

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Whittaker called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She asked Board Member Atkinson to lead in the singing of the National Anthem.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Board Secretary/Communications Officer took attendance noting that there were nine board members present. Board Members Fells and Baxter had sent their regrets.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Moses, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd that the minutes be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

SAIP Testing

The Director was asked if anything had gone to the parents yet on this testing and he replied that there had been nothing.

Grounds at Drumlin and St. Mary's Bay

CEO Leroy Legere was asked to look into this matter on behalf of the Board. Board Member Hines noted that there was not enough soil put on the Drumlin field and the rocks were coming through. He believes that this constitutes a safety risk to those using the field. Board Member Comeau indicated that there are still problems with the St. Mary's field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

RISE AND 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 meeting of the Board.

BD214-03 Moved by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Atkinson that Report No. 181-03, Appointments from Staff, be approved by the Board as follows:

☞☞**Crystal Thorburne**, teacher, Lockeport Elementary School, on a 100% term basis for the period of January 13 to July 31, 2004.

☞☞**Leanna Nickerson**, PSA, 3 hrs/day, Meadowfields Community School, on a permanent basis subject to the successful completion of a probationary period.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Haley, that proposed Motion No. 210-03, now be considered.

MOTION CARRIED

BD210-03 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Comeau, that the Board hire one FTE Student Support Worker to be employed at Weymouth Consolidated School and St. Mary's Bay Academy and one .6 FTE SSW to be employed at South Centennial School and deploy the 1 FTE currently in Yarmouth to Yarmouth Jr. High School solely

MOTION DEFEATED

BD215-03 Moved by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Haley, that Report No. 182-03, Requests from Staff, as amended, be approved as follows:

Al Mohle, teacher, be permitted to enter into an Early Retirement Incentive Plan for the period of September 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009 under Article 38 of the Teachers' Provincial Agreement.

MOTION DEFEATED

BD216-03 Moved by Board Member Mattatall, seconded by Board Member Moses, that a letter of congratulations be sent to those schools that held art fairs this year.

MOTION CARRIED

RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

- ✍✍ Jamie Muir, Minister of Education, re site for Barrington High
- ✍✍ Kenneth R. Moses, CAO, Municipality of District of Yarmouth, re petition concerning Port Maitland Consolidated School.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

MOTION by Board Member Whittaker, seconded by Board Member Hines, that Report No. 178-03, monthly report from the Board Chair be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

The Director gave a verbal report on his many activities since the last meeting. He also thanked the Board members for the Christmas gift he had received earlier in the meeting.

BD217-03 Moved by Board Member Tidd, seconded by Board Member Hines, that Report No. 177-03 concerning the distribution of resource material provided by the Department of Health on human sexuality be received for information and that the following recommendation be adopted by the Board:

- ✍✍ That the Board and senior staff view the book first;
- ✍✍ That a briefing be done with the principals before the books are in the schools;
- ✍✍ That the books be forwarded to the board office for distribution to Tri-County schools.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT FROM THE CEO, SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

CEO Legere gave a verbal report. He indicated that the budget readjustment was being done through Southwest accounts only and that the district boards would not be touched. Southwest staff had been advised to be very careful with their budget lines. The CEO will provide where the money was found to meet that adjustment at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CEO, SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

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Mr. Legere reported that he had sent a letter to Southwest Child Care Services indicating that their deadline has been extended to the end of the current school year to allow for transitioning.

He noted that he had attended a number of the same meetings that the Director of Education had attended. Currently there are 4 SSTs in the Southwest with three of them being in Tri-County – Port Maitland, Barrington and Shelburne Highs.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Education Committee Chair Haley reported that the committee had met on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at the board office in Yarmouth.

BD216-03 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Mattatall, that the groundwork start to develop a distance education course or courses commencing in the 2004-2005 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

BD217-03 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Hines that the Board approve the distribution of the healthy sexuality resource for youth developed by public health to Tri-County schools provided that the distribution is coordinated through the board office.

MOTION CARRIED

BD218-03 Moved by Board Member Haley, seconded by Board Member Atkinson that the out of province trip request from Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School for six students chaperoned by George Egan, Beth Dalton, Jason Dalton and Glen Gaudet, to travel to England and Belgium during the period of May 13, 2004, to May 23, 2004 be recommended to the Board for approval at no cost to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion EDUC21-03 was declared redundant as a result of the recommendation coming from Report No. 177-03.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, starting at 5:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES (cont'd)

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council Committee did not meet in December. Chair Tidd reported that the next meeting will be on January 13, 2004, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Board office.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee Chair Moses reported that the committee had met on Monday, December 1, 2003 at the board office in Yarmouth.

BD219-03 Moved by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Mattatall, that Report No. 172-03, Appointments to Staff, be approved as follows:
Margot Wamboldt, Teacher, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, on a 100% term basis for the period of October 27, 2003 to July 31, 2004;
Patricia Williams, teacher, Lockeport Regional High School, 100% term basis for the 2003-2004 school year.

MOTION CARRIED

BD220-03 Moved by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Mattatall, that Report No. 173-03, Requests from Staff, be approved as follows:
Earl Stanley Surette, PSA, Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, 5.5 hrs/day, resigning effective December 2, 2003.

MOTION CARRIED

The next meeting of the committee will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Board office.

Finance & Operations

Committee Vice Chair Haley reported that the committee had not met in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the board office.

REPORTS FROM AD HOC/OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

REPORTS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Tidd that the report from the Board's member on the NSSBA Board of Directors be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Whittaker, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 180-03, NSSBA Communications Committee, be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Whittaker, seconded by Board Member Hines, that Report No. 179-03, NSSBA Education Committee, be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that the report from the Boards member on the NSSBA Finance Committee be received for information purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Addressing Youth Violence – Digby Pilot Project

The Director of Education reviewed a report on the pilot project currently underway at Digby Regional High School. He indicated that there is a three-year commitment for funds for this project which covers the cost of the teacher as well as some resources. Board Members Haley and Tidd, as well as the Director and the Coordinator of Student Services and others sit on the committee overseeing the pilot. Board Member Haley reported that a subcommittee is looking at job shadowing opportunities for the young people in the pilot.

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES FROM THE PUBLIC

Tina Comeau, Reporter, The Vanguard

Ms. Comeau asked if the board was working on a new list of priorities for upcoming rounds of capital construction and renovation projects for schools in the district?

CEO Legere replied that the province would request information and that it comes every four years. The last one was done in 2000 and was revised. It is likely that 2006 would be the next time a list is done as many of the projects will not be completed before that time.

INQUIRIES/COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

There were none.

NOTIICE OF MOTION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Atkinson at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

F. Heather Burlingham
Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Nancy Whittaker
Chair

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