



**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 14, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

A Regular Board Meeting was held this date in the Board Chambers,  
33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth, NS.

**PRESENT:** Irvine Carvery Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison  
David Finlayson Gina Conrod  
Chris Poole David Cameron  
Donna Hubbard Steve Brine  
Gin Yee

Callahan Murphy, Student Advisor  
Suzanne Gray, Deputy Student Advisor

**REGRETS:** Alan Lowe, Senior Executive Director, Public Schools  
Kirk Arsenault

**STAFF:** Carole Olsen, Superintendent  
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary  
Denise Bell, Senior Staff Advisor  
Mike Christie, Director, Human Resource Services  
Geoff Cainen, Director, Program  
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services  
Charles Clattenburg, Director, Operations Services  
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications  
Heather Chandler, Coordinator, Diversity Management  
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration  
Dale Armstrong, Coordinator, School Administration  
Gerard Costard, Coordinator, Information Technology  
Elwin LeRoux, Coordinator, School Administration  
Jill McGillicuddy, Planner  
Sandra Thomas, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Vicki Palmeto, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded (Brine/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the agenda be amended to add item 11.1 Update on Child Safety Restraints.**

**(CARRIED)**

**It was moved and seconded (Brine/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the amended agenda be approved.**

**(CARRIED)**

**3. AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS**

**4. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

November 30, 2011 (Regular Board)

**It was moved and seconded (Brine/Conrod) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the November 30, 2011, Regular Board meetings be approved.**

**(CARRIED)**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Board received a letter from the Minister of Education outlining a new process in capital planning.**

**School Administration provided copies of the school calendars featuring student artwork.**

**7. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Irvine Carvery, Chair, presented the Chair's Report.**

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Carole Olsen, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's report. A copy of the Superintendent's report is filed with the minutes.**

**9. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 9.1 Report #11-12-1325 - Student Advisors Policy – Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Board approve the Student Advisors to the Board Policy and procedures be accepted for information.**  
**(CARRIED)**

- 9.2 Board Member David Cameron's motion:

That the boundaries of the Halifax Regional School Board as proposed by staff be approved without debate or amendment.

**It was moved and seconded (Cameron/Yee) that the Board approve that the electoral boundaries of the Halifax Regional School Board as proposed by staff be approved without debate or amendment.**  
**(CARRIED)**

- 9.3 Report 11-10-1317 - Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Electoral Boundary Report – Charles Clattenburg, Director, Operation Services, and Jill McGillicuddy, Planner

**It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Board approve the electoral boundaries based on the HRM boundary proposal and forward a submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for decision. The Halifax Regional School Board will request the right to amend the submission should Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board amend the Halifax Regional Municipality boundary application. The governing Board direct Halifax Regional School Board staff to present its application to the NSUARB including all public comments received through public consultation.**  
**(CARRIED)**

- 9.4 Board Member Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison's motion:

To reconsider membership in the Nova Scotia School Board Association in the following year.

**It was moved and seconded (Blumenthal-Harrison/Brine) that the Board reconsider the membership in the Nova Scotia School Board Association for the following year.**  
**(DEFEATED)**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Committee reports will be limited to 5 minutes – the Chair may extend the time limit under unique circumstances.)

- 10.1 Audit Committee – Committee Chair Steve Brine

**The Audit Committee's next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012, at 4:30 pm.**

10.2 Nova Scotia School Board Association - Board Member David Cameron, NSSBA  
Director

**It was moved and seconded (Cameron/Conrod) that the Board accept the Nova Scotia School Board Association report for information.**

**(CARRIED)**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

11.1 Update on Child Safety Restraints

**Charles Clattenburg, Director, Operations, provided an oral update on Child Safety Restraints for information.**

**(CARRIED)**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Board Member David Finlayson provided notice of motion:

Whereas C.P. Allen is the only Halifax Regional School Board high school without wireless internet; and whereas the school will most likely still be used by Halifax Regional School Board after C.P. Allen moves to their new location; move that the Board look at immediate installation of wireless internet to support flexible student learning.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Board Meeting – January 25, 2012

**14. IN-CAMERA**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved and seconded (Brine/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the meeting be adjourned.**

**(CARRIED)**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Irvine Carvery  
Chair  
Halifax Regional School Board

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Selena Henderson  
Corporate Secretary

Prepared by Vicki Palmeter  
Assistant to the Corporate Secretary