

CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Highlights of Meeting

Held on

May 10, 2006

NEW GLASGOW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Student Presentation

New Glasgow Junior High School students *Lindsay Morton* and *Hayley MacLeod* entertained the Board with individual instrumental music performances. Pianist Lindsay delighted those in attendance with a rendition of "The Gypsy Dance" while Hayley contributed several enjoyable pieces on the violin.

Dr. Joan McArthur-Blair, NSCC President

Dr. Joan McArthur-Blair, President of the *Nova Scotia Community College*, provided the Board with background information on the college and outlined her vision for the future of the NSCC. She advised the college's approach to education will be one that engages Nova Scotians in new ways to apply knowledge and skill.

Staffing Level

The Board approved a motion, based on a preliminary review of revenue and expenditures, establishing a "base" NSTU staffing complement of 1,467.5 teaching positions for the 2006-07 school year. The Board will also fill a minimum of 25 additional positions through "targeted" provincial funding.

Director of Finance Services

Chignecto-Central Regional School Board members welcomed **Valerie Gauthier** to her first regular Board Meeting since recently being appointed *Director of Finance Services*. Ms. Gauthier, a Chartered Accountant who has served as the Board's Acting Director of Finance Services since August 2005, brings to the position 14 years of experience working with school boards, as well as employment for 9 years in the private sector with the accounting firm Doane Raymond.

***2006 Board Member
Recognition Award Recipient***

Through his administrative report to the Board, Superintendent Gary Miller congratulated member ***Ron Marks*** on having been chosen as the winner of the ***Nova Scotia School Boards Association 2006 Board Member Recognition Award***. An external panel of judges with no prior involvement with School Boards chooses the award recipient.

The official presentation of the award will take place during the NSSBA AGM and Conference on May 26th.

Linda Campbell
Board Secretary