



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
May 28, 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

REGRETS:

Tristan Maxwell, Student Advisor

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 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Elizabeth Sutherland Junior High School, Eva Rudderham, Guidance Counselor, Kim Wilson, Principal and students from Gay-Straight Alliance on their Day of Silence – Kendra Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools

Students Alex Sack-Redden, Maxwell Warren, Jasmine Lethbridge, Miranda Morine, Samantha Julian and Meghan Rogers with the Gay-Straight Alliance presented on their Day of Silence.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

6. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

- Janet Lee presented in regards to the boundary review process.
- Mary Jane MacKinnon presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Rob Levings presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion and the boundary review process.
- Andrea Coish presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Marsha Kohler's letter was read by Peter Hamilton in regards to the boundary review process.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

April 23, 2014 (Regular Board)

May 7, 2014 (Special Board)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Warburton) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the April 23, 2014, Regular Board and May 7, 2014 Special meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison provided the Chair with two letters of correspondence to be shared with the Governing Board.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion:

That due to the "Fowler report" and a lot of its concerns and recommendations; I am moving the motion that the boundary review be halted or deferred until a new policy can be updated and approved as is the decision to develop a new policy for a school review.

It was moved and second (Blumenthal-Harrison/Linders) that the Governing Board allow the following additional public presentation: Jeff Rogers, Kelly Greenwood, May ElSherif, Sarah Flynn, Rachel Boomer, and Mamun Chowdhury.

(CARRIED)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

- Jeff Rogers presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Kelly Greenwood presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- May ElSherif presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Sarah Flynn presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Rachel Boomer presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.
- Mamun Chowdhury presented in regards to Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion.

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Arsenault) that the Governing Board amend the motion to halt or defer the boundary review until a new policy can be updated and approved as is the decision to develop a new policy for a school review.

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)

9.2 Board Chair Gin Yee's motion:

5.01 Meetings

- (c) The Board package, including a draft agenda and staff reports, shall be distributed the **Friday** prior to the board meeting. Staff reports shall follow the format contained in Appendix B.

Board Member Kirk Arsenault left the meeting at 9:20 pm.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board amend the By-laws as follows:

5.01 Meetings

- (d) The Board package, including a draft agenda will be distributed the Wednesday and staff reports shall be distributed the **Friday** prior to the board meeting. Staff reports shall follow the format contained in Appendix B.**

(CARRIED)

9.3 Vice-Chair Dave Wright's motion:

I move that Appendix A: Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Template be revised to include the date of the next meetings of the Audit Committee and Policy Development and Review Committee under section 13.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) that the Governing Board revised the Appendix A: Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Template be revised to include the date of the next meetings of the Audit Committee and Policy Development and Review Committee under section 13 and include the date of any scheduled Special Board meetings occurring before the next regular board meeting.

(CARRIED)

9.4 Report #14-04-1466 - French Special Projects – Alison Leverman, Director, Program

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Wright) that the Governing Board approve the proposal of French Special Project Application 2014-2015 for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

(CARRIED)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

Board Member Christy Linders indicated that the Audit Committee's next meeting will be held on June 25, 2014.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Steve Warburton provided an update from the May 14, 2014 Committee meeting.

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

Board Member Melinda Daye provided an update on recent meetings and information regarding the Nova Scotia School Boards Association.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

1.1 Report #14-05-1467 – Focus on Learning: Early Literacy Support – Alison Leverman, Director, Program

Alison Leverman, Director, Program, presented the report and answered questions from the Governing Board.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Wright) that the Board move beyond 10 pm.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Sheryl-Blumenthal-Harrison left the meeting at 10:05 pm.

11.2 Report #14-05-1470 – Focus on Learning: Grade 3 & 6 Literacy Report – Alison Leverman, Director, Program

Alison Leverman, Director, Program, presented the report and answered questions from the Governing Board.

11.3 Report #14-05-1468 - Occupational Health & Safety – Quarterly Update – Q1 2014 January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014- Tracy O’Kroneg, Acting Director, Human Resource Services, and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety

Tracy O’Kroneg, Acting Director, Human Resource Services, and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety presented the report and answered questions.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

14. IN-CAMERA

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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