



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 22, 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

Meriel Fitzgerald, Student Advisor
Hannah Waye, Student Advisor

REGRETS: Kirk Arsenault

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
 Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
 Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
 Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
 Tracy O’Kroneg, Acting-Director, Human Resource Services
 Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
 Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
 Trevor Baker, Coordinator, Information Technology
 Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary
 Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
 Heather Syms, Coordinator, Education Quality & Accountability
 Susan Tomie, Coordinator, School Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in respect for the passing of Walter Fitzgerald, former Mayor and Halifax Regional School Board School Principal, and for fallen soldier Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, and all those affected by the recent tragic events in Ottawa.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An In-Camera Item was added to the agenda: Superintendents' "Compensation Grid" and "Pay for Performance Guide Chart – Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

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

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Mi'kmaq History Month – Wyatt White, Director, Mi'kmaq Services Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Wyatt White, Director, Mi'kmaq Services Division, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development gave a presentation in recognition of Mi'kmaq History Month and answered questions from Board members.

3.2 Alternative High School Presentation – Margie Hopkins, Principal and Rona Chisholm-Cleary and Mike Page, Vice-Principals, Bedford and Forsyth Education Centres

Margie Hopkins, Principal and Rona Chisholm-Cleary and Mike Page, Vice-Principals, Bedford and Forsyth Education Centres gave a presentation on their work with Alternative High Schools and answered questions from Board members.

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 ANNUAL REPORT

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

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Daye) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

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

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Steve Warburton provided an update from the October 8, 2014 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Member Melinda Daye provided an update on the September Nova Scotia School Boards Association meeting and information regarding the Nova Scotia School Boards Association. Board Member Daye also led a discussion on the proposed increase in Nova Scotia School Boards Association dues.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Report # 14-10-1490 - Focus on Learning: English as an Additional Language – Alison King, Director, Program and Sonja Grcic-Stuart, Consultant, EAL

Board member Nancy Jakeman left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Policy Development and Review Committee Meeting – November 12, 2014

Audit Committee Meeting – November 19, 2014

Regular Board Meeting – November 26, 2014

14. IN-CAMERA

14.1 Superintendents’ “Compensation Grid” and “Pay for Performance Guide Chart –
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

(CARRIED)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Laura Conrod
Assistant to the Corporate Secretary