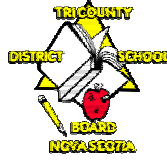


APPROVED
2004 September 28



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES **2004 August 24**

Present: ***Board Members***

Nancy Whittaker, Chair
Faye Haley
Robie Atkinson
Donna Tidd
Andy Baxter

Ron Hines, Vice Chair
Janice Francis
Anne Moses
Karen Mattatall
Alvin Comeau (5:40 p.m.)

Regrets: Ada Fells

Staff

Phil Landry, Director of Education
F. Heather Burlingham, Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Others:

Leroy Legere, Regional Education Officer, Department of Education

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004. Chair Whittaker called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Board Member Baxter, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 5:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the meeting move in camera at 5:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

As the Committee-of-the Whole in-camera session, was not completed, the Vice Chair recessed the meeting at 6:32 p.m. as the public session was scheduled to begin.

CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Board Chair Whittaker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. She asked Board Member Atkinson to lead those present in the singing of the National Anthem.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Board Secretary/Communications Officer took attendance noting that ten board members were present which constituted a quorum. Board Member Fells had sent her regrets.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Under New Business:

- b) Former Shelburne District School Board building
- c) Ragged Island School building
- d) Phone numbers for staff
- e) Student Services Policies and Procedures
- f) Two letters re Board Member Mattatall.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 3, 2004

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the minutes of the August 3, 2004, meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Haley, that the minutes of August 9, 2004, be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Land on King Street

The Superintendent said that he had contacted Transportation and Public Works who were looking into the matter of the land on King Street across from Digby Regional High School.

Fence at St. Mary's Bay

In response to a question about a fence at St. Mary's Bay, the work has been tendered.

Ragged Island

The Superintendent had talked to the Department of Education concerning the possibility of a municipal unit refusing to take back a school building after the school board has ceased to operate a school. He has been told that the municipal unit cannot refuse to take the building. Therefore any questions about the future of the former Ragged Island Consolidated School building are directed to the municipal unit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

RISE AND REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

This was deferred to later in the meeting as the session had not been completed.

RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Board Member Baxter, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the following correspondence be received:

- Susan J. Daley, retired teacher re substituting
- Honourable Jamie Muir, Min. of Educ., re changes to Education Act
- Honourable Jamie Muir, phys ed facilities at some schools
- Dennis Cochrane, Dep. Min., Educ., re changes to Board
- D. Cochrane, re compensation for senior staff
- Honourable John Hamm, Premier, re thank you for touring new Shelburne High
- Malcolm & Kathy Williams, re former Ragged Island School property.

MOTION CARRIED

Susan J. Daley

BD157-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board respond to the letter from Ms. Daley explaining that at this time the Board is not able to financially enter into an Early Retirement Incentive with retired teachers.

MOTION CARRIED

Honourable Jamie Muir re physical education facilities

MOTION by Board Member Mattatall, seconded by Board Member Hines that the response from the Minister of Education concerning the facilities some schools have to use for physical education be sent to the Chairs of the SACs for their information.

MOTION CARRIED

Malcolm and Kathy Williams, re former Ragged Island School property

This matter was dealt with under New Business.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

MOTION by Board Member Whittaker, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 104-04, monthly report from the Board Chair be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

MOTION by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 107-04, monthly report from the Superintendent be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees were not scheduled to meet until September.

REPORTS FROM AD HOC/OTHER COMMITTEES

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the following reports from ad hoc/other committees be received for information purposes:

- PD Committee, Report No. 108-04
- Board Member Orientation Committee, Report No. 109-04

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations/Transportation Reports

There was discussion on getting reports on a monthly basis from the new divisions for the Board such as operations, transportation, etc. Suggestions were given to the Superintendent as to what information the members would like to see.

Former Shelburne District School Board building

The Superintendent informed the Board that he has asked the Operations Department for a report on this property indicating the condition of the building and what repairs are required.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Malcolm and Kathy Williams, re former Ragged Island School property

BD158-04 Moved by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Hines, that a letter be written to Malcolm and Kathy Williams informing them that the former Ragged Island Consolidated School building belongs to the Municipality of Shelburne and that they should direct any inquiries concerning the property to the municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

Contact Information for Staff

In response to a member's question about contacting the staff the Board had acquired from the former Southwest Regional School Board, the Superintendent replied that he is having a list prepared by his assistant and once completed it will be made available to the Board Members.

BD159-04 Moved by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Moses, that Policy No. 403, Student Services Handbook, as amended, be approved by the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Board Member Mattatall, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the Board write the Department of Education concerning the condition of the sidewalk to the new Shelburne Regional High School expressing the Board's concern that it is not safe nor wide enough.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

The Superintendent will have Operations staff look into the matter and he will bring the information to the next Board meeting.

BD160-04 Moved by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Mattatall, that a letter be written to the Department of Education concerning the possible location in Oak Park and the fact that this will mean a lot of traffic on the road as the 100 series highway is still not complete and urging the government to put pressure on the Department of Transportation and Public Works to complete the highway or find another property for the school.

MOTION CARRIED

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

NOTION OF MOTION

There was none.

The Chair gave a brief recess at 7:35 p.m. She called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (cont'd)

MOTION by Board Member Baxter, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move back in committee of the whole at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move in-camera at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the meeting move out of in camera at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Moses was excused from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

RISE AND REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

Vice Chair Haley gave the following report from the committee of the whole, in-camera session.

BD160-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Matatall, that Report No. 105-04, Appointments to Staff, as amended, be approved by the Board as follows:

- **Kevin Chisholm**, teacher, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, on a 100% term basis for the period of August 1, 2004 to February 25, 2005;
- **Lynn Fraser**, teacher, Hillcrest Academy, on a 100% term basis for the 2004-2005 school year;
- **Alain Saulnier**, teacher, Digby Regional High School, on a permanent basis subject to the successful completion of a two-year probationary period;
- **Heather Mills**, teacher, Arcadia Consolidated School, on a long term sub basis for the period of September 1, 2004 to December 10, 2004;
- **Tina Munro**, Manager of Human Resources, Bridgewater; commencement date TBA.

MOTION CARRIED

BD161-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 106-04, Requests from Staff, be approved by the Board as follows:

- **Stephanie Moody**, PSA, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, requesting unpaid leave for the 2004-2005 school year;
- **Charlene Pitman**, PSA, Yarmouth Central Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence for the 2004-2005 year;
- **Kimberly Newell-Atkinson**, PSA, Maple Grove Education Centre, resigning effective August 18, 2004;

RISE AND REPORT FROM MEETING IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

(cont'd)

BD161-04 (cont'd)

- **Lauren Clare**, psychologist, requesting to enter into a secondment agreement with Mount Saint Vincent University for 50% of the year.

MOTION CARRIED

BD162-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Mattatall, that a letter be sent to the Department of Education once again asking for the \$45,000 promised to the Board concerning the influx of CSAP students into our system more than two years previous.

MOTION CARRIED

BD163-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Hines that a letter be sent to Charles Clattenburg of the Department of Education inquiring as to when the Board will receive reimbursement for the costs of transporting students from Barrington Municipal High School to Drumlin Heights Consolidated School due to the Department permitting students to transfer from Barrington High to Drumlin without the approval of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

BD164-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board notify the day care centre and the Women's Centre, both tenants in the Milton Education Centre, that the Board will require the space they are occupying by October 31, 2004.

A roll call vote was requested.

Voting in the affirmative: Board Members Atkinson, Comeau, Francis, Haley, Hines, Mattatall, Tidd and Whittaker.

Voting in the negative: Board Member Baxter.

MOTION CARRIED

It is noted for the minutes, that Board Member Moses declared a conflict of interest during the discussion regarding the day care centre as she is a member of the day care board. She left the room during the time it was discussed and was not present when the vote was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Tidd at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

F. Heather Burlingham
Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Nancy Whittaker
Chair

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