

CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Highlights of Meeting

Held on

March 8, 2006

60 LORNE STREET, TRURO

Full-Year Study Leaves

Vice-Chair Keith MacKenzie announced the names of (2) one-year study leave recipients, as approved by the Professional Development Fund Committee. The successful candidates for 2006-07 study leaves are:

- *Holly Faulkner*, Amherst Regional High School
- *Glenda Anthony*, Kennetcook District Elementary

School Consolidation/Closure Studies: Reports Received

The Board received reports from two School Closure Study Committees involving:

- *River Hebert District High School*
- *Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School*

Public input on the reports will be received at Springhill Jr./Sr. High School on April 6th prior to consideration of the recommendations at the April 12th public session of the Board.

Reports were received from the *Thorburn Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee* and the *River John Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee*. These reports provided recommendations that will also be considered by the Board at its April 12th meeting.

Regional Grade 11 Canadian History Examination

The Board approved a motion endorsing the development of a *Regional examination for the Grade 11 Canadian History* required credit for implementation in January 2008. A recommendation for this initiative had originally been presented through the *Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement* in October 2005. The Department of Education will work in partnership with CCRSB on the development and administration of this exam.

*Director of
Human Resources Services*

Chignecto-Central Regional School Board members welcomed **Allison McGrath**, newly hired Director of Human Resources Services, to her first regular Board meeting. Ms. McGrath, a lawyer with extensive labour relations experience, began her employment with the Board on February 27th.

NSSBA Resolutions

The Board approved two resolutions to be submitted to the NSSBA for consideration. The resolutions focused on:

- urging the Province of Nova Scotia to support Boards in providing financial incentives which encourage professional development for teachers to occur during days outside the prescribed 195; and,
- requesting the Department of Education increase the starting salary of a School Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist to the same level as found in a clinical setting.

Resolutions submitted by all Provincial school boards will be debated at the NSSBA annual general meeting on May 26th. Those receiving approval will be forwarded to the Minister of Education.

Linda Campbell
Board Secretary