



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

**Students First**

**APPROVED**  
**April 18, 2006**

**MINUTES**  
**April 4, 2006**

**Present:**

***Board Members***

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| 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  
Richard Smith, Director of Human Resources  
Bill Curry, Director of Programs & Student Services  
Tanya Forrest, Assistant to the Superintendent/Acting Board Secretary

***Others***

Leroy Legere, Regional Education Officer, Department of Education

A meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:41p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MOTION** by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 4:41 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move in-camera at 4:41 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Pippy, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Board Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and asked Board Member Brewer to lead those present in the singing of the National Anthem.

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Assistant to the Superintendent/Acting Board Secretary took attendance noting that all Board Members were present.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### **Correspondence**

- Yarmouth Junior High SAC

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Materials Requested from Digby Area Theatre Society
- Special Board Meeting re Capital Construction

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Fells, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2006 be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### All Party Meeting

Superintendent Landry advised that the Communications Officer has been contacting political parties to schedule a meeting to discuss concerns of the Board. There are two people who have not yet responded.

### Materials Requested from Digby Area Theatre Society

It was noted that the materials requested from the Digby Area Theatre Society after a presentation at the last Board meeting are available for Board Members to review.

### Capital Construction Project

A Special Board Meeting for April 17, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Yarmouth Board Office, at which the sole topic will be the Capital Construction Project at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High, Arcadia, Yarmouth Central, and South Centennial, all discussions around that particular Capital Construction project will be deferred to that meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the following correspondence be received for information:

- Minister Muir re Targeted Funding
- Arcadia SAC and Home & School re Capital Construction Project
- South Centennial SAC and Home & School re Capital Construction Project
- Lockeport Regional High SAC
- William Paulick, Yarmouth Central SAC re Capital Construction Project
- Western Counties Regional Library re Adopt A Book Campaign

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the letters from the School Advisory Councils and Home & School Associations regarding the Capital Construction Project be referred to the Special Board Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2006.

#### Minister Muir

A response was received from Minister Muir in regards to Targeted Funding and its impact on the Board. However, Board Members felt that the response was not clear.

**BD90-06**      **MOVED** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the chair correspond again with the Minister asking for further clarification regarding targeted funding.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### Lockeport Regional High SAC

The Lockeport Regional High School Advisory Council submitted a letter asking the Board to request financial assistance from the Department of Education to build a multi-purpose room at Lockeport Elementary School and for an additional teaching position at Lockeport Regional High School.

The capital construction request was referred to the Capital Construction process. The request for staffing will be referred to the staffing process.

#### Western Counties Regional Library

The Western Counties Regional Library requested the Board to once again take part in the Adopt-A-Book campaign.

Superintendent Landry will look into details of the campaign and bring information back to the next regular Board meeting.

## **DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were none.

## REPORTS FROM COORDINATORS AND CONSULTANTS

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the reports from the Coordinators and Consultants be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## NEW BUSINESS

### Suspension Report

**MOTION** by Board Member Pippy, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Suspension Report for March 2006 be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### School Board Member Recognition Award

Information was distributed on the School Board Member Recognition Award.

**BD91-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that Faye Haley be nominated for the School Board Member Recognition Award.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Address Verification

Board Chair Haley noted that there has been a great deal of concern regarding the Board Motion asking parents to provide two copies of bills that show civic addresses. It was noted that the Board has no interest in anyone's financial situation and the only part of the bills required is what shows the civic address and all other information can be crossed out.

Board Chair Haley noted that as every student registers each year through forms sent home for parents/guardians signature, one way to accomplish the request for civic addresses is to add an explanatory line on the form and request that the documentation be attached to the form and sent back to the school or taken to the school in person. Staff members advised that several parents have stated that they will not provide copies of bills for address verification.

**BD92-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that staff look into what other Boards do when parents refuse to provide verification of civic addresses.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Brewer advised that the curling team at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School won mixed provincials and the girls' volleyball team at Yarmouth High won Division 1.

**BD93-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Member Surette, that a letter of congratulations be sent to the curling team and the girls' volleyball team at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

### Kathy Colaiacovo

Ms. Colaiacovo asked if the Special Meeting scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> is open to the public.

Board Chair Haley advised that the meeting it is open to the public from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Colaiacovo asked: “re: Motion BD70-06 by asking for these reports, are you not throwing your wish list of December 2004 Capital Priorities out the window and by changing your mind at this late stage, will you be throwing a wrench in the entire process, i.e. when did you ask for the “now approved renovations for 3.65 million to the High School”? This is supposed to start this year. How long did that process take? Will we get anything by making changes now?”

Superintendent Landry advised that the Board was asked by the Department of Education to look at the possibility of a new high school.

Ms. Colaiacovo asked: “Have you looked into an anonymous tip line for assisting with those who persist in hiding their residence? I know of one class with 7 possible students who do not belong at that school and have been there for years. I suspect there are not 7 legal transfers.”

Board Chair Haley advised that is an option that has not been looked into.

### Torey Grimshaw

Ms. Grimshaw asked: “When Arcadia School submitted a letter, attachment 5, dated March 21, it requested a retro fit for the school. At that time, it was not suggested it be put on the Capital Construction List. I ask why not if Lockeport’s request is being considered. I feel it only fair that Arcadia’s request be considered. I suggest our school board pursue what our areas need not what the department thinks we should have. We need to stand up for our constituents!”

Board Chair Haley advised that the special board meeting has been set up to address the issue around the Capital Construction project of a new high school versus a new elementary school and as the letter from Acadia related to that, it was referred to the special meeting.

### Rejeanne LeBlanc-Comeau

Ms. LeBlanc-Comeau asked: “Are Clare students considered in the schools’ amalgamation?”

Board Chair Haley advised that the only schools considered for the amalgamation are South, Central, and Arcadia and was unsure if Clare students would be affected by that.

Ms. LeBlanc-Comeau asked: “Are there ever reports of any kind given about St. Mary’s Bay School?”

Board Chair Haley advised that other than the monthly suspension report, reports are only submitted about a school if a particular issue is raised.

## INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC ...continued

### Brenda Clarke

Ms. Clarke stated: "I received a letter from a parent that was addressed to Mr. Landry and copied to the TCRSB." Ms. Clarke asked: "Why was that letter not listed on the agenda under correspondence?"

Board Chair Haley advised that the letter was discussed in-camera as it was a matter where individuals were named and therefore can not be discussed in the public session.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion was given by Board Member Moses to reconsider Board Motion 69-06 at the next regular Board Meeting.

The Board took a 10 minute recess at this time.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 8:45 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move in-camera at 8:45 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 9:10 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 9:10 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

**BD94-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that report no. 67-06, Appointments to Staff, be approved as amended:

#### **Administration:**

- **HR67-06:01 Linda Gallagher**, Carleton Consolidated, Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period

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

- **HR67-06:03 Pam DeViller**, Drumlin Heights Consolidated, Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR67-06:04 Gary DeViller**, Drumlin Heights Consolidated, Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR67-06:05 Yolande Donaldson**, Plymouth, Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR67-06:06 Gail Comeau**, Weymouth Consolidated, Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR67-06:07 John MacKinnon**, Yarmouth Junior High, Vice-Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period

**Teachers:**

- **HR67-06:08 Cheryl Jefferson**, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High, Term, from March 20 to July 31, 2006

**Others:**

- **HR67-06:09 Timothy Hynes**, Custodian, Yarmouth Junior High, Term, from March 28, 2006 for an indefinite period
- **HR67-06:10 Tammy Porter**, Custodian, Milton Education Centre/Yarmouth Bus Garage, Permanent, effective March 27, 2006 subject to successful completion of 120-day probationary period
- **HR67-06:11 Jocelyn Surette**, Administrative Assistant, Maple Grove Education Centre, Term, from March 20 to June 30, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD95-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that report no. 65 -06, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

**Teachers:**

- **HR65-06:01 J. Marilyn Swaine**, Clark's Harbour Elementary, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR65-06:02 Barbara Melanson**, Digby Regional High, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR65-06:03 Mary Jane Brackett**, Shelburne Regional High, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR65-06:04 Wayne Surette**, Drumlin Heights, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR65-06:05 Patrick Melanson**, Cape Sable Island Elementary, resignation effective July 31, 2006
- **HR65-06:06 Trevor Comeau**, St. Mary's Bay Academy, resignation, effective July 31, 2006
- **HR65-06:07 Lisa Aucoin**, Maple Grove Education Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> leave of absence for the 2006/2007 school year
- **HR65-06:08 Tom Aucoin**, Maple Grove Education Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> leave of absence for the 2006/2007 school year

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- ✓ **Louise Nelson**, Teacher, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High, leave of absence for the 2006/2007 school year
- ✓ **Natalie LeBlanc**, Teacher, Digby Elementary, leave of absence for the 2006/2007 school year

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

**BD96-06**      **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that report no. 75-06, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

**Administration:**

- **HR75-06:01 Jane Chisholm**, South Centennial Elementary, Principal, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period

**Teachers:**

- **HR75-06:02 Alyssa Newell**, Lockeport Regional High, Long-Term Substitute, from April 3 to June 29, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD97-06**      **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that report no. 76-06, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

**Teachers:**

- **HR76-06:01 Raelene Fevens**, Carleton Consolidated Elementary, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR76-06:02 Rebecca Betts**, Barrington Municipal High, retirement, effective June 30, 2006
- **HR76-06:03 Michelle Head**, St. Mary's Bay Academy, resignation, effective July 31, 2006

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- ✓ **Tina Albert**, Teacher, Digby Regional High, Parental leave from April 27 to July 3, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD98-06**      **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the position of Coordinator of Student Services be advertised as a permanent position.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was noted that Board Member Pippy declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the meeting at this time.

**BD99-06**      **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that Steve Pippy be appointed as principal at Hillcrest Academy effective July 1, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest  
Assistant to the Superintendent/A. Board Secretary

N. Faye Haley  
Chair of the Board