



**Halifax Regional
School Board**

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 25, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

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

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

REGRETS: Gin Yee

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
Dan Sheehan, Coordinator, Property Services – Maintenance
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 7:31 p.m.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Let the record show that all board members were in attendance with the exception of Board Member Gin Yee who sent his regrets.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No board members declared a conflict of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was noted that item 11.1 would be moved to follow the approval of the minutes.

It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Boutilier) 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 July 12, 2017 Special Board Meeting and the September 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

(CARRIED)

11.1 Report #2017-10-42 – Business Plan and Budget, Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services

Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services presented the report and responded to questions from Board Members.

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the wage rate adjustments for EXCEL program staff; lunch supervision staff; and substitute staff for School Secretaries, Library Support Specialists and Student Support Workers in the 2017-2018 Budget, effective August 1, 2017.

And that the Governing Board approve the 2017-2018 General Fund Business Plan and Budget as presented, with a spending authority of \$527,978,400.

RECORDED VOTE				
DISTRICT	BOARD MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
1	Bridget Boutilier	x		
2	Nancy Jakeman	x		
3	Gin Yee			x

4	Cindy Littlefair	x		
5	Suzy Hansen	x		
6	Linda MacKay	x		
7	Jennifer Raven		x	
8	Dave Wright	x		
African Nova Scotian Rep	Archy Beals	x		
Aboriginal / Mi'Kmaq Rep	Jessica Rose	x		

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the 2017-2018 Supplementary Fund Budget as presented, with a spending authority of \$15,068,800.

RECORDED VOTE				
DISTRICT	BOARD MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
1	Bridget Boutilier	x		
2	Nancy Jakeman	x		
3	Gin Yee			x
4	Cindy Littlefair	x		
5	Suzy Hansen	x		
6	Linda MacKay	x		
7	Jennifer Raven		x	
8	Dave Wright	x		
African Nova Scotian Rep	Archy Beals	x		
Aboriginal / Mi'Kmaq Rep	Jessica Rose	x		

(CARRIED)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dave Wright, Chair, presented the Chair's report. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Audit Committee

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

9.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

9.2.1 B.017 Parent/Guardian Concern Policy

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Littlefair) that the Governing Board approve the *B.017 Parent/Guardian Concern* policy as presented.

(CARRIED)

9.2.2 C.011 Medical Conditions-Assigned Health Care Needs of Students Policy

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Beals) that the Governing Board approve the *C.011 Medical Conditions-Assigned Health Care Needs of Students* policy as presented.

(CARRIED)

9.2.3 D.002 Occupational Health and Safety Policy

It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/MacKay) that the Governing Board approve the *D.002 Occupational Health and Safety* policy as presented.

(CARRIED)

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

9.3 Committee of the Whole

Board Vice-Chair Cindy Littlefair provided an update.

9.4 Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Board Chair Dave Wright provided an update.

9.5 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Chair Dave Wright provided an update.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 11.1 Report #2017-10-42 – Business Plan and Budget, Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services

This item was moved to earlier in the meeting.

- 11.2 Board Chair Dave Wright moves the following:

I move that the Superintendent forward the current mission and goals in HRSB's strategic plan to School Advisory Councils for consultation on its alignment with the needs of our education system.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Hansen) that the Superintendent forward the current mission and goals in HRSB's strategic plan to School Advisory Councils for consultation on its alignment with the needs of our education system.

It was moved and seconded (Beals/Rose) that the motion be amended to read ...as well as African Nova Scotian, Indigenous and other underrepresented groups...

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Hansen) that the Superintendent forward the current mission and goals in HRSB's strategic plan to School Advisory Councils as well as African Nova Scotian, Indigenous and other underrepresented groups for consultation on its alignment with the needs of our education system.

(CARRIED)

- 11.3 Board Vice-Chair Cindy Littlefair moves the following:

I move that the annual updated Long Range Outlook for the HRSB include the most recent submission from the Governing Board to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for capital requests.

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Raven) that the annual updated Long Range Outlook for the HRSB include the most recent submission from the Governing Board to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for capital requests.

(CARRIED)

- 11.4 Board Member Linda MacKay moves the following:

I move that the Governing Board recommend to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that the new school to replace J.L. Ilsley has a 10-12 grade configuration, based on community input.

It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Beals) that the Governing Board recommend to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that the new school to replace J.L. Ilsley has a 10-12 grade configuration, based on community input.

(CARRIED)

11.5 Board Vice-Chair Cindy Littlefair moves the following:

In the absence of an established plan detailing the manner in which the Governing Board communicates with the public I move that an ad-hoc committee be established to address communication strategies.

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that in the absence of an established plan detailing the manner in which the Governing Board communicated with the public that an ad-hoc committee be established to address communication strategies.

(CARRIED)

It was noted that the ad-hoc committee would consist of Archy Beals, Suzy Hansen, Nancy Jakeman, Cindy Littlefair, Linda Mackay, Jennifer Raven, Jessica Rose and Dave Wright. Board Member Gin Yee will be contacted as he is absent tonight.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting – November 1, 2017

Committee of the Whole – November 8, 2017

Audit Committee – November 15, 2017

Policy Development and Review Committee – November 15, 2017

Regular Governing Board Meeting – November 22, 2017

14. IN-CAMERA

15. ADJOURNMENT

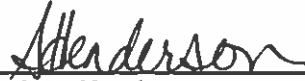
It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Rose) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 8:51 p.m.



Dave Wright
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board



Selena Henderson
Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Athena Leclair
Administrative Assistant to the Corporate
Secretary

APPROVED