

The following minutes are a brief overview of the meeting and not a verbatim account of discussions.

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting

May 24, 2017

Board Office

Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

Present: **Board Members**

Payzant, Elliott; Board Chair	Maguire, Christian
Griffin, Theresa; Board Vice Chair	Naugler, Jennifer
Crossland, Elizabeth	Stewart, Michael
Garrison, Pat	

Staff

DeWolfe, Jeff; Director of Programs & Student Services
Dodge-Baker, Denise; Coordinator of Quality Instruction (in part)
Eason, Lamar; RCH Coordinator
Ferraina, Lori; Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Milner, Scott; Superintendent of Schools
Munro, Tina; Director of Human Resources
Smith, Brian; Director of Operations
Tattie, Wade; Director of Finance

Other

Amirault, Stephen; Regional Education Officer

Regrets

Simms, Vernon

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Payzant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Heritage Fair Projects were presented this evening from the following students:
Ryan VanderWal – grade 4 student, Bridgewater Elementary School
Sophie Weir – grade 5 student, Bridgewater Elementary School
Natalie Toole – grade 5 student, Bridgewater Elementary School
Taylor Fogg – grade 9 student, Bayview Community School

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The board secretary recorded attendance. Seven board members and eight staff members were present. Regrets were received from Board Member Simms.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Board Member Naugler, seconded by Board Member Stewart, that the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MOTION by Board Member Stewart, seconded by Board Member Maguire, that the Board approve the **April 19, 2017, Special Board Meeting Minutes.** **Motion Carried Unanimously**

MOTION by Board Member Griffin, seconded by Board Member Naugler, that the Board approve the **April 26, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes.** **Motion Carried Unanimously**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING

(recorded session 0:04:15)

Board Member Maguire spoke about the comments made at the May 17, 2017, Committee of the Whole Board Meeting. The board discussed at that meeting the possibility of hiring a Communications Manager. Board members agreed that the position is needed.

MOTION SS025-17 by Board Member Maguire, seconded by Board Member Garrison, that the board hire a full time Communications Manager. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

CORRESPONDENCE (recorded session 0:12:00)

MOTION by Board Member Stewart, seconded by Board Member Naugler, that the Board receive the correspondence this evening. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- a. Letter from Minister Casey re: PES and PRES
- b. Letter from Minister Casey re: PVEC Renovations
- c. Letter from member of the public – Carl re: Skilled Trades
- d. Post cards from PRES community members

Board Chair Payzant stated that the letter received from Minister Casey with the suggestion of the use of a mediator when dealing with the Pentz Elementary School and Petite Riviere Elementary School communities came to the board before the board was aware of a court case. The Superintendent of Schools has been in contact with the Deputy Minister in regards to the letter. The board is now waiting to hear what happens with the court case.

NEW BUSINESS**Student Achievement Data Presentation # 2** (recorded session 0:16:01)

Denise Dodge-Baker, Coordinator of Assessment & Quality Instruction, gave a presentation on Student Achievement.

Denise Dodge-Baker, Coordinator of Quality Instruction, was excused from the meeting (7:27 p.m.)

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT (recorded session 0:53:00)

Board Chair Payzant thanked Board Vice Chair Griffin for standing in for him while he was away.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (recorded session 0:54:04)

Scott Milner, Superintendent of Schools, presented his May monthly report.

Board Member Naugler asked about the transition plans with Pentz and Petite.

Scott Milner, Superintendent of Schools, explained that PES and PRES transition meet and greet this spring and start in September to familiarize students and families with Hebbville Academy.

REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT (recorded session 1:01:55)

Stephen Amirault, Regional Education Officer, gave a quick overview of the Regional Education Officer's report that focused on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions; Province to Reduce Student Wait-List for Psychological Assessments; and School Psychology Assessment Project Lead.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Programs & Student Services Committee** (recorded session 1:09:00)

Board Member Crossland stated that the May meeting was cancelled. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 2017.

Jeff DeWolfe, Director of Programs & Student Services, stated that at the last Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, the French Programming Policy was discussed and is before the board this evening for discussion and approval.

MOTION SS026-17 by Board Member Crossland, seconded by Board Member Naugler, that the Board approve the amended French Programming Policy # 219, with a review date of May 2018.

Six For / One Opposed / Motion Carried

Corporate Services Committee (recorded session 1:25:00)

Board Member Maguire gave a brief update of the Corporate Services Committee meeting from May. Discussion items included review of the following policies: Policy 660 Job Descriptions, Policy 101 Policy Development and Review. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 2017.

MOTION SS027-17 by Board Member Maguire, seconded by Board Member Stewart, that the Board approve the amended Policy 660 Job Descriptions, with a review date of May 2021.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION SS028-17 by Board Member Maguire, seconded by Board Member Griffin, that the Board approve the amended Policy 101 Policy Development and Review, with a review date of May 2021.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Audit Committee (recorded session 1:29:29)

Board Member Maguire stated that the committee is scheduled to meet June 26. It is anticipated that the board will be asked to receive the Audited Financial Statements during the June 28 meeting.

By-Laws Committee (recorded session 1:29:58)

Board Member Maguire gave a brief update from the By-Laws Committee. The committee met on May 1 and May 23 and the next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 1:00 p.m.

RCH Committee (recorded session 1:30:27)

Board Member Garrsion reported that the committee met on May 18. Topics included a discussion by Denise Dodge-Baker on student achievement; and a presentation by Lamar Eason regarding the new RCH branding including logo, poster, buttons, social media and a new video to better promote RCH.

OTHER REPORTS**NSSBA Board of Directors & Finance Committee** (recorded session 1:32:14)

Regrets were received earlier from Board Member Simms. The NSSBA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, May 25, 26 and 27 at St. F. X. University.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2017 – 2018 Budget
- Policy Review
- Long Range Outlook
- Strategic Plan
- Business Plan

NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion brought forward this evening.

DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. May 31, 2017 – Special Budget Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- b. June 1, 2017 – Long Range Outlook Meeting with Municipal Councillors – 3:00 p.m.
- c. June 12, 2017 – By-Laws Committee Meeting
- d. June 14, 2017 – Programs & Student Services Committee Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
- e. June 14, 2017 – Corporate Services Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- f. June 19, 2017 – Board Workshop – 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- g. June 21, 2017 – Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- h. June 26, 2017 – Audit Committee Meeting
- i. June 28, 2017 – Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Board Member Naugler, seconded by Board Member Maguire, that the meeting be adjourned. (8:39 p.m.)

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (recorded session 1:35:29)

- Bernadette MacIntosh, teacher, spoke regarding classroom composition.
- Sheila Wamboldt, teacher, spoke regarding inclusion to benefit all children, class size.
- Jenna Eason, parent, advocating for Early French Immersion at Bridgewater Elementary School.
- Lindsay Hancock, parent, advocating for Early French Immersion at Bridgewater Elementary School.
- Kelly Blair, teacher, spoke regarding a typical day in her classroom.

Lori Ferraina
Board Secretary &
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Elliott Payzant, Board Chair