



**Tri-County Regional School Board**  
Nova Scotia, Canada

**Students First**

**MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2008**

**APPROVED**  
**June 3, 2008**

**Present:**

***Board Members***

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

***Staff***

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

**Regrets:**

Janice Francis, Board Member  
Jerome Tanner, Director of Finance  
Stephen Amirault, Regional Education Officer

A meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 5:35 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Pippy, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move in-camera at 5:35 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 7:02 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 7:02 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Board Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked Board Member Atkinson to lead those present in the singing of the National Anthem.

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken noting that ten Board Members were present. Board Member Francis sent regrets.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

### **New Business**

- Lieutenant Governor Medal Presentations
- Coordinator's Report

**MOTION CARRIED**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 6, 2008 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Lease Agreement with the Municipality of Digby

No further information was available.

## 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:

**BD89-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that Report No. 85-08, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

- HR85-08:01 Tina Munro, Coordinator of Human Resources, Deferred Leave Plan Contract effective August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD90-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 86-08, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

Teachers:

- HR86-08:01 Gerald Reber, Digby Elementary School, Permanent Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2008.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD91-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 964 be ratified.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

## REPORT FROM POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Policy Committee was held on April 22, 2008.

**BD92-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that Policy 301.02 *Fundraising and Sale of Goods* be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

### SAC Committee

There was no report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

## REPORTS FROM AD HOC/OTHER COMMITTEES

### Suspension Committee

There was no report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

### Staff Recognition Committee

There was no report. However, Board Chair Haley advised that the 15, 20 and 25 years of service pins were presented today to Board office staff.

### PD Committee

The PD Committee met on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 and reviewed requests from teachers for in-service programs and educational leaves.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

## REPORTS FROM NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the reports from the NSSBA be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Board of Directors and Finance Committee

Board Member Tidd advised that the Board of Directors met on May 8, 2008 and the following items were discussed:

- SIS will be brought up at AGM and it is hoped that the executive will have some form of resolution to go to the province.
- The Lead and Achieve composition is changing to be comprised of the Executive Committee of NSSBA and Board Chairs or designates.

## REPORTS FROM NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ...continued

### Board of Directors and Finance ...continued

- A motion was made that a letter be written to the Department of Education expressing the need for a Family Studies program for teachers.
- The Teachers Education Review was received and the NSSBA is writing to the Minister requesting that a representative of the NSSBA be included in the composition of the Minister's Advisory Council.
- A resolution on taking a strong stand that the government has to make Education a priority for the sake of the next generation will be developed and brought to the AGM.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 4, 2008.

### Education Committee

There was no report.

### SIP Committee

There was no report.

## NEW BUSINESS

### NSSBA Board Member Long Service Awards

In 2003, the NSSBA communications committee implemented the School Board Member Long Service Award program. Recipients receive a certificate noting their years of service, as well as a pewter pin presented at the AGM. A list of past recipients was distributed. It was noted that Janice Francis is ending her 3rd term and may qualify for the 10 years of service award. The Board Secretary will verify this information.

### Out-of-Province Trip Request from Yarmouth Junior High School

Yarmouth Junior High School submitted a request for 4 students to attend the Gulf of Maine Institute Summer Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick from June 29 to July 5.

**BD93-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the request from Yarmouth Junior High School for 4 students to attend the Gulf of Maine Institute Summer Conference in Sackville, NB from June 29 to July 5, 2008 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### South West Health

Yarmouth Mental Health, a division of South West Health, submitted a request to survey approximately 10-20 students in the Tri-County area to help map needs and assets from the student's perspective. They plan to do an analysis to see how they can improve their services.

**BD94-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the request from Yarmouth Mental Health to survey approximately 10 to 20 Tri-County students on needs and assets from their perspective be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS ...continued**

### Lieutenant Governor Medal Presentations

Superintendent Landry advised the Lieutenant Governor Medal Presentations are scheduled for June 4, 2008 at Lockeport Regional High School beginning at 10:00 a.m.

### Coordinator's Report

Board Member Tidd stated that in reading the Manager of Technology's monthly report, it was noted that there are various technology needs in the schools; therefore, she asked the Manager of Technology to put together a priority list and ball park budget for each item to bring forward at the next Finance and Operations Committee meeting. She asked when Mr. Curtis would be making a presentation to the Board. Bill Curry noted that Mr. Curtis will be asked to make a presentation at the next Board Meeting.

## **INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Chair Haley asked Board Members to peruse the resolutions and bring forward any thoughts to next Board meeting.

Board Member Hines noted that a student at Maple Grove Education Centre, Maxwell Grimshaw Poole, received a Silver Medal at the National Science Fair. Two other Tri-County students also represented Tri-County at the Nationals.

**BD95-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the Board send a letter of congratulations to the three Tri-County students who represented Tri-County at the National Science Fair.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Board Member Pippy asked if the Board had done a close scrutiny of the board office staff in relation to budget. Bill Curry stated that several board office positions are paid with targeted funds. Board Member Brewer asked if the targeted funding meets all the costs of those positions. Bill Curry advised that not all of the costs are met but the Department is getting better at meeting more of the costs.

Board Member Comeau noted that there was a recent newspaper article which stated that Boards are now responsible to pay for School Board elections. Minister Casey stated that if boards have an issue with meeting the cost of elections, they can request provincial funding although there are no guarantees. Superintendent Landry stated that it is anticipated to cost approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 for school board elections.

**BD96-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Fells, that a letter be written to the Department of Education requesting that the cost of school board elections be funded by the province.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was none.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 7:54 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move in-camera at 7:54 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 8:38 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 8:39 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**BD97-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2006-2007 for presentation to the Superintendent and the Department.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD98-08** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the Superintendent be given a performance rating of 4% which will put him at the compa-ratio of 97%.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest  
Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary

N. Faye Haley  
Chair of the Board

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