



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
May 25, 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

Micci Davy, Student Advisor
Shaye MacEachern, Student Advisor

REGRETS: Pamela Glode-Desrochers
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
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
Marlene Broderick, Coordinator, Student Services
Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration
Richard Derible, School Administration, Supervisor
Agnes Greer, School Administration, Supervisor
Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools
Trevor Baker, Manager, VoIP & Network Structure
Athena Leclair, Administrative Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A moment of silence took place.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

3.1 In recognition of Gaelic Awareness month, principal Vince MacNeil and students from Waverley Memorial will be performing the Milling Frolic.

Beth-Ann MacEachen and Mary MacLean presented. The students from Waverley Memorial performed.

3.2 Anti-Bullying Day Presentation – Shanyn Bleeker, Eddie Bowes, Lily Crocker, Kate Dietz, Katelyn Fraser, Matthew Fraser, and Jesse Henderson-Wallace from East St. Margaret’s Elementary and Kendra Curren-Lindala, Consultant, Safe Schools.

Shanyn Bleeker, Eddie Bowes, Lily Crocker, Kate Dietz, Katelyn Fraser, Matthew Fraser, and Jesse Henderson-Wallace from East St. Margaret’s Elementary performed.

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

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

Board Member Christy Linders provided the following notice of motion to reconsider.

I move that section 6.4 (d) *Emergency Board Meetings* be amended as follows: Notwithstanding section 7.3 (a) of these bylaws, a quorum for an Emergency meeting shall be 2/3 of Members ~~present~~ serving at the time.

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Yee) that the motion be reconsidered.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Yee) that section 6.4 (d) *Emergency Board Meetings* be amended as follows: Notwithstanding section 7.3 (a) of these bylaws, a quorum for an Emergency meeting shall be 2/3 of Members ~~present~~ serving at the time.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Bridget Boutilier provided the following notice of motion to reconsider.

I move that section 5.1 *Election of the Chair* be amended to add the following article: *Prior to the nomination process beginning, the Superintendent will request that Board Members interested in running for the position of Chair, express their interest by a show of hands.*

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Yee) that the motion be reconsidered.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/Yee) that section 5.1 *Election of the Chair* be amended to add the following article: *Prior to the nomination process beginning, the Superintendent will request that Board Members interested in running for the position of Chair, express their interest by a show of hands.*

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that the minutes from the April 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and May 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting be approved as amended.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 NSUARB decision and order for HRSB dated April 28, 2016.

The decision and order was shared with the Governing Board.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Board Chair Melinda Daye's Motion:

That the Halifax Regional School Board award each of the 2015-16 Student Advisors a \$1,000 bursary to be used for post-secondary education.

It was moved and seconded (Daye/Jakeman) that the Halifax Regional School Board award each of the 2015-16 Student Advisors a \$1,000 bursary to be used for postsecondary education.

(CARRIED)

9.2 Bylaw Amendments – Section 8 and Appendices I-J

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Section 8 on bloc as presented.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Bylaw Amendments – Appendices I and J on bloc as presented.

(CARRIED)

9.3 Board member Gin Yee provided the following notice of motion:

I move that the Governing Board meet with Superintendent LeRoux to discuss his upcoming evaluation on June 8, 2016 at a Special Board Meeting.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Governing Board meet with Superintendent LeRoux to discuss his upcoming evaluation on June 8, 2016 at a Special Board Meeting.

(CARRIED)

The Board Chair Melinda Daye called for a 10 minute recess.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

Board Member Nancy Jakeman noted the next Audit Committee meeting will take place on June 15, 2016.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Christy Linders provided an update from the May 11, 2016 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting. It was noted that the next meeting will be on June 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

10.2.1 A.001 Naming or Renaming Schools Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Warburton) that the Governing Board approve the *A.001 Naming or Renaming Schools Policy* as presented.

(CARRIED)

10.2.2 A.006 Tobacco-Free Schools and Workplaces Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the *A.006 Tobacco-Free Schools and Workplaces Policy* as presented.

(CARRIED)

10.2.3 F.006 Fire Safety Policy

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the *F.006 Fire Safety 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.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/ Wright) that notice of motion be waived.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Yee) that the NSSBA be informed that Melinda Daye, Dave Wright, Gin Yee, Steve Warburton, Christy Linders, and Bridget Boutilier will be the voting delegates at the AGM.

(CARRIED)

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

11.1 Report # 2016-05-21 - Focus on Learning: Response to IPP Review 2014-2015, Alison King, Director, Program, Marlene Broderick, Coordinator, Student Services.

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

11.2 Report #2016-05-20 - Report on Student Suspension Data, Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration

Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 Board Bylaw Amendments – Section 9 to 15

Bylaw Amendments were provided and will be voted on at the June 22, 2016 meeting.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting – June 8, 2016

Policy Development Review Committee – June 8, 2016

Audit Committee Meeting – June 15, 2016

Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 2016

Natascha Joncas noted that there is a Special Board Meeting on June 15, 2016 after the Audit Committee meeting.

14. IN-CAMERA

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

(CARRIED)

14.1 Approval of April 27, 2016 In-Camera Minutes

14.2 Superintendent Evaluation

14.3 Board Member Pamela Glode-Desrochers absence

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

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the minutes/business arising from the April 27, 2016 In-Camera session be approved.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Gin Yee provided the following motion:

I move that the following three people Melinda Daye, Dave Wright and Denise Bell evaluate the received proposals and bring a recommendation for contract award to the Governing Board at the June 8, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the following three people Melinda Daye, Dave Wright and Denise Bell evaluate the received proposals and decide to which Human Resources firm the Superintendent Evaluation should be awarded.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) to accept Board Member Pamela Glode-Desrochers excused absence for the May 25, 2016 meeting.

(CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 10:00 p.m.

Melinda Daye
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Natascha Joncas
Acting Corporate Secretary

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Administrative Assistant to the Corporate
Secretary