



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2015  
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
Bridget Ann Boutilier	Kirk Arsenault

Meriel Fitzgerald, Student Advisor  
Hannah Waye, Student Advisor  
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF:**

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent  
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor  
Leah Kutcher, Acting Corporate Secretary  
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services  
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications  
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration  
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services  
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services  
Alison King, Director, Program  
Jill McGillicuddy, Planner, Operations Services  
Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration  
Andy MacNeil, Supervisor, School Administration  
Frank Hayden, Supervisor, School Administration  
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology  
Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Arsenault) that the Governing Board amend the agenda to remove item 6.1 (Presentations regarding Nelson Whynder Elementary School); to defer item 14.1 (Board Self-Assessment) to the next Regular Board Meeting; and to move item 9.2 to follow item 3 on the agenda.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Boutilier) that the Board approve the agenda as amended.

(CARRIED)

**3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Anti-Bullying Day Presentation by Students from William King Elementary School and Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools**

Students from William King Elementary School and Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools made a presentation on Anti-Bullying Day.

**3.2 Education Week Award Recipient Presentation**

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent presented the recipients with the Education Week Awards.

**9. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**9.2 It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Linders) that due to the following facts:**

- That the long range plan does not demonstrate a need for a new high school in Eastern Passage;
- That other schools currently require capital investment for significant infrastructure repairs;
- That other catchment areas have a greater need for new schools; and
- That this current Board has not directly requested a new school be built in Eastern Passage

The Halifax Regional School Board send a letter to the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting that the decision to build a new high school in Eastern Passage be rescinded.

RECORDED VOTE				
DISTRICT	BOARD MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
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)

Hannah Waye left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Melinda Daye, 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 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no public presentations.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

March 25, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting)  
 April 22, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting)  
 May 6, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)

May 27, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the March 25, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting), April 22, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting), May 6, 2015 (Special Board Meeting) and May 27, 2015 (Special Board Meeting) meetings be approved.**

**(CARRIED)**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Letter dated May 7, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding Capital Repairs**
- 8.2 Letter dated May 13, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding Section 73 of the Education Act (confirmation of Board Funding 2015-2016)**
- 8.3 Letter dated May 21, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding amendments to the Education Act**
- 8.4 Letter dated May 21, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding the Capital Plan for the 2015-2016 fiscal year**
- 8.5 Letter dated May 25, 2015 from the Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant regarding the Lieutenant Governor's Education Award Ceremony**

## **9. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**It was moved and seconded (Daye/Yee) that the Halifax Regional School Board award each of the 2014-15 Student Advisors a \$1,000 bursary to be used for post-secondary education.**

**(CARRIED)**

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **10.1 Audit Committee**

**Board Member Nancy Jakeman provided information on the upcoming Audit Committee meeting.**

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

**Board Member Cindy Littlefair provided an update from the May 13, 2015 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.**

10.2.1 F.006 Fire Safety Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) that the Governing Board approve the Fire Safety Policy as amended.**

**(CARRIED)**

10.2.2 A.008 Respectful Workplace (Harassment) Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Wright) that the Governing Board approve the Respectful Workplace (Harassment) Policy.**

**(CARRIED)**

10.2.3 B.005 Head Lice Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Head Lice Policy as amended.**

**(CARRIED)**

10.2.4 B.013 Regional Code of Conduct Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) that the Governing Board rescind the Regional Code of Conduct Policy as of August 31, 2015.**

**(CARRIED)**

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

**Board Member Dave Wright provided an update on the Nova Scotia School Boards Association.**

**Kirk Aresnault left the meeting at 9:59 p.m.**

**It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Wright) to move past 10:00 p.m.**

**(CARRIED)**

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 11.1 Report #2015-05-17 – Occupational Health & Safety Quarterly Update January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 – Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety**

**John Swales presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions and concerns.**

- 11.2 Report #2015-05-19 – Focus on Learning: Elementary Provincial Assessment Results for Math and Literacy - Alison King, Director, Program**

**Alison King presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions and concerns.**

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

- 12.1 Bylaw Amendments**

- 12.2 Board Member Steve Warburton provided the following Notice of Motion:**

**Respecting that the Superintendent is responsible for the day to day management of the school board, I move that due to the importance of quality teachers in our education system, the Board request a report from the Superintendent asking whether the current hiring policies (Recruitment, Identification and Selection of Principals and Vice Principals (D.003) and Recruitment and Hiring of Staff (D.004)) and the provisions on hiring in the applicable Collective Agreement(s) support Goal 2 of the Board's strategic plan "to maximize exemplary teaching practices to support high quality instruction".**

- 12.3 Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison provided the following Notice of Motion:**

**I move that the Halifax Regional School Board send a letter to the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting that the Board receive the provincial assessment results in-camera, at the Regular Board Meeting immediately following the date on which the results are received by Halifax Regional School Board staff.**

## **13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Audit Committee Meeting – June 17, 2015**

**Policy Development and Review Committee Meeting – June 10, 2015**

Regular Board Meeting – June 24, 2015

**14. IN-CAMERA**

**There were no in-camera Items.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Wright) that the meeting be adjourned.**

**(CARRIED)**

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.**

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Melinda Daye  
Chair  
Halifax Regional School Board

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Leah Kutcher  
Acting Corporate Secretary

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Acting Assistant to the Corporate Secretary