



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 23, 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  
Melinda Daye  
Cindy Littlefair  
Christy Linders  
Bridget Ann Boutilier  
Steve Warburton  
Nancy Jakeman  
Dave Wright  
Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison  
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

**REGRETS:**

Micci Davy, Student Advisor  
Shaye MacEachern, Student Advisor

**STAFF:**

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent  
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor  
Leah Kutcher, Acting Corporate Secretary  
Natascha Joncas, Senior Staff Member  
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services  
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications  
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration  
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services  
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services  
Alison King, Director, Program  
Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor  
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology  
Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the agenda. The Governing Board welcomed the two new Student Advisors, Micci Davy and Shaye MacEachern, and thanks Kirk Arsenault for his contributions to the Halifax Regional School Board.**

**(CARRIED)**

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

**It was moved and seconded (Linders/Blumenthal Harrison) that the Board Chair send a letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development asking her to make the appointment of a new Mi'kmaw representative to the currently vacant position on the Halifax Regional School Board a high priority item since we value the input from that community in our decision making and we want to ensure that they have a representative so that their voices can be heard.**

**(CARRIED)**

## **3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Superintendent's Awards of Excellence – Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent and Tracy O'Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services**

**Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent and Tracy O'Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services presented the Superintendent's Awards of Excellence.**

**3.2 Safe Schools – Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools, and Jasmine Metzler and Allison Dyer – Grade 8 Students from Sackville Heights Junior High School**

**Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools, and Jasmine Metzler and Allison Dyer, Grade 8 Students from Sackville Heights Junior High School presented their music video "Same Love" which they made in support of Safe Schools.**

## **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**

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) to defer approving the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the July 7, 2015 (Special Board Meeting).

(CARRIED)

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 Letter received June 24, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the Teachers Provincial Agreement

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

8.2 Letter received July 31, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the HRSB Bylaws

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

8.3 Letter received August 13, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the collective bargaining process

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

8.4 Letter received September 8, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the Provincial Homework Policy

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

## 9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

There were no Items for Decision.

## 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 September 16, 2015 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.**

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Wright) that the Governing Board rescind D.009 Diversity Management Policy.**

**(CARRIED)**

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) that the Governing Board rescind C.005 Learning Resources Policy. Learning Resources Guidelines have been created to appropriately address this issue.**

**(CARRIED)**

### 10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

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

## 11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Report #2015-09-33 – Focus on Learning: Early Years – Alison King, Director, Program, Leanne March, Principal at Rockingstone Heights School, and Renee Forbes, Lead, Early Childhood Educator for the Early Years

**Leanne March, Principal at Rockingstone Heights School, and Renee Forbes, Lead, Early Childhood Educator for the Early Years presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.**

11.2 Report #2015-06-25 – Diversity Management Report – Tracy O'Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and Wendy MacKey, Senior Diversity Advisor

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

- 11.3 Report #2015-09-28 – Occupational Health & Safety - Quarterly Update, Q2 2015, April 1 to June 30, 2015– Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety

**Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions.**

- 11.4 Report #2015-09-30 – Charles P. Allen High School/Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Center Joint Use Agreement – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

**Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions.**

- 11.5 Report #2015-09-31 – Cole Harbour District High School Gymnasium Joint Use Agreement – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

**Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services presented the report and responded to the Governing Board’s questions.**

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

Policy Development and Review Committee – October 21, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – October 28, 2015

## **14. IN-CAMERA**

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) to move in-camera.**

**(CARRIED)**

14.1 Summer Signing Report

14.2 Disclosure of Wrongdoing Annual Report

14.3 Electoral Boundary Reviews

14.4 Board Self-Assessment

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) to approve the motions made in-camera.  
(CARRIED)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 10:14 pm.

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Melinda Daye  
Chair  
Halifax Regional School Board

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Leah Kutcher  
Acting Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Laura Conrod  
Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

APPROVED