



**Halifax Regional
School Board**

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 22, 2017
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
Marie Fagan, Coordinator, Property Services – Custodial
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 6:06 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

Board Chair Gin Yee amended the agenda to include the addition of an in-camera item *Contract Update* as well as a correspondence as item 11.1. Board Member Jennifer Raven amended the agenda to add a motion as item 12.4.

It was moved and seconded (Raven/MacKay) that the Governing Board waive notice of motion in order to consider board member Jennifer Raven's motion this evening.
(CARRIED)

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted the spending authority under item 5 should read \$527,978,400 not \$597,978,400.

It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Littlefair) that the minutes from the October 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended.
(CARRIED)

6. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Update on Treaty Education – Response to the Halifax Regional School Board Motion – Wyatt White, former Director, Mi'kmaq Services, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Wyatt White, former Director, Mi'kmaq Services, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, introduced Jana Porter, Consultant, Mi'kmaq Services should questions arise. Wyatt White presented his update on Treaty Education.

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Gin Yee, Chair, noted that he will be distributing his report via email and will ensure there will be a copy filed with the minutes. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

9. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10.1 Audit Committee

10.1.1 Report #2017-11-47 – September 30, 2017 Quarterly Business Plan and Financial Update

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

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Nancy Jakeman, Chair of the Policy Development and Review Committee, provided an update.

10.3 Committee of the Whole

Board Vice-Chair Linda MacKay provided an update.

10.4 Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Board Chair Gin Yee provided an update.

10.5 Ad Hoc Communications Committee

10.5.1 Motion – Committee Composition

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Rose) that the Governing Board approve the following members to the ad-hoc communications committee membership: Dave Wright, Jessica Rose, Archy Beals, Suzy Hansen and Jennifer Raven.

(CARRIED)

10.5.2 Terms of Reference

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Beals) that the terms of reference from the Ad Hoc Communications Committee be approved.

(CARRIED)

Board Member Dave Wright, Chair of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee, provided an update.

10.6 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Chair Gin Yee provided an update.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

This item was added to the agenda.

- 11.1 Letter dated November 21, 2017 from the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development stating that Wyatt White will be attending the regularly scheduled board meeting on November 22, 2017 to provide an update on the progress of Treaty Education in public schools.

12. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 12.1 Board Member Jennifer Raven moves the following:

I move that the Superintendent provide a report of the number of incidents reports in power school for the categories “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior, as defined in the provincial Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year.

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Beals) that the Superintendent provide a report of the number of incidents reports in power school for the categories “discriminatory” and “racist” behavior, as defined in the provincial Code of Conduct for the 2016-2017 school year.

(CARRIED)

- 12.2 Board Member Dave Wright moves the following:

I move that the Superintendent prepare a report by the next scheduled Regular Board Meeting indicating the top three areas in need of capital (new school construction / major capital renovation) due to overcrowding in schools and the top three highest priority schools for capital improvement due to facility condition.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Raven) that the Superintendent prepare a report by the next scheduled Regular Board Meeting indicating the top three areas in need of capital (new school construction / major capital renovation) due to overcrowding

in schools and the top three highest priority schools for capital improvement due to facility condition.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Jakeman) that the motion be amended to read ... *prepare a report for a future Board Meeting.*

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Yee) to have the motion read ... *indicating the top areas in need of capital (new school construction / major capital renovation) due to overcrowding in school and the top highest priority schools...*

(DEFEATED)

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Raven) that the Superintendent prepare a report for a future Board Meeting indicating the top three areas in need of capital (new school construction / major capital renovation) due to overcrowding in schools and the top three highest priority schools for capital improvement due to facility condition.

(CARRIED)

12.3 Report #2017-11-48 – Renaming of Sackville Heights Junior High School, Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Raven) that the Governing Board approve the initiation of the re-naming process of Sackville Heights Junior High School.

(CARRIED)

12.4 Board Member Jennifer Raven's Motion

I move that at the request of the Basinview SAC and community, the Governing Board requests a report from the Superintendent on interim options for CPA family of schools with current overcrowding.

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Wright) that at the request of the Basinview SAC and community, the Governing Board requests a report from the Superintendent on interim options for CPA family of schools with current overcrowding.

(CARRIED)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting – November 29, 2017 – *cancelled*

Committee of the Whole – December 13, 2017

Policy Development and Review Committee – January 17, 2018

Regular Governing Board Meeting – January 24, 2017

Audit Committee – February 21, 2018

15. IN-CAMERA

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

(CARRIED)

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

(CARRIED)

15.1 Approval of July 12, 2017, September 27, 2017 and November 8, 2017 In-Camera Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Boutilier) that the minutes from the July 12, 2017, September 27, 2017 and November 8, 2017 In-camera sessions be approved.

(CARRIED)

15.2 Purchase Approval

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the purchase request made in-camera.

(CARRIED)

15.3 Contract Update

This item was added to the agenda.

15.4 Personnel Item

It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Beals) that the Governing Board approve the decision made in-camera.

(CARRIED)

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Raven/Wright) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 9:25 p.m.



Gin Yee
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board



Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

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Secretary

APPROVED