



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
April 27, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT:

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| Steve Warburton | Nancy Jakeman |
| Bridget Ann Boutilier | Cindy Littlefair |
| Dave Wright | Christy Linders |
| Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison | Gin Yee |
| Pamela Glode-Desrochers | |

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
Micci Davy, Student Advisor
Shaye MacEachern, Student Advisor

REGRETS:

Melinda Daye
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor

STAFF:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Alison King, Director, Program
Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration
Pamela Nicholson-Comeau, Coordinator, School Administration
Matt Smeltzer, Wireless & Infrastructure Specialist
Martine Adriaensen, Facilitator, International Services
Athena Leclair, Administrative Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary provided an update to the agenda. Item 3.1 was updated as Toki Tenaka will not be in attendance and instead Andres Diaz Sabogal will present. The Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2016 were added as item 7.1 and the Regular Board Meeting In-Camera Minutes were added as item 14.1. Item 13.1 was updated to add a Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

Board Member Yee requested that item 11.1 Report #2016-04-15 - Focus on Learning: Provincial Assessments for Grades 3, 4 and 6 be moved to after item 3.

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

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 International Services - Martine Adriaensen - NSISP Student Ambassadors Program Armaan Dhillon & Andres Diaz Sabogal - Zoe Wolfe & Roberta Pozzetti.

Presentation of Welcoming Schools plaques - Citadel High School, Dartmouth High School, Auburn Drive High School and Madeline Symonds Middle School.

Martine Adriaensen, Facilitator, International Services presented and responded to the Governing Board's questions.

11.1 Report #2016-04-15 - Focus on Learning: Provincial Assessments for Grades 3, 4 and 6, Alison King, Director, Program.

Alison King, Director, Program presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

This item was tabled as Chair Melinda Daye was absent. [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 (Yee/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the March 30, 2016 Regular Board Meetings be approved as amended.
(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter dated March 31, 2016 to Mr. Joe MacEachern, Executive Director, Finance and Facilities Management, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with regards to the Halifax Regional School Board's submission of the list of capital construction requests for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.2 Letter dated March 31, 2016 to the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with regards to the status of the site selection decision for the Eastern District P-12 school.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.3 Letter received on April 4, 2016 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with regards to March 24, 2016 meeting.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.4 Letter received on April 12, 2016 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with regards to the site selection for the Eastern District P-12 school.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Bylaw Amendments – Section 5 to 7

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5 and 5.1 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Warburton) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5.2 after replacing *Superintendent* with *Chair*.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5.2 after striking *will be followed*.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5.2 as amended.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5.3 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5.4 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 6 and 6.1 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 6.2 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 6.2 part C to state *Thursday*.

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 6.3 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 6.4 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.0 and 7.1 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.2 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.3 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Glode-Desrochers) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7 as presented.

(WITHDRAWN)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Governing Board defer the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.5, 7.6 until the June Regular Board Meeting.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.7 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.9 as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the removal of the old Section 7.9 in the Bylaw Amendments – Section 5-7.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Warburton) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 7.10 as presented.

(CARRIED)

9.2 Board Member Gin Yee provided the following notice of motion:

I move that the Governing Board request the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to teacher and principal evaluation for the 2015-2016 school year as per Recommendation 2.8 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

I also move that the Governing Board request the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to School Progress with Annual Improvement Goals for the school year 2015-2016 as per Recommendation 2.7 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

I also move that the Governing Board request the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to

Emergency Drills for the 2015-2016 school year as per Recommendation 3.7 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to teacher and principal evaluation for the 2015-2016 school year as per Recommendation 2.8 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

And that the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to School Progress with Annual Improvement Goals for the school year 2015-2016 as per Recommendation 2.7 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

And that the Superintendent provide an information report at the September 2016 Regular Board Meeting, with regards to Emergency Drills for the 2015-2016 school year as per Recommendation 3.7 of the Auditor General 2015 report.

(CARRIED)

The Chair called a 15 minute recess.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

Board Member Nancy Jakeman provided an update from the April 13, 2016 Audit Committee meeting.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Christy Linders provided an update from the April 13, 2016 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.2.1 D.004 Recruitment and Hiring of Staff Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the *D.004 Recruitment and Hiring of Staff Policy* as presented.

(CARRIED)

10.2.2 F.009 Site Selection Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the *F.009 Site Selection Policy* as presented.

(CARRIED)

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Vice-Chair Dave Wright provided an update on the Nova Scotia School Boards Association.

10.4 Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Board Member Cindy Littlefair provided an update from the Ad Hoc Governance Committee.

10.5 Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

Board Member Gin Yee provided an update from the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 11.1 was moved after item 3.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 Bylaw Amendments – Section 8

Bylaw Amendments were provided and will be voted on at the May 25, 2016 meeting.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting – May 4, 2016 – 7:15 p.m.

Policy Development and Review Committee – May 11, 2016

Regular Board Meeting – May 25, 2016

Audit Committee Meeting – June 15, 2016

Student Advisors left at this time.

14. IN-CAMERA

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

(CARRIED)

14.1 March 30, 2016 In-Camera Minutes

- 14.2 Network Security Contract
- 14.3 Board Chair Melinda Daye excused absence
- 14.4 Superintendent Evaluation – Discussion

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Littlefair) to move out of in-camera. (CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the minutes/business arising from the March 30, 2016 In-Camera session be approved as amended.

And to accept Board Chair Melinda Daye’s excused absence for the April 27, 2016 meeting.

And that, through the office of the Superintendent, the Corporate Secretary prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) and distribute it to the Human Resources firms on the Provincial Standing Offer list to request a proposal to complete the annual performance appraisal of the Superintendent of the Halifax Regional School Board. (CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 9:11 p.m.

Dave Wright
Vice-Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Natascha Joncas
Acting Corporate Secretary

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Administrative Assistant to the Corporate
Secretary