



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

MINUTES
May 6, 2008

APPROVED
May 20, 2008

Present:

Board Members

Faye Haley, Chair	Janice Francis
Ron Hines, Vice-Chair	Anne Moses
Robie Atkinson	Nick Pippy
Joan Brewer	Winnie Surette
Alvin Comeau	Donna Tidd
Alden Fells	

Staff

Phil Landry, Superintendent of Schools
Jerome Tanner, Director of Finance
Richard Smith, Director of Human Resources
Bill Curry, Director of Programs & Student Services
Steve Stoddart, Director of Operations
Joe Hazelton, Communications Officer
Tanya Forrest, Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary

Other

Stephen Amirault, Regional Education Officer

A meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move in-camera at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Board Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked Board Member Brewer to lead those present in the singing of the National Anthem.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken noting that all Board Members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

Correspondence

- Letter from Minister Casey re Pre-Primary Program

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGM Voting Delegates

It was noted that at the NSSBA AGM scheduled for early June, each Board is allowed 8 voting delegates; however only 6 Board Members are now attending and therefore Tri-County will only have 6 voting delegates. Board Members not attending the AGM were asked to reconsider attending.

Board Chair Haley noted that the resolutions that will be going to the AGM were previously faxed and asked Board Members to review the resolutions prior to the June 3 Board Meeting at which time direction can be given to the Board Members attending the AGM of the Board's stand on the resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Lease Agreement with Municipality of Digby

Superintendent Landry advised that the Board's solicitor perused the Agreement and found no issues with it; therefore, it will be forwarded to the Municipality of Digby for their perusal and/or signature.

Once the Agreement is returned from the Municipality of Digby, it will be brought forward for Board approval.

REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

Vice-Chair Hines gave the following partial report from the committee of the whole, in-camera session:

BD78-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 67-08, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR67-08:01 **Elizabeth Moxsom**, Lockeport Elementary, resignation effective June 30, 2008.
- HR67-08:02 **Diana J. Dunn**, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, resignation effective March 27, 2008.
- HR67-08:03 **Luanne Doyle**, Clark's Harbour Elementary School, resignation effective April 15, 2008.
- HR67-08:04 **Murray Carruthers**, Digby Regional High School, retirement effective June 30, 2008.
- HR67-08:05 **Deborah L. Collins**, Digby Regional High School, retirement effective May 21, 2008.
- HR67-08:06 **Charlotte Covert**, Meadowfields Community School, retirement effective June 30, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

BD79-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that Report No.69 -08, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR69-08:01 **Jill Raynard**, Maple Grove Education Centre, Physical Education Teacher, 100% Long Term Sub, effective April 21, 2008.

PSA's:

- HR69-08- 02 **Janie Harding**, Plymouth School, Program Support Assistant, 55% - 3hrs/day-Term Position, effective April 21, 2008.

Others:

- HR69-08:03 **Adrien Tufts**, IT Support Specialist, 100% Permanent, effective April 21, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

BD80-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Surette, that Report No. 71-08, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR71-08:01 **Anna-Marie MacKenzie Kelly**, Digby Regional High School, Deferred Salary Leave Plan effective August 1, 2013, - July 31, 2014.
- HR71-08:02 **Dawn Smith**, Forest Ridge Academy School, Deferred Salary Leave Plan, effective August 1, 2012, - July 31, 2013.
- HR71-08:03 **Yvette Surette**, Meadowfields Community Centre, to enter into Deferred Salary Leave Plan for a Year of Leave from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012.
- HR71-08:04 **Bev Anthony**, Forest Ridge Academy School, leave of absence for the 2008/2009 school year, effective August 1, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, IN-CAMERA ...continued

BD81-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 78-08, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR78-08:01 Pursuant to Article 31 of the Local NSTU Agreement, **Kim Blades**, Principal of Shelburne Regional High School, and **Mary Manning**, Principal of Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School, request to exchange positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

BD82-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 82-08, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR82-08:01 **John David Mackinnon**, Islands Consolidated School, retirement effective June 30, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

BD83-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that Report No.84-08, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR84-08:01 **Janice Griffin**, Maple Grove Education Centre, Permanent Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2008.
- HR84-08:02 **Bruce R. McDowell**, Meadowfields Community School, Permanent Vice Principal, effective August 1, 2008.

Others:

- HR84-08:03 **Mark Albert**, 100% Technology, Term, effective from May 12, 2008 to October 21, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the following correspondence be received:

- Minister Casey re Pre-Primary Program

MOTION CARRIED

Minister Casey re Pre-Primary Program

Minister Casey responded to the Board's letter regarding the Pre-Primary Program and stated that while the Department of Education would like to extend funding to the Pre-Primary Programs offered in the Tri-County, they cannot legitimately do that in only one school board. She stated that the Department has not given up entirely on the search for creative ways to continue delivering this program in the future.

Minister Casey also stated that an individual or organization may be interested in establishing a regulated child care program at either the Carleton or Digby Neck sites. Information regarding this opportunity is available from the regional offices of the Department of Community Services.

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

MOTION by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Moses, that Report No. 77-08, Report from the Board Chair, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Report from the Superintendent of Schools

MOTION by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Fells, that Report No. 76-08, Report from the Superintendent of Schools, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

Report from the Director of Programs & Student Services

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Surette, that Report No. 83-08, Report from the Director of Programs & Student Services, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM COORDINATORS

MOTION by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the reports from Coordinators be received.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no report. The next Finance & Operations Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Suspension Report for April, 2008

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the Suspension Report for April, 2008 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

NSLC Safe Graduation

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission submitted a request for high schools to participate in a safe graduation radio contest.

The information will be forwarded to the high schools.

Parent Canada Magazine

Parent Canada Magazine submitted a request to conduct a survey in one grade 4 class and one grade 8 class in Tri-County on "what kids really worry about".

Representatives from Parent Canada Magazine will be advised that Tri-County staff will forward the surveys to the appropriate classes and schools.

NEW BUSINESS ...continued

Site for new YCMHS

Steve Stoddart submitted a report on the six submissions to the request for proposals for land to construct the new Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School. The Board is required to submit three sites to the Department of Education.

Mr. Stoddart recommended the following three sites for submission to the Department:

Priority 1: Combination of properties proposed by the Town of Yarmouth and Roy Andrews

Priority 2: Royden Pitman and Renee Arsenault

Priority 3: Victor Moulaison and Alan D. and Kimberly Hattie

BD84-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the report from Steve Stoddart recommending three sites for the new Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that further discussions/negotiations are conducted between the Department of Education and the land owner. If the Department is not satisfied with the three sites submitted, they will request that the Board submit three additional sites.

Targeted Funding

Superintendent Landry stated that even though the Board was previously advised that remaining funds in the Pre-Primary Program were targeted and had to be used for that purpose, the Deputy Minister subsequently advised that any surplus in targeted funding accounts can be used to offset the deficit or hire staff.

BD85-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the Board suspend Board By-Law 7.33.

MOTION CARRIED

BD86-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the Board rescind the previous motion regarding funds for the Pre-Primary Program.

MOTION CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Tidd advised that dates for the upcoming SAC workshops are as follows:

- May 12 at Shelburne Regional High School, 7 to 9 p.m.
- May 13 at Yarmouth Central School, 7 to 9 p.m.
- May 14 at Digby Elementary School, 7 to 9 p.m.

Board Chair Haley advised that the Digby Regional High School Senior Girls' Basketball Team won the provincials.

BD87-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Digby Regional High School Senior Girls' Mariners Basketball Team for winning provincials.

MOTION CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC

Tina Comeau

Ms. Comeau asked for the range of prices submitted from the proposals for land for the new Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School.

Steve Stoddart, Director of Operations, advised that the proposals ranged from \$200,000 to a little over one million dollars.

Ms. Comeau asked, "Since priority one includes the amalgamation of two sites, does that mean double the purchase price as opposed to if it was just one site?"

Superintendent Landry stated that there is no cost for the site from the Town of Yarmouth so the price only includes the one site.

Ms. Comeau asked how soon the site priorities would be sent to the Department.

Superintendent Landry advised that the three sites selected by the Board will be submitted to the Department as soon as possible.

Ken Langille

Mr. Langille asked, "How much funding are we talking about from the Pre-Primary Pilot?"

Jerome Tanner, Director of Finance, stated that it is estimated to be approximately \$96,000.

Mr. Langille made the following comment: "Congratulations to Steve Stoddart and staff on a great site selection and to the Board for a very wise decision!!"

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was none.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move in-camera at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

Vice-Chair Hines gave the following report from the committee of the whole, in-camera session:

BD88-08 **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the Board hire Jim Gunn's Consulting Service to carry out a review of the Educational Programs and School Utilization Study.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest
Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary

N. Faye Haley
Chair of the Board

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