



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

Students First

APPROVED
May 1, 2006

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
April 17, 2006**

Present:

Board Members

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

Staff

Phil Landry, Superintendent of Schools
Bill Curry, Director of Programs & Student Services
Susan Hazelton, Coordinator of Programs P-6
Joe Hazelton, Communications Officer
Tanya Forrest, Assistant to the Superintendent/Acting Board Secretary

Others

Leroy Legere, Regional Education Officer, Department of Education

Regrets

Alden Fells
Janice Francis
Nick Pippy

A special meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Monday, April 17, 2006. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 5:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, 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 7:30 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 eight Board Members were present, which constituted a quorum. Board Members Fells, Francis, and Pippy sent regrets.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Arcadia SAC and Home & School re Capital Construction Project
- South Centennial SAC and Home & School re Capital Construction Project
- William Paulick, Yarmouth Central SAC re Capital Construction Project
- Yarmouth Junior High SAC re Capital Construction Project

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that Report no. 80-06, Report from the Superintendent, be received.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members reviewed and discussed the various options for the Capital Construction Project for Yarmouth Central, South Centennial, Arcadia, and Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, as presented in the report from the Superintendent.

Some concerns expressed were as follows:

- Adequate playground space
- Yarmouth High will require much more than 3.6 million to bring it up to PSP standards
- Arcadia School is opposed to being brought in with the amalgamation

Board Member Comeau stated that although the public is hearing from Board Members from Yarmouth area, those Board Members not from Yarmouth are listening and will support the recommendation from Board Members of the Yarmouth area.

Board Chair Haley advised that in addition to the four letters of correspondence received at this meeting, other correspondence has been received and taken into consideration.

SPEC01-06 **MOVED** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the Superintendent propose option number three (3) to the Department of Education, which is a new Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School and a new elementary school for Yarmouth Central and South Centennial Schools.

MOTION CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC

Tina Comeau asked: “If option 3 is approved, could renovations for a junior high take place at high school while it is still a high school? If a new elementary school were built six or seven years down the road, would there still be money spent on maintenance of existing Central and South Centennial Schools?”

Board Chair Haley advised that renovations would take place while it is still a high school. Board Chair Haley also advised that money would have to be spent on the existing schools to keep them up to standards.

Brenda Fougere asked: “Has a site been decided for the new High School?”

Board Chair Haley advised that a site will not be chosen until approval is received from the Department of Education. At that time, the Board will propose three sites to the Department and the Department will chose the site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest
Assistant to the Superintendent

N. Faye Haley
Chair of the Board

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