



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
December 16, 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
Shaye MacEachern, Student Advisor
John MacPherson, Legal Counsel McInnes Cooper

REGRETS:

Micci Davy, Student Advisor

STAFF:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor
Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary
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
Pam Nicholson-Comeau, Coordinator, School Administration
Matt Smeltzer, Wireless & Infrastructure Specialist
Vicki Palmeter, Executive Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Member Gin Yee arrived at 6:26 pm.

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Halifax Boy's Honour Choir

The Halifax Boy's Honour Choir performed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary, provided an updated agenda of approved presenters as items 6.2 to 6.15.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) to amend the agenda to have item 11.2 placed before item 9.5 and to add a new letter from the Honourable Minister Casey as item 8.3.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Blumenthal-Harrison asked that the following motion be added to the agenda prior to item 9.3.

I move to defer Report #2015-10-43 - Recommendation to Review - Citadel High School Family of Schools until such time as the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development responds to the HRSB capital construction priorities request in specific to deferred maintenance and repair. I also move that a building review be done for each school in the Citadel High School family in order to identify what work has to be done in each school.

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

(CARRIED)

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Melinda Daye, Chair, tabled the Chair's report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent, tabled the Superintendent's Report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 D'Arcy Morris-Poulney - **presented**
- 6.2 Shannon Parsons - **presented**
- 6.3 Rebecca Decoste – **presented and handed HRSB with a petition to replace J.L. Ilsley High School**
- 6.4 Blair Shelton - **presented**
- 6.5 Arlene White - **presented**
- 6.6 Dorota Forfa - **presented**
- 6.7 Suzy Hansen – **presented**
- 6.8 Shannon Hansen - **presented**
- 6.9. Mike Zoretha - **presented**
- 6.10 Lydia Burke - **presented**
- 6.11 Kendra Sneddon Gannon - **presented**
- 6.12 Trina Marnitz - **presented**
- 6.13 Pastor Morton Simmons – **a letter was read by Miranda Khane**
- 6.14 Douglas MacDonald - **presented**
- 6.15 Kim Robertson - **presented**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the November 10, 2015, Special Board and the November 25, 2015, Regular Board meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Letter received on November 17, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding Skilled Trade Centre for Sir John A. Macdonald High School

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

- 8.2 Letter dated November 26, 2015 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 dated December 14, 2015, from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the Capital Plan.

The letter was read to the Governing Board by the Board chair. Superintendent Leroux responded to Board members questions.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Report #2015-10-42 - Recommendation to Review – Schools in Eastern Passage, Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board direct staff to initiate a review of the following schools:

- **Eastern Passage Education Centre**
- **Ocean View Elementary**
- **Seaside Elementary**
- **Tallahassee Community School**

That the Governing Board direct the Superintendent to establish a School Options Committee to complete the review following the provincial School Review Policy.

That the Governing Board approve the Terms of Reference for this review as being those included in Appendix A.

(CARRIED)

9.2 Report #2015-10-41 - Recommendation to Review - Cole Harbour District High School Family of Schools, Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Yee) that the Governing Board direct staff to initiate a review of the following schools within the Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools:

- **Cole Harbour District High**
- **Ross Road School**
- **Sir Robert Borden Junior High**
- **Atlantic View Elementary**
- **Colonel John Stuart Elementary**
- **George Bissett Elementary**
- **Nelson Whynder Elementary**
- **Robert Kemp Turner Elementary**

That the Governing Board direct the superintendent to establish a School Options Committee to complete the review following the provincial School Review Policy.

That the Governing Board approve the Terms of Reference for this review as being those included in Appendix B.

(DEFERRED)

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board postpone the approval of the previous motions until the March 2016 Regular Board meeting.

(CARRIED)

9.6 Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison motion:

I move to defer Report #2015-10-43 - Recommendation to Review - Citadel High School Family of Schools until such time as the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development responds to the HRSB capital construction priorities request in specific to deferred maintenance and repair. I also move that a building review be done for each school in the Citadel High School family in order to identify what work has to be done in each school.

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Yee) that the Governing Board defer Report #2015-10-43 - Recommendation to Review - Citadel High School Family of Schools until such time as the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development responds to the HRSB capital construction priorities request in specific to deferred maintenance and repair. I also move that a building review be done for each school in the Citadel High School family in order to identify what work has to be done in each school.

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Yee) to amend the motion that the Governing Board defer Report #2015-10-43 - Recommendation to Review - Citadel High School Family of Schools until March 2016.

(DEFEATED)

Student Advisor Shaye MacEachern was excused at 9:47 pm.

9.3 Report #2015-10-43 - Recommendation to Review - Citadel High School Family of Schools, Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board direct staff to initiate a review of the following schools within the Citadel High Family of schools;

- **Joseph Howe Elementary**
- **Oxford School**
- **St. Joseph's Alexander McKay Elementary**
- **St. Stephen's Elementary**
- **Highland Park Junior High**

That the Governing Board direct the Superintendent to establish a School Options Committee to complete the review following the provincial School Review Policy.

That the Governing Board approve the Terms of Reference for this review as being those included in Appendix A.

(CARRIED)

- 9.4 Report #2015-12-49-Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Electoral Boundary Report, Natascha Joncas, Corporate Secretary, John MacPherson, Counsel, McInnes Cooper

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the electoral boundaries based on the HRM boundary proposal and forward submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for decision.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 4 to be titled as follows:

Peninsula South-Peninsula West – Armdale

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Littlefair) that the Governing Board amend District 3 to be titled as follows:

Dartmouth Centre Harbourview – Burnside – Dartmouth East

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 6 to be titled as follows:

Clayton Park West - Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea-Spryfield

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board amend District 2 to be titled as follows:

Dartmouth South - Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour - Westphal

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board direct HRSB staff to present its application to the NSUARB.

(CARRIED)

- 11.2 Report #2015-12-50 - Halifax Regional School Board 2016-2017 Capital Construction Priorities, Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent, Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services.

- 9.5 Board Member Gin Yee's notice of motion:

I move that the Governing Board forward the capital construction priorities identified by the Superintendent to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the priorities list of projects for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as follows:

1. St. Joseph's Alexander McKay Elementary
2. New Elementary/Junior High/High School
3. Bicentennial School
4. Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary
5. JL Ilsley High
6. Tantallon Sr. Elementary
7. Eastern Shore District High
8. Inglis Street Elementary
9. Sunnyside Elementary
10. Oldfield Consolidated Elementary

RECORDED VOTE			
DISTRICT	BOARD MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
1	Bridget Boutilier	x	
2	Nancy Jakeman	x	
3	Gin Yee	x	
4	Cindy Littlefair		x
5	Christy Linders		x
6	Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison	x	
7	Steve Warburton	x	
8	Dave Wright		x
African Nova Scotian	Melinda Daye	x	
Aboriginal / Mi'Kmaq Rep	Seat Vacant		

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) defer the motion until the January 2016 Regular Board meeting.

(DEFEATED)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

Board Member Nancy Jakeman indicated there was nothing to report at this time.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Christy Linders provided an update from the December 9, 2015, Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.2.1 C.008 Educational Options for Adults and Others Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Warburton) that the Governing Board rescind policy C.008 Education Options for Adults and Others.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison left them meeting at 11:18 pm.

10.2.2 D.010 Respectful Workplace (Harassment) Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the amendments to policy D.010 Respectful Workplace (Harassment) Policy.

(CARRIED)

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

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

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Report #2015-12-48 - Focus on Learning: Update on Improving Achievement Results of African Nova Scotian Learners - Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor

The Governing Board commented on the positive things that were outlined in the report.

Item 11.2 was moved to item 9.5

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 By-Law Amendments

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting – January 13, 2016

Policy Development and Review Committee Meeting – January 13, 2016

Regular Board Meeting – January 27, 2016

Audit Committee – February 17, 2016

14. IN-CAMERA

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

14.1 Approval of In-Camera minutes/Business arising from the In-Camera minutes

November 10, 2015
November 25, 2015

14.2 Assessment Results, Alison King, Director, Programs

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Wright) to move into regular session.
(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the November 10, 2015 and the November 25, 2015, In-Camera sessions be approved.
(CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Melinda Daye
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Natascha Joncas
Acting Corporate Secretary

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Executive Administrative Assistant