



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 27, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Bridget Ann Boutilier
Melinda Daye
Gin Yee
Dave Wright
Steve Warburton

Nancy Jakeman
Cindy Littlefair
Christy Linders
Kirk Arsenault

Chris Abraham, Student Advisor
Tristan Maxwell, Student Advisor
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

REGRETS:

Alan Lowe, Senior Advisor, School Board Relations
Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison

STAFF:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Mike Christie, Director, Human Resource Services
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration
Alison Leverman, Director, Program
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology
Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration
Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
Kelly Connors, Communication Officer
Sandra Thomas, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Vicki Palmetter, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer, and Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary, acted as scrutineers.

By open nomination, the Superintendent received two nominations for the position of Chair: Gin Yee and Dave Wright

Gin Yee and Dave Wright accepted the nominations.

Gin Yee was elected Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

By open nomination, the Chair received four nominations for the position of Vice-Chair: Dave Wright, Melinda Daye, Christy Linders and Steve Warburton.

Dave Wright, Melinda Daye, Christy Linders and Steve Warburton accepted the nominations.

Dave Wright was elected Vice-Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Daye) that the scrutineers destroy the ballots.
(CARRIED)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Boutilier) that the agenda be amended to add Trudy Needler under Public Presentations as item 6.1.
(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Boutilier) that amended agenda be approved.
(CARRIED)

5. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Presentation in Honour of Transgender Awareness Month – Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management

Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management presented on Transgender Awareness month.

6. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Trudy Needler- New School Request

Trudy Needler presented to the Governing Board.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

October 23, 2013 (Regular Board)

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the October 23, 2013, Regular Board meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

Due to Board elections the Chair's report will be presented at the December regular board meeting.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION

11.3 Report #13-11-1441 - Boundary Review: Grosvenor Wentworth Park (including Bedford South and Rockingham), Park West (including Fairview Junior High and Clayton Park Junior High) – Ron Heiman, Director, Operation Services

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Wright) that the Governing Board amend the motion to include Fairview Heights Elementary, Burton Ettinger Elementary and Duc d'Anville Elementary Schools in the boundary review.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Daye) that the Governing Board direct staff to complete a boundary review of Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School, and Park West School including Clayton Park Junior High, Fairview Junior High, Rockingham Elementary, Halifax West High, Bedford South Elementary, Rocky Lake Junior High, Charles P. Allen High, Fairview Heights elementary, Burton Ettinger Elementary, and Duc d’Anville Elementary Schools.

(CARRIED)

11.1 Motion from Board Chair Gin Yee:

By-law Revisions

- Revisions to the index page
- Revisions to Appendix A - Agenda
- Addition of Appendix D – Terms of Reference – Policy Development and Review Committee

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Arsenault) that the Governing Board approve the below revisions to the By-Laws:

- **Revisions to the index page**
- **Revisions to Appendix A - Agenda**
- **Addition of Appendix D – Terms of Reference – Policy Development and Review Committee**

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Daye) that the Governing Board amend the Appendix A - Agenda to move the Chair’s Report and the Superintendent’s Report prior to the public presentations.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Arsenault) that the Governing Board approve the below revisions to the By-Laws with the amendments to Appendix A - Agenda:

- **Revisions to the index page**
- **Revisions to Appendix A - Agenda**
- **Addition of Appendix D – Terms of Reference – Policy Development and Review Committee**

(CARRIED)

11.2 Motion from Vice-Chair Steve Warburton:

It was moved that the Governing Board move its regular board meeting to the communities we serve, in high schools and/or community centres and to include the necessary by-law revisions to make this effective.

It was moved and seconded (Warburton/Littlefair) that the Governing Board amend the motion to hold its regular board meeting at a school or community centre, only by motion of the Governing Board at a prior regular board meeting indicating the location and to include the necessary by-law revisions to make this effective.

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and seconded (Warburton/Littlefair) that the Governing Board move its regular board meeting to the communities we serve, in high schools and/or community centres and to include the necessary by-law revisions to make this effective.

(DEFEATED)

11.4 Motion from Board Chair Gin Yee:

I move that the Governing Board change the date of the December Regular Board Meeting to December 18, 2013.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/ Boutilier) that the Governing Board change the date of the December Regular Board Meeting to December 18, 2013.

(CARRIED)

11.5 Motion from Board Chair Gin Yee:

I move that the Governing Board change the date of the December Policy Development and Review Committee meeting from December 11, 2013 to December 4, 2013.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/ Linders) that the Governing Board change the date of the December Policy Development and Review Committee meeting from December 11, 2013 to December 4, 2013.

(CARRIED)

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Audit Committee

12.1.1 Audit Committee Election

It was moved and seconded (Daye/Littlefair) that the Board elect Board Members Christy Linders, Dave Wright, and Nancy Jakeman as members to the Audit Committee.

(CARRIED)

12.1.1 Report #13-10-1440 - September 30, 2013 – Quarterly Business Plan and Financial Update

Vice-Chair Dave Wright presented the Report #13-10-1440 - September 30, 2013 – Quarterly Business Plan and Financial Update

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) to move beyond 10:00 pm.

(CARRIED)

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

Board Member Daye indicated the next meeting will be held December 5th and 6th.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Report #13-10-1439 - Millwood Sackville Boundary Review Maps 6 & 7 Bus Report –Ron Heiman, Director, Operation Services

Motion from Board Member Dave Wright:

I move that staff prepare a report in response to the transportation recommendations by the Sackville High and Millwood High Boundary Review proposal (document #13-03-1397) referred to on Page 5 – Map Exchange 6 and Map Exchange 7 by the November Regular Board meeting

Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Technology, presented Report #13-10-1439 - Millwood Sackville Boundary Review Maps 6 & 7 Bus Report

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Board Meeting – December 18, 2013

16. IN-CAMERA

17. ADJOURNMENT

**It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the meeting be adjourned.
(CARRIED)**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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Assistant to the Corporate Secretary