



Halifax Regional
School Board

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 28, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Archy Beals	Bridget Boutilier
Suzy Hansen	Nancy Jakeman
Cindy Littlefair	Linda MacKay
Jennifer Raven	Jessica Rose
Dave Wright	Gin Yee

Johnathan Hage, Student Advisor
Kailey Webber, Student Advisor
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

REGRETS:

STAFF:

Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Steve Gallagher, Senior Staff Advisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Alison King, Director, Program
Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Trevor Baker, Manager, VoIP & Network Infrastructure
Athena Leclair, Administrative Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Let the record show that all board members were in attendance.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No board members declared a conflict of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add a letter under *Correspondence* from the Basinview SAC as well as a letter from Minister Churchill. These were added as items 11.6 and 11.7. Item 12.4 was amended to add *at 6:30 p.m.*

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Beals) that the Governing Board approve the agenda as amended.

(CARRIED)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Hansen/MacKay) that the minutes from the January 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the February 21, 2018 Special Board Meeting be approved.

(CARRIED)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair noted he will submit a written report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Report #2018-02-08 – Occupational Health and Safety Update July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017, Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services and John Swales, Manager, Occupational Health and Safety

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

8.2 Report #2018-01-03 – Charles P. Allen Family of Schools Interim Overcrowding Options, Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services presented the report and responded to questions from Board Members.

9. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

10.1.1 Report #2018-02-06 – December 31, 2017 – Quarterly Business Plan and Financial Update

Board Vice-Chair Linda MacKay, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided an update.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

No update was provided.

10.3 Committee of the Whole

No update was provided.

10.4 Ad Hoc Governance Committee

No update was provided.

10.5 Ad Hoc Communications Committee

No update was provided.

10.6 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Chair Gin Yee provided an update.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Letter dated January 25, 2018 to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting an update on capital

funding in response to our most recent capital list (Report #2016-02-06) and the list presented in Report #2017-11-44 in regards to the pressing need to address the enrolment pressure (overcrowding) in the CP Allen Family of Schools.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

- 11.2 Letter dated January 25, 2018 to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting an update on the status of the site selection for J.L.Ilsley.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

- 11.3 Letter dated January 25, 2018 to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting an update on school reviews.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

- 11.4 Letter dated January 25, 2018 to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting an update on capital funding in response to our most recent capital list (Report #2016-02-06), the results of our School Review Process from August 31, 2016 (Report #2016-08-33), and the list presented in Report #2017-11-44 in regards to the pressing need to address the aging infrastructure in the Citadel High Family of Schools.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

- 11.5 Letter dated February 22, 2018 to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development submitting a written response from the Governing Board regarding the report "Raise the Bar" by Dr. Glaze and the response from the Minister.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

The following item was added to the agenda.

- 11.6 Letter received via email February 26, 2018 from Basinview Drive Community School's SAC to Board Member Jennifer Raven responding to the Report #2018-01-03 Charles P. Allen Family of Schools Interim Overcrowding Options.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

The following item was added to the agenda.

- 11.7 Letter dated February 27, 2018 from the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding an update on the status of the site selection for J.L.Ilsley.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

The following item was added to the agenda.

- 11.8 Letter received February 28, 2018 from BFEC's SAC to Governing Board Members responding to the Report #2018-01-03 Charles P. Allen Family of Schools Interim Overcrowding Options.

This letter was shared with the Governing Board.

12. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 12.1 Board Vice-Chair Linda MacKay moves the following:

I move that the Governing Board request that the Superintendent provide a report at the March Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the Student Assessment Data – Grade 6 Provincial Results.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Jakeman) that the Governing Board request that the Superintendent provide a report at the March Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the Student Assessment Data – Grade 6 Provincial Results.

(CARRIED)

- 12.2 Board Member Jennifer Raven moves the following:

It was noted that Board Member amended the motion to add *and that the report include recorded incidents of suspensions related to “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior.*

I move that the Superintendent provide an annual report of the number of incidents reported in power school for the categories “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior, as defined in the provincial Code of Conduct at the end of each school year *and that the report include recorded incidents of suspensions related to “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior.*

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Beals) that the Superintendent provide an annual report of the number of incidents reported in power school for the categories “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior, as defined in the provincial Code of Conduct at the end of each school year and that the report include recorded incidents of suspensions related to “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior.

(CARRIED)

- 12.3 Board Chair Gin Yee moves the following:

It was noted that this item was amended to also add the time of 6:30 p.m.

Article 6.2(a) of our bylaws state the following: “The Board shall hold a Regular Board Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month...” I move that the March

Regular Board Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018 be moved to March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that article 6.2(a) of our bylaws state the following: “The Board shall hold a Regular Board Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month...” I move that the March Regular Board Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018 be moved to March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

(CARRIED)

12.4 Board Chair Gin Yee moves the following:

I move that the Halifax Regional School Board award each of the 2017-18 Student Advisors a \$1000 bursary to be used for post-secondary education.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Halifax Regional School Board award each of the 2017-18 Student Advisors a \$1000 bursary to be used for post-secondary education.

(CARRIED)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole – March 7, 2018

Policy Development and Review Committee – March 21, 2018

Audit Committee – March 21, 2018 – **TBD**

Regular Governing Board Meeting – March 28, 2018

15. IN-CAMERA

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

(CARRIED)

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

(CARRIED)

15.1 Approval of January 24, 2018 In-Camera Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) that the minutes from the January 24, 2018 In-camera sessions be approved.

(CARRIED)

15.2 Contract Approval

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the recommendation made in-camera regarding the contract agreement.

(CARRIED)

15.3 School Insurance Program (SIP)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/MacKay) that the Governing Board approve payment of the SIP – 2018-19 Provisional Insurance Premium Invoice and recommend its payment to the Minister.


(CARRIED)

16. ADJOURNMENT


It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Rose) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 8:16 p.m.



Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board



Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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Secretary