



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 28, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer  
Hannah Waye, Student Advisor

**REGRETS:** Gin Yee  
Meriel Fitzgerald, Student Advisor  
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary

**STAFF:** Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent  
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor  
Maillet, Charelle, Coordinator, Human Resource Services  
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  
Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration  
Alison King, Director, Program  
Trevor Baker, Coordinator, Information Technology  
Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Board approve the agenda.**

**(CARRIED)**

**3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 Presentation celebrating African Heritage Month – Allysa Flint, Spoken Word Artist, Prince Andrew High School Student

**Allysa Flint, Spoken Word Artist, Prince Andrew High School Student, gave a presentation celebrating African Heritage Month.**

**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**

6.1 Active Transportation - Ecology Action Centre – Janet Barlow, Active Transportation Coordinator

**Janet Barlow, Active Transportation Coordinator gave a presentation on Active Transportation.**

6.2 Black Educator's Association's Report on Work with Black Students in Connecting Vernacular Language to Standard English – Jacqueline Smith-Herriott, Acting Executive Director, Black Educators Association

**Jacqueline Smith-Herriott, Acting Executive Director, Black Educators Association, gave a presentation about the REP Provincial Spelling Bee.**

6.3 School Trips Policy Presentation – Earl Leslie, Volunteer Representative, Halifax Boys' Honour Choir

**Earl Leslie, Volunteer Representative, Halifax Boys' Honour Choir, gave a presentation on the School Trips Policy.**

6.4 School Trips Policy Presentation – Peter Moorhouse, Parent

**Peter Moorhouse, Parent, gave a presentation on the School Trips Policy.**

**It was moved and seconded (Linders/Blumenthal-Harrison) that staff prepare a report for the next Policy Development and Review Committee meeting detailing what the procedure is, in practice, for applying for permission for any trip inside of the All City Music Program, including: who asks for permission, who do they ask for permission, what timeline is used, what method is used to ask for permission, and if a rationale is given for approval or denial. The report should detail how those decisions were made this year and for the last five years. In addition, the report should give details on what changes were made to the School Trips Policy in 2010.**

**(CARRIED)**

**It was moved and seconded (Linders/ Blumenthal-Harrison) that notice be waived for the motion.**

**(CARRIED)**

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

**It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the November 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be approved.**

**(CARRIED)**

**Kirk Arsenault left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**It was moved and seconded (Wright/Jakeman) that the Chair of the HRSB request a written response from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development updating the Board on the status of the site selections for the approved Dartmouth P-9 and Eastern Passage High Schools.**

**(CARRIED)**

**It was moved and seconded (Wright/Jakeman) that notice be waived for the motion.**

**(CARRIED)**

**Hannah Waye left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

## 9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

**There were no items for decision.**

## 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 10.1 Audit Committee

**Board Member Christy Linders provided details regarding the upcoming Audit Committee meeting.**

### 10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

**Board Member Cindy Littlefair provided details from the January 14, 2015 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.**

#### 10.2.1 Report #2015-01-04 - Student Advisors Policy – Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Student Advisors Policy and the Procedures be accepted for information.**

**(CARRIED)**

### 10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

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

## 11. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 11.1 Report #2015-01-02 - Focus on Learning: SchoolsPlus – Dr. Marlene Ruck-Simmons, SchoolsPlus Coordinator and Alison King, Director, Program

**Dr. Marlene Ruck-Simmons, SchoolsPlus Coordinator, presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.**

### 11.2 Report #2015-01-03 - High School Course Analysis 2014-15 – Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration

**Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration, presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.**

### 11.3 Report #2015-01-01 - African Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Education/ Mi'kmaq Teachers Task Force Report – Tracy O'Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services

**Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services, presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions.**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**There were no notices of motion.**

**13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Policy Development and Review Committee – February 11, 2015

Audit Committee Meeting – February 18, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – February 25, 2015

**14. IN-CAMERA**

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Melinda Daye  
Chair  
Halifax Regional School Board

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Charelle Maillet  
Acting Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Laura Conrod  
Assistant to the Corporate Secretary