



APPROVED
2004 September 28

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES
of Special Board Meeting
2004 August 31**

Present:

Board Members

Nancy Whittaker, Chair

Alvin Comeau

Karen Mattatall

Janice Francis

Andy Baxter

Faye Haley, Vice Chair

Ron Hines

Anne Moses

Robie Atkinson

Donna Tidd

Staff

Phil Landry, Superintendent of Schools

F. Heather Burlingham, Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Jerome Tanner, Director of Finance

Raymond Panter, Manager of Finance

Others:

Leroy Legere, Regional Education Officer, Department of Education

Regrets:

Board Member Ada Fells

Board Chair Whittaker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

As this was a special meeting of the Board there could be no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Report on the former Shelburne District School Board

The Manager of Facility/Maintenance had prepared a report on the former Shelburne County District School Board that is currently leased. The costs of maintaining the building versus the rental income appeared to be costing the Board money.

One concern was that the gas pumps for the school buses in the area are operated through the power supply from that building. There was a discussion as to how best deal with the gassing of busses. Although it was suggested that the Board could approach a private gas station, this was not possible as the gas used by school boards is marked and therefore cheaper than could be purchased from a private operation.

Milton Education Centre

The Manager of Facility/Maintenance prepared a report on the costs associated with possibly using the Milton Education Centre for board offices. He gave three options: minor renovations costing \$50,000 to \$75,000; construction of a new site at a cost of \$1.5 million; and major renovations at \$350,000 to \$380,000. The general consensus of the members who spoke was that the renovations should be done at the least possible cost to the Board.

There was a discussion on the matter of the province clawing back money from the boards for non-educational use of school board properties. There was confusion about how this was done and the Board has received conflicting information on the matter.

After School Program

The Coordinator of Community Education, Gerry Pitman, had prepared a report on the feasibility of the Board running an after school program for our students.

SPEC15-04 Moved by Board Member Baxter, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the Board implement an after school program for Tri-County Regional School Board students.

MOTION CARRIED

Sidewalk at new Shelburne Regional High School

The Superintendent reported that the Manager of Facility/Maintenance had indicated that the provincial Department of Transportation and Public Works had constructed the sidewalk in question. Mr. Stoddart indicated that the matter would be discussed at the next SST meeting. The sidewalk appears to be unsafe with a person falling from a wheelchair while on the sidewalk.

SPEC16-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd that the Board write to Charles Clattenburg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning, of the Department of Education, explaining the Board's concerns for the safety of students, staff and the public at the new Shelburne Regional High School requesting that he liaise with Transportation and Public Works in the hopes that he can correct this situation.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the meeting move in committee of the whole at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Hines, that the meeting move in-camera at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Atkinson, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the meeting move out of in-camera at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the meeting move out of committee of the whole at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Moses was excused at 9:00 p.m. She had not taken part in any discussions regarding the day care as she had declared a conflict.

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

Vice Chair Haley gave the following report.

SPEC17-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that board employees who use board vehicles other than tradespeople leave the vehicle overnight and on weekends at a site to be determined by the Board rather than taking them home.

MOTION CARRIED

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

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SPEC18-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Hines, that Report No. 111-04, Staffing Requests from the Superintendent, as amended, be approved as follows:

- **Kathy Hart**, employed as a teacher at Yarmouth Jr. High School, on a 100% term basis for the 2004-2005 school years;
- **Francine Stewart**, employed as a teacher at Barrington Municipal High School, on a 40% term basis for the 2004-2005 school year;
- **Stephanie Johnson**, employed as a teacher at Carleton Consolidated School, on a 52% term basis for the 2004-2005 school year;
- **Suzanne Thurston**, employed as a teacher at Port Maitland Consolidated School, on a long term sub basis for the period of September 1 to December 23, 2004;
- Resignation of **Pauline Hickey**, Occupational Health and Safety Officer, effective September 10, 2004;
- That a **Youth Mentor** for the Addressing Youth Violence Digby Pilot Project be hired for the 2004-2005 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

SPEC19-04 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that the Board continue to pay a \$30 per day meal allowance to Gerry Purdy, which will be reviewed in November.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Baxter at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

F. Heather Burlingham
Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Nancy Whittaker
Chair

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