



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 28, 2015
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
Bridget Ann Boutilier Nancy Jakeman
Cindy Littlefair Dave Wright
Christy Linders Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison

Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
Micci Davy, Student Advisor
Shaye MacEachern, Student Advisor

REGRETS: Gin Yee, Board Member
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Lance Bullock, Senior Staff Advisor
Natascha Joncas, Acting Corporate Secretary
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration
Tracy O’Kroneg, Director, Human Resource Services
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Alison King, Director, Program
Wendy Mackey, Senior Diversity Advisor
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology
Laura Conrod, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary
Kathryn Burlton, Manager, Accounting & Purchasing
Pam Nicholson-Comeau, Coordinator, School Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Wright) to amend the agenda to move item number 11.3 (Report #2015-09-35 – Long Range Outlook Action Plan) before decision item number 9.1, to postponed item 14.1 (Contract Award) to a future Regular Governing Board meeting and to add item 14.3 (Board member's excused absence).

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that notice of motion be waived to amend the agenda to add Ad Hoc Committee as item 9.3.

(CARRIED)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Wright) that the Board approve the amended agenda.

(CARRIED)

3. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

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

6.1 Boundary review request for John W. MacLeod/ Fleming Tower School – D'Arcy Morris-Poultney, Parent

Mr. D'Arcy Morris-Poultney, Parent was absent and did not present.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

July 7, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)
September 23, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting)
October 7, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)
October 21, 2015 (Special Board Meeting)

It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Linders) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the July 7, 2015 (Special Board Meeting), September 23, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting), October 7, 2015 (Special Board Meeting), October 21, 2015 (Special Board Meeting) meetings be approved.

(CARRIED)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence dated September 16, 2015 to Mayor Mike Savage requesting a presentation on Council's priorities for the peninsula to the Halifax Regional School Board

A letter to Mayor Mike Savage was shared with the Governing Board.

8.2 Correspondence dated September 25, 2015 to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development asking the Minister to appoint a Mi'kmaq representative to the HRSB

A letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development was shared with the Governing Board.

8.3 Letter received September 28, 2015 from Mayor Mike Savage in response to HRSB's presentation request in the letter dated September 16, 2015

A letter received from Mayor Mike Savage was shared with the Governing Board.

8.4 Letter received September 29, 2015 from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding Collective Bargaining

A letter received from the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development was shared with the Governing Board.

8.5 Letter received October 21, 2015 from Mayor Mike Savage in response to HRSB's presentation request in the letter dated September 16, 2015

A letter received from Mayor Mike Savage was shared with the Governing Board.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 11.3 Report #2015-09-35 – Long Range Outlook Action Plan – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.

- 9.1 Report # 2015-06-21 – Rescind motion for a Boundary Review Charles P. Allen and Sir John A. Family of Schools – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Linders) that the Board rescind motion for a Boundary Review Charles P. Allen and Sir John A. Family of Schools.

(CARRIED)

- 9.2 Board member Gin Yee provided the following notice of motion:

I move that the Governing Board request that the Superintendent provide a report at the November Regular Board Meeting regarding the Halifax Regional School Board 2016-2017 Capital Construction Priorities for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Due to Board member Yee's absence, the notice of motion was postponed to the next Regular Governing Board meeting.

- 9.3 Board member Christy Linders' motion:

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Jakeman) that the HRSB establish an Ad-hoc committee to develop a plan to investigate a new governance model for HRSB. The committee would report to the Board a PD plan for learning about the coherent governance model and any other governance model that might also be appropriate. The terms of reference would be aligned to the Board bylaws; specifically, we'd probably look for four Board members which would meet regularly as called by the Chair. The chair would be elected from the members on the committee and it would do some research and advise the board on this topic.

(CARRIED)

***Note: This motion was amended at the November 25, 2015 meeting**

Governing Board took a 15 minute break and reconvened at 8:25 pm.

Bridget Boutilier arrived at 8:20 pm.

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) that the Ad-hoc committee be established via email within the next week.

(CARRIED)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Audit Committee

Board Member Nancy Jakeman had no new information to provide, as the Audit Committee is scheduled to meet on November 18, 2015.

10.2 Policy Development and Review Committee

Board Member Cindy Littlefair provided an update from the October 21, 2015 Policy Development and Review Committee meeting.

10.2.1 A. 009 Disclosure of Wrongdoing

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the Disclosure of Wrongdoing policy as amended .

(CARRIED)

10.2.2 B. 014 School Trips

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that the Governing Board approve the School Trips policy as amended.

(CARRIED)

10.3 Nova Scotia School Boards Association

Board Member Dave Wright provided an update on the Nova Scotia School Boards Association.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Report #2015-10-36 - Focus on Learning – IPP Review Report – Marlene Broderick, Student Services Coordinator

Marlene Broderick, Student Services Coordinator presented the report and responded to the Governing Board's questions.

**Shaye MacEachern and Micci Davy were excused from the meeting at 9:40.
Nancy Jakeman was excused from the meeting at 9:41.**

11.2 Report #2015-10-38 – Creating Conditions to support students in our Priority Schools – Susan Tomie, Director, School Administration

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

Wendy Mackey was excused from the meeting at 9:50 pm.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Audit Committee Meeting – November 18, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – November 25, 2015

Policy Development and Review Committee – December 9, 2015

14. IN-CAMERA

It was moved and seconded (Linders/Boutilier) to move in-camera.

(CARRIED)

14.1 Contract Award – Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services (**postponed**)

14.2 Student Assessment Data, Alison King, Director, Program

14.3 Board Member Gin Yee excused absence

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Boutilier) to accept Board Member Gin Yee’s excused absence for the October 28, 2015 meeting.

(CARRIED)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned by the Governing Board at 10:43 pm.

Melinda Daye
Chair
Halifax Regional School Board

Natascha Joncas
Acting Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Laura Conrod
Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

APPROVED