Heights Elementary schools.

(*French Immersion students already feed to Fairview Junior High.)

RECORDED VOTE			
DISTRICT	BOARD MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
1	Bridget Boutilier	X	
2	Nancy Jakeman	X	
3	Gin Yee	X	
4	Cindy Littlefair		X
5	Christy Linders		X
6	Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison		X
7	Steve Warburton		X
8	Dave Wright		X
African Nova Scotian	Melinda Daye	X	
Mi’kmaq	Kirk Arsenault		X

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and second (Jakeman/Warburton) that the Governing Board approve the following recommendations to be effective September 2015:

- 2) Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary
 - Redirect students from Larry Uteck Boulevard and Fernleigh subdivision to Bedford South School.
 - Redirect Early French Immersion students from Royal Hemlock subdivision to Rockingham Elementary. (Maintain English Program students from Royal Hemlock subdivision at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary.)
 - Grandfather those students currently enrolled in early French Immersion in the Larry Uteck Boulevard and Fernleigh Subdivision to continue at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary in the early Immersion Program.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/) that the Governing Board postpone the decision and refer to staff.

(FAIL)

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/) that the Governing Board defer the main motion and give direction to staff to advise Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary that they will be provided with relief and have staff look at other options if none identified the main motion carries.

(FAIL)

10.1 Audit Committee

10.1.1 Audit Committee - Report #14-06-1479 - Consolidated Financial Statements

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the designation of \$5,460,874 from the General Fund Accumulated Surplus as at March 31, 2014 as General Fund – Capital Amortization to offset future amortization charges for building capital improvements.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the designation of \$440,823 from the General Fund Accumulated Surplus as at March 31, 2014 as General Fund - Program Resources (Schools) to facilitate the on-going management of school instructional supplies and materials budget carry-forwards.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the designation of \$2,125,376 from the General Fund Accumulated Surplus as at March 31, 2014 as General Fund – Citadel Theatre Amortization to offset future amortization charges for this asset.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Governing Board accept and approve the consolidated financial statements of the Halifax Regional School Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014 as presented, with the amendment to Note 8(a) on the administration and responsibility for the NSTU pension plan.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) that the Governing accept and approve the audited Annual Report of Salaries and Expenses for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014.

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

Board Member Kirk Arsenault and Peggy Wentzell performed in honour of National Aboriginal Day.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Gin Yee, Chair, tabled the Chair's report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent, tabled the Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

6. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

May 28, 2014 (Regular Board)

June 4, 2014 (Special Board)

It was moved and seconded (Day/Jakeman) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the May 28, 2014, Regular Board and June 4, 2014 Special meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Chair Steve Warburton provided an update from the June 11, 2014 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.3 Nova Scotia School Board Association - Board Member Melinda Daye, NSSBA Director

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Board Member Melinda Daye provided the following notice of motion:

In terms of the African Nova Scotian data we received. The data has proven what the community has asserted for a number of years. I commend HRSB in that we are

the only Board and staff in this province who have ventured hard, pressed hard and got the data. I ask the question now and put it in terms of a motion:

That we ask the staff what have we done thus far in the past what we're doing that got the results that we were doing. Where do we go from here? What are some of the things that staff are about to put in place and present to Governing Board in the immediate future in the fall 2014. I'd like to ask what are the immediate plans to rectify the problematic concern and the recent data? I ask that Senior Staff would dialogue and discuss with staff who because of their positions and work involved have much to offer in terms of getting answers how best to proceed considering teachers in the schools who want to commit valued time, and that time I'm looking at teachers who would commit 5 to 10 years structure, safety and security of students. Students need structure and continuity. I'm asking for a report from staff in the fall.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Special Meeting – June 4, 2014
Board Meeting – June 25, 2014

14. IN-CAMERA

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Wright) to move in-camera.

(CARRIED)

14.1 Superintendent Appraisal RFP

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Daye) to move out of in-camera.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) to approve the motions made in-camera.

(CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Daye) that the meeting be adjourned.
(CARRIED)

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.

Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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Assistant to the Corporate Secretary