



Tri-County Regional School Board  
Nova Scotia, Canada

**Students First**

**Approved**  
**May 16, 2006**

**MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2006**

**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  
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/Acting Board Secretary

***Others***

Leroy Legere, Regional Education Officer, Department of Education

***Regrets***

Janice Francis

A meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Monday, May 1, 2006. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MOTION** by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 4:42 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Haley, that the meeting move in-camera at 4:42 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 5:39 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 5:39 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Board Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 ten Board Members were present which constituted a quorum. Board Member Francis sent regrets.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

➤ **New Business**

NSSBA Resolutions

Report from Finance & Operations Committee

**MOTION CARRIED**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on April 17, 2006 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 18, 2006 be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### All Party Meeting

Superintendent Landry advised that some political parties were not available to attend an all party meeting at this time.

### Address Verification

The Communications Officer advised that Halifax Regional School Board, the only other Board in the province asking for address verification, stated that they do not have an issue with parents refusing to provide the requested information.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

## 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:

**BD110-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that report no. 96-06, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

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

**Administration:**

- **HR96-06:01 John Roscoe**, Vice Principal, Hillcrest Academy, Permanent, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR96-06:02 Lisa Doucet**, Coordinator of Student Services, Permanent, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a one year probationary period
- **HR96-06:03 Kathy Hart**, Student Services Consultant, Permanent, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR96-06:04 Patsy Height-Lewis**, Math Consultant P-9, Permanent, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period
- **HR96-06:05 Bonnie Noseworthy**, School Psychologist, Permanent, effective August 1, 2006, subject to the successful completion of a two year probationary period

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD111-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that report no. 92-06, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

**Teachers:**

- **HR92-06:01 Daniel Blinn**, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High, leave of absence for the 2006/2007 school year
- **HR92-06:02 Al Dupuis**, Digby Regional High, deferred salary leave plan, August 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010
- **HR92-06:02 Patsy Height-Lewis**, Digby Regional High, deferred salary leave plan, August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012
- **HR92-06:03 Marilyn Comeau**, St. Mary's Bay Academy, deferred salary leave plan, August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011
- **HR92-06:04 Earle Manzer**, St. Mary's Bay Academy, deferred salary leave plan, August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011

**PSA's**

- **HR92-06:05 Patricia Crocker**, Digby Regional High, resignation effective April 28, 2006
- **HR92-06:06 Doug Chetwynd**, Yarmouth Junior High, resignation effective April 28, 2006

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- ✓ **Diana Dunn**, teacher, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High, leave of absence for 2006/2007
- ✓ **Bonnie Cottreau**, teacher, Drumlin Heights Consolidated, maternity leave from September 3 to December 31, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD112-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Moses, that report no. 97-06, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:

**Administration:**

- **HR97-06:01 Mark Thornton**, Principal, Plymouth School, Term, for 2006/2007 school year

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

**Teachers:**

- **HR97-06:02 Erin Arnold**, NSCC Burrigge Campus, STEP Program for Youth at Risk, Term, from May 1 to June 30, 2006
- **HR97-06:03 Wanda Gillis**, NSCC Burrigge Campus, STEP Program for Youth at Risk, Term, from May 1 to June 30, 2006

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD113-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that report no. 101-06, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:

**Teachers:**

- **HR92-06:01 Cynthia Prime**, South Centennial Elementary, deferred salary leave plan, August 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Municipality of Digby re Bus Stops

**MOTION CARRIED**

Municipality of Digby

A letter was received from the Municipality of Digby inquiring as to what changes have been made to designated school bus stops in the Municipality of Digby and why those changes were made. Parents are concerned that due to the changes, their children will have to walk greater distances along Highway 101. It was noted that the Utility and Review Board regulates school bus stops.

**BD114-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the Director of Operations contact the Utility and Review Board (URB) to express the Board's concerns and invite representatives of the URB to attend a Board meeting to explain their policy on school bus stops and to hear the Board's concerns.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were none.

**REPORTS FROM COORDINATORS AND CONSULTANTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

## REPORTS FROM COORDINATORS AND CONSULTANTS ...continued

The Director of Programs and Student Services submitted a request on behalf of Race Relations Cross-Cultural Understanding and Human Rights (RCH) staff to institute a self identification survey to Tri-County students, on a voluntary basis only. Students in grades 7 to 12 would complete the survey on a “census” day style session in school and students of grades P to 6 would take the survey home to be completed by parents.

**BD115-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board undertake a Board-wide self identification survey, on a voluntary basis only, by students in the Tri-County Regional School Board.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## NEW BUSINESS

### Suspension Report

**MOTION** by Board Member Brewer, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the Suspension Report for April 2006 be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2006-2007 School Calendar

The 2006-2007 School Calendar from the Department of Education was distributed. Superintendent Landry advised that the in-service dates will be set by staff.

### NSSBA June Seminar

NSSBA is exploring the possibility of holding a forum to discuss the issue of alternate programs for students. Boards were requested to advise of their interest and if June was a good time. Considerable interest was noted for June.

### NSSBA Resolutions

The NSSBA submitted resolutions that will be taken to the NSSBA AGM for approval. Board Member Tidd stated that Board Members should review the resolutions before the AGM to be clear on the Board’s preference.

### Report from Finance & Operations Committee

A meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee was held on April 25, 2006.

**BD116-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that the Board turn the former Barrington Municipal High School over to the Municipality of Barrington no later than June 15, 2006.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## NEW BUSINESS ...continued

### Report from Finance & Operations Committee ...continued

**BD117-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board approve the proposed 2006-2007 Capital Budget in the amount of \$240,000.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD118-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Brewer, that the Board suspend the by-law governing reconsideration of a Motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD119-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the Board reconsider Board Motion **BD102-06**.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD120-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board refer the body technician position at the Yarmouth Bus Garage to the 2006-2007 budget deliberations (former Motion BD102-06).

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**BD121-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board advertise for the permanent position of Auto Body Technician at the Yarmouth Bus Garage.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD122-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the Board authorize the Operations Department to contract out body work on buses (one-at-a-time).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD123-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the Board receive Report #89-06, Library Automation System.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BD124-06** **MOVED** by Board Member Comeau, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the Board approve the recommendation in Report #89-06, Library Automation System.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The next Finance and Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

## INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Tidd noted that the Lead and Achieve Phase II, on line survey, is available.

Board Member Fells stated that it is crucial for the Board to spend a weekend to discuss various issues. Board Chair Haley stated that this should be scheduled for the Fall.

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

Tina Comeau asked: “Does the \$240,000 capital budget include work to school buildings and if so, is it possible to receive a copy of the budget to see what work is being carried out? If it doesn’t include maintenance on school buildings, what’s included in the capital budget?”

Steven Stoddart advised that the capital budget does include work on school buildings and that a copy can be provided.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest  
Assistant to the Superintendent/A. Board Secretary

N. Faye Haley  
Chair of the Board

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