



**Halifax Regional
School Board**

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 26, 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
Bridget Ann Boutilier	Kirk Arsenault

Meriel Fitzgerald, Student Advisor
Hannah Waye, Student Advisor

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, Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Alison King, Director, Program
Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology
Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration
Wendy Mackey, Supervisor, School Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Kiarten Amos, Counsel from McInnes Cooper, and Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary, acted as scrutineers.

By open nomination, the Superintendent received three nominations for the position of Chair: Gin Yee, Dave Wright, and Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison.

Gin Yee, Dave Wright, and Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison accepted the nominations.

Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's name was dropped from the election according to HRSB bylaw 4.01(e).

The voting resulted in a tie. The Governor in Council will appoint the Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

It was moved and seconded (Daye/Yee) to elect Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison as the interim Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

(CARRIED)

Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison was elected interim Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board.

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the ballots be destroyed.

(CARRIED)

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The election of Vice-Chair is deferred until a Chair is appointed by the Governor in Council.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that ballots be destroyed.

(CARRIED)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the agenda be amended to move item 13.1, Report #14-10-1491 Improving the Achievement Results of African Nova Scotian Learners, to item 4.1.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Warburton) that the Board approve the agenda as amended.

(CARRIED)

4.1 13.1 Report #14-10-1491 Improving the Achievement Results of African Nova Scotian Learners – Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions and concerns.

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Yee) that staff prepare a report on which schools offer Mi'kmaw and Aboriginal studies and which do not.

(CARRIED)

5. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Caring School Communities – Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools and Andy MacNeil, Supervisor, School Administration

Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools and Andy MacNeil, Supervisor, School Administration presented to the Governing Board and responded to their questions and concerns.

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

Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management presented to the Governing Board.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report. [A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.](#)

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting be approved.

(CARRIED)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Letter dated October 16, 2014 from Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development re: Sites for the New Halifax South Peninsula P-6 school

A letter from Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development was shared with the Governing Board.

10.2 Letter dated November 7, 2014 from Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development re: Amendments to the *Education Act* respecting school review (Bill 63)

A letter from Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development was shared with the Governing Board.

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION

There were no items for decision.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Audit Committee

12.1.1 Election of Audit Committee Members

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

(CARRIED)

Board Member Christy Linders provided an update from the November 19, 2014 Audit Committee meeting and Terri Thompson responded to the Governing Board's questions and concerns.

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Arsenault) to accept the Audit report for information.

(CARRIED)

12.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Steve Warburton provided an update from the November 12, 2014 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

12.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Member Melinda Daye provided an update from the November 21 and 22 2014 Nova Scotia School Boards Association meetings.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Report #14-11-1489 - Occupational Health & Safety Quarterly Update – Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health and Safety

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

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Warburton) to accept the report for information.

(CARRIED)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Yee) to defer the December 24, 2014 regular board meeting to January 28, 2015.

(CARRIED)

Policy Development and Review Committee Meeting – December 10, 2014

Regular Board Meeting – January 28, 2014

Audit Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 18, 2015

16. IN-CAMERA

16.1 Contract Extension

16.2 Contract Approval

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

(CARRIED)

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

(CARRIED)

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

(CARRIED)

17. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Warburton/Linders) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison
Interim Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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