



Tri-County Regional School Board
Nova Scotia, Canada

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APPROVED
May 16, 2006

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
May 4, 2006

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 (by phone)	

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

A special meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Thursday, May 4, 2006. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Pippy, that the meeting move in-camera at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Surette, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Board Chair Haley called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 all Board Members were present. Board Member Fells joined the meeting by conference call.

NEW BOARD OFFICE

SPEC02-06 MOVED by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Tri-County Regional School Board enter into a lease agreement with the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission to lease office space for Board purposes.

A roll call vote was requested.

Voting in the Affirmative:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Moses stated that the purpose behind new office space for Board use is because the present offices are overcrowded, there is a safety issue for staff as well as maintenance issues i.e. leaks, loose floor tiles etc. and it would take a major renovation to bring the building up to standard. Also, if a new elementary school is built, this building should be torn down to allow for proper parking and school bus usage.

Board Member Brewer stated that with the purchase of the additional parking lot at the new location, it will accommodate staff, board members, and the public. It will also have adequate meeting room space.

Another important issue noted is that new office space will bring all staff together, as some staff are presently housed at the Milton building and some are housed at various schools. Also, if Milton and PA Best Centre can be closed down, it will be a cost savings for the Board.

YARMOUTH CONSOLIDATED MEMORIAL HIGH RENOVATIONS

SPEC03-06 MOVED by Board Member Surette, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Tri-County Regional School Board cancel the renovations to the office area at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School for Phase I.

MOTION CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were none.

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC

Tina Comeau

Ms. Comeau asked: “you almost seemed tonight to be defending your move to a new building; are board members receiving flak from the public about this new building because we hear quite a bit from the public?”

Board Chair Haley stated that the Board has not heard anything negative from the public. The Board simply wanted to make it clear why a new office is required.

Ms. Comeau asked: “Phil once quoted me \$220,000 a year for the lease. Is that the correct figure and what is the duration of the lease?”

Superintendent Landry stated that what they are presently looking at for a dollar figure is \$15 per square foot but are negotiating that figure. It was noted that the lease is renewable after 5 years.

Ms. Comeau asked the Board to outline what the parking accommodations at the new office will be.

Superintendent Landry advised that there will be approximately 25 spaces on the lot on the other side of Donnie’s Fireside and the remaining spaces will be on the wharf directly across the street, which will be gated with security provisions.

Ms. Comeau asked why the alterations to the office at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School were cancelled.

Superintendent Landry advised that if the Capital Construction Project is approved by the Department, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High will eventually become Yarmouth Junior High School and therefore the needs may be different.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Forrest
Assistant to the Superintendent/A. Board Secretary

N. Faye Haley
Chair of the Board

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