



Halifax Regional  
School Board

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 27, 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  
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 6:03 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**

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

(CARRIED)

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Beals) that the minutes from the June 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

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

**8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Audit Committee

9.1.1 Report #2017-09-34 – Purchasing Annual Report 2016-2017

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

9.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

9.2.1 D.012 Attendance Support for Employees Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board approve the new *D.012 Attendance Support Policy for Employees* as presented.**

**(CARRIED)**

9.2.2 B.019 High School Attendance Policy

**It was moved and seconded (Jakeman/Yee) that the Governing Board rescind the *B.019 High School Attendance* policy effective October 1, 2017.**

**(CARRIED)**

9.2.3 Letter to Minister

Board Member Gin Yee read the following motion that was being brought forward from the last Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends that the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education inquiring whether changes will be required to the Education Act in sections 64 (2)(p) and (q) in order for the Act to comply with the recently released Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy.

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Raven) that the Governing Board refer this item back to the Policy Development and Review Committee for further discussion.**

**(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 Member Gin Yee provided an update.**

9.5 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

**Board Member Gin Yee provided an update.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Letter dated July 27, 2017 from the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development in regards to supporting the revisions to the HRSB bylaws as well as congratulating the HRSB on taking this step toward reconciliation for including the acknowledgment of traditional territory.

**This letter was shared with the Governing Board.**

- 10.2 Letter dated August 10, 2017 from the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development responding to the letter dated July 13, 2017 from the Halifax Regional School Board concerning the Site Selection Committee Report on three potential sites for the new J.L. Ilsley High School.

**This letter was shared with the Governing Board.**

- 10.3 Letter dated September 21, 2017 from the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development in regards to the release of the Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy.

**This letter was shared with the Governing Board.**

## **11. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 11.1 Board Member Jessica Rose moves the following:

I move that on behalf of the Halifax Regional School, the Chair write a letter to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development asking for an update on treaty education in public schools.

**It was moved and seconded (Rose/Beals) on behalf of the Halifax Regional School Board, the Chair write a letter to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development asking for an update on treaty education in public schools.**

**(CARRIED)**

- 11.2 Board Member Suzy Hansen moves the following:

Following Recommendation 2.7 contained in the November 2015, Auditor General report, I move that the Superintendent provide the Governing Board with a summary report on schools' progress with improvement goals for 2016-2017 no later than November 2017.

**It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Yee) that the Superintendent provide the Governing Board with a summary report on schools' progress with improvement goals for 2016-2017 no later than November 2017.**

**(CARRIED)**

- 11.3 Board Chair Dave Wright moves the following:

I move that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Halifax Regional School Board, originally scheduled for the November Regular Board Meeting, be moved to November 1, 2017.

**It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Halifax Regional School Board, originally scheduled for the November Regular Board Meeting, be moved to November 1, 2017.**

**(CARRIED)**

11.4 Board Member Linda MacKay moves the following:

I move that the Halifax Regional School Board consult with SAC representatives of the J.L. Ilsley family of schools, to obtain feedback on the preferred grade configuration of the new school.

**It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Yee) that the Halifax Regional School Board consult with SAC representatives of the J.L. Ilsley family of schools, to obtain feedback on the preferred grade configuration of the new school.**

**(CARRIED)**

11.5 Board Vice-Chair Cindy Littlefair moves the following:

I move that the Halifax Regional School Board Strategic Plan 2013-2017 be extended until June 2019.

**It was moved and seconded (Raven/Yee) to refer item 11.5 to In-Camera.**

**(CARRIED)**

11.6 Board Member Gin Yee moves the following:

I move that the Governing Board ask the Chair to write a letter inviting Stock Transportation to present at an upcoming Leadership Session.

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Rose) that the Governing Board ask the Chair to write a letter inviting Stock Transportation to present at an upcoming Leadership Session.**

**(CARRIED)**

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

## **13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Committee of the Whole – October 11, 2017

Policy Development and Review Committee – October 18, 2017

Regular Governing Board Meeting – October 25, 2017

Audit Committee – November 15, 2017

Annual General Meeting – November 22, 2017

**14. IN-CAMERA**

**It was moved and seconded (Boutilier/MacKay) to move in-camera. (CARRIED)**

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

**14.1 Approval of June 21, 2017 In-Camera minutes**

**It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Boutilier) that the minutes from the June 21, 2017 In-camera sessions be approved. (CARRIED)**

**14.2 Contract Extension**

**It was moved and seconded (MacKay/Raven) that the Governing Board approve the Audit Committee's recommendation regarding the Contract Extension as presented. (CARRIED)**

**14.3 Contract Award**

**It was moved and seconded (Hansen/Boutilier) that the Governing Board approve the award of the Snow and Ice Maintenance Services contracts to the vendors listed in Appendix A for each Family of Schools, with the option for the Board to renew contracts for two additional one year terms. (CARRIED)**

**14.4 Financial Update**

**14.5 Strategic Plan**

**It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that that the Halifax Regional School Board Strategic Plan 2013-2017 be extended until June 2019. (CARRIED)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 8:12 p.m.



Dave Wright  
Chair  
Halifax Regional School Board



Selena Henderson  
Corporate Secretary

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APPROVED