

CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Highlights of Meeting

Held on

September 13, 2006

BIBLE HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
741 COLLEGE ROAD

2006 – 2007 Budget Approved

The Board adopted a motion to approve an expenditures budget of \$174,910,114. for 2006-2007, an increase of approximately \$9.5 million over 2005-2006. The Board used \$8.75 million in additional funding from the Department of Education and \$750,000 from Board contingency funds to address cost pressures such as negotiated wage increases amounting to \$5.72 million and provincially-directed initiatives totaling \$2.28 million. The remaining \$1.5 million will be utilized for major building repairs and instructional initiatives.

Revised Policy #FS-01, Procurement and Purchasing

A motion, to adopt revised Policy #FS-01 – Procurement and Purchasing, was approved by the Board. The policy supports the Board's belief that its requirements for goods, services, construction, and facilities must be met a.) in an open, fair, consistent, and cost-effective manner; b.) within the context and limitations of the Board's annual budget; and c.) such that students benefit from the best quality physical resources and services at maximum value for cost.

Proposed Civic Centre

Board Members agreed in principle to support the highest evaluated Colchester Legion Stadium site, adjacent to the Cobequid Educational Centre, for the construction of a prospective new Civic Centre. Approval is pending successful negotiations regarding shared use of Board property and Civic Centre recreational services.

*G. R. Saunders Elementary
Renovations Project*

At the September 6th Committee-of-the-Whole meeting Board Member Ron Marks advised that the renovation project at the G. R. Saunders Elementary School, Stellarton had been impacted by escalating costs within the construction industry and would require additional capital to ensure a timely completion of the renovations. At the public Board Meeting on September 13th the Board agreed to seek approval from the Department of Education for an increase of \$1.5 million in 2007-08 provincial tangible capital assets funding, the amount required to bring the G. R. Saunders Elementary School renovation project to completion.

Linda Campbell
Board Secretary