



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 24, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT:

Melinda Daye	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
Daniel Paul, Justice of the Peace

REGRETS:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent

STAFF:

Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor
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
Pam Nicholson-Comeau, Coordinator, School Administration
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology
Valerie MacIntyre, Facilitator, RCH and Mi’kmaq / Aboriginal SS
Shawn Grouse, Facilitator, RCH and African Nova Scotian SS
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 for item 14.1.

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

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Presentation celebrating African Heritage Month from the Oxford Stompers: Tiara Beals, Keondra Johnson, Kendra Gannon Sneddon, Heavyn Beals, Foleyemi Boboye, Salia Hansen Temi, Raven Stephenson, Deja Derry, Evonce Mensah, Kyturra Gray

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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

Lance Bullock tabled 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 (Littlefair/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the December 16, 2015 and January 27, 2016 Regular Board Meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

Christy Linders noted that item 9.5 should read "priorities" not "prioritize".

Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison brought forward multiple signed petition forms regarding replacing J.L. Isley High School. She noted she had brought this petition forward at the December 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting but it was not noted in the minutes and therefore would like it added to the record.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter received on January 28, 2016 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding drafting an alphabetical list of capital projects (new school or an alteration or addition) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.2 Letter dated February 5, 2016 to the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting an extension to the current deadline regarding the list of potential capital projects from the Halifax Regional School Board for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.3 Letter received on February 10, 2016 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding the past year's accomplishments and expressing appreciation for the Chair's work and support.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

8.4 Letter received on February 10, 2016 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development inviting the Chair and Vice-Chair to attend the Regional Consultation Session on draft teaching standards, being held at the Halifax Regional School Board on February 11, 2016.

The letter was shared with the Governing Board.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Board member Dave Wright provided the following notice of motion:

I move that the HRSB establish an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to review current bylaws and bring recommendations for revisions to the Governing Board.

I also move that the Governing Board approve the Terms of Reference for this committee as being those included.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve that the HRSB establish an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to review current bylaws and bring recommendations for revisions to the Governing Board and that the

Governing Board approve the Terms of Reference for this committee as being those included.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Warburton) that the Governing Board appoint Board Members Bridget Boutilier, Nancy Jakeman and Gin Yee to the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee.

(CARRIED)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

10.1.1 Report #2016-02-07 - December 31, 2015 - Quarterly Business Plan and Financial Update – Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services

Nancy Jakeman provided an update from the February 17, 2016 Audit Committee meeting.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Christy Linders provided an update from the February 10, 2016 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.2.1 F.008 School Boundary Review Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the *F.008 School Boundary Review Policy* as presented.

(CARRIED)

10.2.2 B.003 Creating School Populations Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board rescind the *B.003 Creating School Populations Policy*.

(CARRIED)

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

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

10.3.1 Nominations for HRSB's nominee School Board Member of the Year for Provincial Education Week - The theme this year is "Media literacy: Empowering critical thinking in a digital world".

Dave Wright nominated Christy Linders.

Christy Linders accepted the nomination.

Bridget Boutilier nominated Steve Warburton.

Steve Warburton accepted the nomination.

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Wright) that the Governing Board forward Board Member names Christy Linders and Steven Warburton to the NSSBA as HRSB's nominee for School Board Member of the Year.

10.4 Ad Hoc Governance Committee

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

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Report #2016-01- 01- Focus on Learning: Reading Recovery ® and Early Literacy Support Year End Reports 2014-2015 – Alison King, Director, Program

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw Amendments were provided and will be voted on at the March 30, 2016 meeting.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Policy Development and Review Committee – March 9, 2016

Regular Board Meeting – March 30, 2016

Audit Committee Meeting –Tentatively April 13, 2016

14. IN-CAMERA

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal/Boutilier) to move in-camera.

(CARRIED)

14.1 Approval of December 16, 2015, January 20, 2016, and January 27, 2016 In-Camera Minutes

14.2 School Insurance Program (SIP), Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services

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

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the minutes/business arising from the December 16, 2015, January 20, 2016 and January 27, 2016 In-Camera sessions be approved.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve payment of the SIP- 2016-2017 Provisional Insurance Premium invoice.

(CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Yee) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 8:17 p.m.

Melinda Daye
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Natascha Joncas
Acting Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Athena Leclair
Administrative Assistant to the Corporate
Secretary