



Chignecto-Central Regional School Board  
Regular Meeting  
03-00  
March 8, 2000

The regular monthly meeting of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at the Cobequid Educational Centre, 34 Lorne Street, Truro commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Kaaren Barkhouse  
Marilyn Murray  
George Bruce  
Ron Marks  
Lloyd Gibbs  
Robert Parker  
Jim Grue  
Mary Stevenson  
John Henderson  
Marilyn Thompson  
Tina Hurley  
Trudy Thompson  
John English  
Cheryl Cutler

In Attendance

Brian Murphy  
Robert Renouf  
Ann Hamilton-Wood  
Dale Sabean  
Elmer MacDonald  
Valerie Tucker  
Gary Miller  
Bruce MacIntosh  
Karen Casey

Absent

Bernie Knockwood  
David Myles, with regrets

The Chair, Mary Stevenson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Regrets were recognized from those not in attendance.

Agenda

Moved by Robert Parker, seconded by Trudy Thompson  
THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes

Moved by Marilyn Murray, seconded by Trudy Thompson

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9,  
2000 MEETING.  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### Presentations

Sarah MacRae and Nancy Mundle, made a presentation to the Board on behalf of the School Advisory Council, Pugwash District High School. This presentation responded to the points in the Cumberland County/North Colchester High School Study which pertained to the Pugwash District High School. Following the presentation, the Chair thanked the representatives for attending.

On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Warden Ralph Welton, made a presentation outlining the opinion and position of the Council concerning the Cumberland County/North Colchester High School Study. Mentioned in the report were concerns about decreasing funding, Robert Parker asked if increasing the Board's funding was part of the municipality's review. Warden Welton stated that would be a municipal decision. As a Board staff member had not spoken to Council concerning staff in abeyance, George Bruce suggested that Gary Clarke, Family of Schools Supervisor meet with the Council to explain abeyance staff. The Chair thanked Warden Welton for his presentation.

#### Business Arising From the Minutes

##### Notice of Motion to Reconsider - Pictou West Site Selection

The tabled motion on page eight of the February 9, 2000 minutes was brought back on the table at this time. The motion read:

To serve notice of motion to reconsider the motion approving the Site Selection Committee Report for the Pictou West School construction project.

George Bruce noted the site selection should be forwarded to the provincial government and other department agencies for assessment. All sites have been visited. After commenting further, Mr. Bruce refrained from making the motion.

##### Site Selection - Pictou East

The tabled motion on page six of the February 9, 2000 minutes was brought back on the table at this time. The motion read:

To table the motion until such time as the Pictou East Site Selection Committee can be reconvened and reach consensus on the recommendation of three sites.

Moved by George Bruce, seconded by Marilyn Murray  
TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE SITE SELECTION  
COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE PICTOU EAST CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR  
CONSIDERATION AND ASSESSMENT.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed as followed:

Municipality of the County of Cumberland

A letter dated March 1, 2000 from Ralph Welton, Warden, The Municipality of the County of Cumberland advising the Municipality had passed a motion requesting a Board apology to Murray Scott and Mark Boon. The Chair noted the Board cannot be held accountable for comments made by individuals.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association

A fax was received dated February 28, 2000 advising deadlines for receiving executive nominations to the CSBA Executive is May 12, 2000. There was agreement that the Board would not submit a nomination to the CSBA Executive.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association

A memorandum dated February 28, 2000 requesting the Board submit a name to the Education Week Awards Ceremony. This person may be an elected school board member or central office staff person who holds an associate membership. This correspondence will be forwarded to the Program and Student Services Committee for action. Trudy Thompson requested that nominee names be submitted to the Committee.

CREDA

Correspondence/fax dated March 1, 2000 were received from Rhonda Kelly, Executive Director, CREDA, Amherst requesting that the Board defer, for one year, any major decisions relative to small rural high schools in Cumberland County. They offered the Board the opportunity to partner with CREDA to complete this comprehensive initiative over the next twelve months.