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**CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**05-06 MINUTES**

**MARCH 8, 2006**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in the gymnasium located in Central Office, 60 Lorne Street, Truro beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:**

Gordon Anderson	Marilyn Murray
Kaaren Barkhouse	Elizabeth Paris
Alex Cope	Mackie Ross
Vivian Farrell	Jamie Stevens
Jim Grue	Marilyn Thompson
Keith MacKenzie	Trudy Thompson
Ron Marks	Bert Young
Wendy Matheson-Withrow	

**In Attendance:**

Doug Benedict	Terri Mingo-MacNeill
Valerie Gauthier	Herb Steeves
Wayne MacGillivray	Linda Campbell, Board Secretary
Allison McGrath	Elizabeth Van den Eynden, Legal Counsel
Gary Miller	

**Absent:**

David Myles, with regrets	Jeff Williams, with regrets
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Board Chair Trudy Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

It was MOVED by Elizabeth Paris, seconded by Marilyn Thompson

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORT FOR INFORMATION:**

**One-Year Study Leave Recipients:**

Vice-Chair Keith MacKenzie announced the names of (2) two one-year study leave recipients, as approved by the *Professional Development Fund Committee*, and provided particulars on each individual's choice of study. The successful candidates for 2006-07 study leaves are:

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

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION / SCHOOL CLOSURE REPORTS:**

Board Chair Trudy Thompson indicated the Chairs of two School Consolidation Study Committees and of two School Closure Study Committees were in attendance to present their final reports to the Board. Each Committee Chair provided an overview of the information contained in their respective reports. Each Chair also outlined their Committee's mandate, provided information on the background and process, reviewed belief statements developed by the individual Committees and presented recommendations for Board consideration. In preparing their reports, the Committees had reviewed various statistics including enrollment patterns and projections; student-teacher ratios; program requirements; operating costs; transportation costs, etc.

***Thorburn Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee Report (copy on file):***

Celtic Family of Schools Supervisor *Lynn MacLean* introduced *Hasse Lindblad*, Chair of the Thorburn Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee, who presented the report details including options considered by the Committee and the subsequent recommendation:

The Thorburn Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee had explored several options for consideration *i.e.* moving the Grades 7 – 9 to East Pictou Middle School, staggering the move over a period of a few years, or maintaining the status quo.

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The Study Committee report indicated the community feels very strongly about maintaining their Primary to Grade 9 school but recognizing that the East Pictou area in general is facing declining enrollment, the Committee's resulting recommendation to the Board is:

*that Thorburn Consolidated School remain a Primary to Grade 9 facility and that the school be included in the enrollment/boundary study for the eastern area of Pictou County the Board has scheduled for 2008.*

It was MOVED by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Vivian Farrell

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE THORBURN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR INFORMATION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***River John Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee Report (copy on file):***

The Chair of the River John Consolidated School Consolidation Study Committee, *Donald Gunn*, was introduced by Celtic Family of Schools Supervisor Lynn MacLean. Mr. Gunn reported the Study Committee had explored a number of alternatives and presented the various options to the public in a meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. These options explored moving just the Grades 7 – 9; moving only the Grade 9 students; or not moving any students.

After careful consideration and weighing of all factors, the Committee concluded there is no compelling reason to change the status quo and that any suggested change would be detrimental to the education of the students of the River John area. Any change that might be considered would not be supported by the surveys and presentations from the public meeting. Therefore, the River John School Consolidation Study Committee recommends the following:

*that the River John Consolidated School remain as a Primary to Grade 9 school.*

It was MOVED by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Mackie Ross

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE RIVER JOHN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR INFORMATION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***River Hebert District High School Closure Study Committee Report (copy on file):***

Chignecto Family of Schools Supervisor *Gary Clarke* introduced *Rennie Bugley*, Chair of the River Hebert District High School Closure Study Committee, who presented an informative report summary and provided the Closure Committee's resulting recommendations:

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board undertake additional analysis regarding capital costs, operational costs, transportation costs and instructional costs of the facility utilization options for the River Hebert Schools prior to any decision regarding school facility utilization options.*

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board approve a motion that River Hebert District High School will not be closed as of September 2006.*

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board approve a motion to initiate a consolidation study of River Hebert District High School and River Hebert Elementary School; the objective of such study to consolidate these schools to a P – 12 school.*

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board make application to the Province of Nova Scotia to fund the necessary renovations, upgrades, and/or building additions to River Hebert District High School to utilize this facility as a P – 12 school for students of RHDHS and RHES catchment areas.*

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board recommend to the Nova Scotia Department of Education that the Ministerial Act Regulations be amended to revise the responsibilities of Regional School Boards in the identification of schools for possible closure; such revisions to include more detailed analysis requirements of Boards prior to the identification of a school for closure study.*

It was MOVED by Mackie Ross, seconded by Vivian Farrell

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE RIVER HEBERT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CLOSURE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR INFORMATION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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***Wentworth Consolidated Elem. School Closure Study Committee Report (copy on file):***

Study Committee Chair *Kathy Redmond* was welcomed and introduced by Chignecto Family of Schools Supervisor Gary Clarke. Ms. Redmond presented the report details and the following recommendations on behalf of the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School Study Committee:

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board consults with the Nova Scotia Department of Education to lengthen the timeframe for completion of school closure studies.*

*that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board investigate students in Westchester being sent to Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School and Pugwash District High School and eliminating the Westchester-Oxford bus for a cost saving of approximately \$42,000/year.*

*that Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School continues to offer multi-age instruction and be viewed as a model for other small, rural schools.*

*and most importantly,*

*that Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School remain open so that students continue to be educated in their own community.*

It was MOVED by Mackie Ross, seconded by Marilyn Thompson

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE WENTWORTH CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR INFORMATION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Following receipt of the School Closure and Consolidation Study Reports, Chair Thompson expressed appreciation to all Committee members for the many hours spent reviewing the subject matter in preparation for the reports. She indicated that subsequent to receipt of public input on each of the School Closure Study Reports, the Board will make informed decisions on all the Reports at the April 12<sup>th</sup> regular Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was MOVED by Vivian Farrell, seconded by Keith MacKenzie

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2006 BE APPROVED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No items of correspondence were brought forward.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:**

Vice-Chair Keith MacKenzie read a report from a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Highlights from Standing Committees:

*Education Services:*

Committee Vice-Chair, Marilyn Thompson, highlighted information on the proposed implementation of a Regional examination for the Grade 11 Canadian History course. A recommendation for this initiative had been presented through the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement in October of 2005. Director Doug Benedict advised that the Department of Education would collaborate on the development and administration of this exam. A motion recommending the January 2008 implementation of a Regional Canadian History 11 examination will be presented for Board consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board.

*Corporate Services:*

Mackie Ross, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes from the February 15<sup>th</sup> Corporate Services Committee meeting. Wayne MacGillivray, Coordinator of Human Resources, provided background information on the development of draft *Policy #B-11 Internet and E-Mail Use (Employees/Board Members) and Administrative Guidelines*. This draft policy will be recommended to the Board for consideration at the April Board meeting through a notice of motion presented later this evening.

*Finance Services:*

Ron Marks, Committee Chair, referenced one topic from the minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Finance Services Committee meeting *i.e.* the 2006-07 Budget Planning Calendar which was attached to the minutes.

Discussion / Information / Decision Items:

***Proposed Resolutions for Submission to NSSBA:***

Following a review of resolutions prepared by the *Corporate Services* and *Education Services Committees*, there was agreement to recommend that the Board approve the resolutions, incorporating suggested amendments. The resolutions follow:

*Rationale:*

The Department of Education of Nova Scotia is implementing many program initiatives in relation to the Public Schools Programs offerings. These initiatives are being implemented across most grade levels and courses of study including literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, arts, physical education, French, and expanding course options through locally developed courses. Each of these initiatives requires teacher training during class time which has resulted in many concerns being expressed about the absence of teachers from their regular teaching duties with the resulting disruption to student learning due to frequent substitution.

Therefore, *Keith MacKenzie* presented the following motion, seconded by *Marilyn Thompson*:

**WHEREAS** the Province of Nova Scotia is implementing a wide range of program changes; and,

**WHEREAS** all program changes require teacher professional development; and,

**WHEREAS** teacher professional development has been shown to be key to student success; and,

**WHEREAS** taking teachers out of classrooms seriously disrupts students' educational programs;

**WHEREAS** there are not enough school shutdown days to complete necessary teacher professional development; and,

**WHEREAS** taking teachers out of classrooms results in paying substitute teachers; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the NSSBA urge the Province of Nova Scotia to support Boards in providing financial incentives which encourage professional development to occur during days outside the prescribed 195.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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*Rationale:*

For a number of years, school boards have found it difficult to attract Speech Language Pathologists and School Psychologists to work in a public school environment. The demands on these positions are more onerous than those in a clinical setting. Yet in a clinical setting, starting salaries are considerably higher.

Therefore, the following motion was presented by *Keith MacKenzie*, seconded by *Wendy Matheson-Withrow*:

**WHEREAS** School Boards have been unable to attract sufficient School Psychologists and Speech Language Pathologists; and,

**WHEREAS** the salary level for starting positions is substantially lower for these groups employed by school boards when compared with clinical settings;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nova Scotia School Boards Association request the Department of Education to increase the starting salary of a School Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist to the same level as found in a clinical setting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Note: At this point in the meeting, having declared a conflict of interest, Vice-Chair Keith MacKenzie left the table. He advised one of the applicants for the plans being considered under the ensuing topic is a family member.*

*Board Member Marilyn Murray assumed reading the report.*

**In-Camera Issue:**

Based on extensive discussion held during an in-camera session, it was agreed by the Committee-of-the-Whole to present the following recommendation:

It was MOVED by Marilyn Murray, seconded by Gordon Anderson

**THAT THE BOARD ENDORSE THE APPROVAL OF UP TO 55 EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN APPLICATIONS; APPROVED APPLICANTS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES UTILIZING THE CRITERIA SUGGESTED DURING THE IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**



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*Vice-Chair Keith MacKenzie returned to the Chair.*

It was MOVED by Keith MacKenzie, seconded by Jamie Stevens

**THAT THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EDUCATION SERVICES:**

Gordon Anderson, Committee Chair, provided a report on the Education Services Committee meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup> .

**A.S.I.S.T. (Adolescent Support Interagency Service Team):**

Ms. Kim Blackbeard, A.S.I.S.T. Chair and Social Worker with Cumberland Mental Health, along with Ms. Viola Sangster, CCRSB member of A.S.I.S.T. and Student Services Consultant, provided background information on the A.S.I.S.T. program and distributed pamphlets detailing the program, how it works, and contact information.

*In response to a suggestion from Member Jamie Stevens that the full Board would benefit from hearing the A.S.I.S.T. presentation, Board Chair Trudy Thompson advised she would refer the topic for discussion with the Vice-Chair and Superintendent during future agenda preparation meetings.*

**CVHS (Chignecto Virtual High School):**

Assistant Director of Education Services, Dr. Larry Elchuck, provided an update on the Chignecto Virtual High School. The program began in the spring of 2003 and has grown from 2 on-line courses being developed and offered to a total of 16 to date. Enrollment has also grown from 56 students in the fall of 2004 to 97 students in the spring of 2006. There are currently 9 schools offering the on-line route to learning: Advocate District; Hants North; Oxford Regional High; North Colchester; Parrsboro Regional High; Springhill Jr./Sr. High; Pictou Academy; Pugwash District High; and River Hebert District High – as well as the Adult High Schools.

*During discussion on the minutes a concern was raised by Board Member Ron Marks regarding the name used for the Board's on-line program for students. Accordingly,*

It was MOVED by Ron Marks, seconded by Marilyn Murray

**THAT THE BOARD'S VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM BE OFFICIALLY NAMED CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Regional Examination Recommendation – Grade 11 Canadian History:**

Further discussion ensued on the Superintendent's recommendation for a Regional examination for the Grade 11 Canadian History course. It was reported that the Department of Education would partner with CCRSB on the development and administration of the proposed examination. Based on the Education Services Committee's agreement and subsequent recommendation,

It was MOVED by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Keith MacKenzie

**THAT A REGIONAL EXAMINATION FOR THE GRADE 11 CANADIAN HISTORY REQUIRED CREDIT BE DEVELOPED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN JANUARY 2008.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Proposed NSSBA Resolution:**

A proposed resolution was brought forward for NSSBA consideration. Following is the rationale for the resolution:

The Department of Education of Nova Scotia is implementing many program initiatives in relation to the Public Schools Programs offerings. These initiatives are being implemented across most grade levels and courses of study including literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, arts, physical education, French, and expanding course options through locally developed courses. Each of these initiatives requires teacher training during class time which has resulted in many concerns being expressed about the absence of teachers from their regular teaching duties with the resulting disruption to student learning due to frequent substitution. *(Note: The resolution supporting this rationale was approved for submission to the NSSBA through the Committee-of-the-Whole report to the Board earlier in the meeting.)*

**Police Resource Officer Program Pilot:**

The Education Services Committee **agreed** that further research is necessary before implementing a Police Resource Officer Program Pilot. Other Boards and police agencies will be contacted to obtain more information for further discussion by the Committee.

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**French Immersion – Selection of Students:**

The allocation of seats for feeder schools when selecting students for the Early French Immersion program at Douglas Street School was discussed. It was **agreed** that the selection procedures be brought to the Education Services Committee again for review before next year's selection of students is made.

It was MOVED by Gordon Anderson , seconded by Marilyn Thompson

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2006 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES:**

Committee Chair Mackie Ross read a report from the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Boundary Study – Amherst Area:**

The Committee received a preliminary discussion paper on the Boundary Study for the Amherst area elementary schools.

It was agreed by the Committee that more study on the discussion paper is required before making a decision on whether to proceed with boundary changes and/or consolidation studies.

*In response to a query from Board Member Marilyn Thompson, Gary Clarke, Chignecto Family of Schools Supervisor, advised that should the decision entail moving students from one school to another, a Consolidation Study would be initiated which includes a process requiring public consultation.*

**Draft Internet Use Policy:**

Wayne MacGillivray, Acting Director of Human Resources, circulated a draft policy and guidelines on Appropriate Internet Use for School Board Staff and Board Members. [A copy was attached to the February 15<sup>th</sup> Corporate Services Committee minutes.]

The Committee reviewed the policy and administrative guidelines and agreed it was an appropriate policy to introduce to the Board.

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Mackie Ross served notice, by way of the Corporate Services Committee report, that he will move or cause to be moved a motion to adopt Policy # B-11, *Internet and E-Mail Use (Employees / Board Members)*, at the Public Board Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Permanent Substitutes:**

In light of Corporate Services Committee discussion and recommendation surrounding ongoing problems which arise each year in finding qualified substitutes, especially for French positions,

It was MOVED by Mackie Ross, seconded by Vivian Farrell

**THAT AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS, THE BOARD HIRE UP TO SIX (6) PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR (TERM CONTRACTS ONLY), THE MAJORITY BEING HIRED AS FRENCH SUBSTITUTES, WITH THE DISCRETION TO UTILIZE THEM IN OTHER SUBJECT AREAS AS REQUIRED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*It was clarified that this action would be confirmed during the budget process.*

**Speech Language Pathologist and Psychologist Positions – NSSBA Resolution:**

For a number of years, school boards have found it difficult to attract Speech Language Pathologists and School Psychologists to work in a public school environment. The demands on these positions are onerous in comparison to a clinical setting. In a clinical setting starting salaries are also considerably higher.

The Committee agreed that a proposed resolution regarding Speech Language Pathologist and School Psychologist positions should be brought forward for NSSBA consideration. (*Note: This resolution was approved for submission to the NSSBA through the Committee-of-the-Whole report to the Board earlier in the meeting.*)

It was MOVED by Mackie Ross, seconded by Marilyn Murray

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**FINANCE SERVICES:**

Committee Chair Ron Marks read a report from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Finance Services Committee.

**Financial Statements to January 31, 2006 and Forecast:**

The Committee received the Financial Statements to January 31, 2006 which includes the forecast to March 2006 year-end.

**Board Members' Pay Cycle:**

Implementation of the SAP HR/Payroll system requires a change in the frequency and/or timing of Board Members' pays. Currently Board Members are paid on the first generated pay of the month.

The Finance Services Committee agreed to change the pay cycle to once a month with payment on the 15<sup>th</sup> effective January 2007.

It was MOVED by Ron Marks, seconded by Kaaren Barkhouse

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE FINANCE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2006 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

In the absence of David Myles, Ron Marks read a report from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Audit Committee meeting.

**Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

David Myles was nominated as Chair and Don Jerrett was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

Based on the Audit Committee's approval and recommendation,

It was MOVED by Ron Marks, seconded by Mackie Ross

**THAT THE BOARD ENDORSE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MYLES AS CHAIR AND DON JERRETT AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Special Audit Procedures:**

The Audit Committee agreed that the Business Managers will perform two additional Peer Reviews as part of the audit process at Alice Street Elementary School and River Hebert District High. These peer reviews will be reviewed by KPMG. (The two schools were randomly selected.)

It was MOVED by Ron Marks, seconded by Kaaren Barkhouse

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2006 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Gary Miller welcomed newly hired Director of Human Resources Services *Allison McGrath* who began her position with the Board on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McGrath, a lawyer with extensive experience in labour relations, expressed pleasure to be working within the Chignecto-Central school system and in particular with the Human Resources team assembled by her predecessors.

Mr. Miller highlighted several items from his administrative report including: *data originally provided in September 2003 regarding declining enrollment and square footage; Facilities Reviews; and, the Challenge of Student Assessment.* He encouraged participation in one of the *Hulley Workshops on Professional Learning Communities* being offered on April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro. Board Members will be contacted by e-mail as to which date they prefer to attend.

**BOARD CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR REPORT:**

Board Chair Trudy Thompson advised she had recently participated in a number of meetings including: a meeting of *Chairs and Superintendents with representatives of the NSSBA*; a session with representatives of *the Municipality of the County of Cumberland*; and, a meeting with a representative of *CREDA* (Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association).

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**Ad hoc Communications Committee:**

Board Member Wendy Matheson-Withrow read a report from the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 Communications Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed information relevant to media coverage and participation concerning the Lead and Achieve public consultation forum scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Committee also discussed the workload requirements within the Communications division and determined additional support is required in order to meet Board expectations for consistent proactive public relations, timely media response and other daily demands on the division. It was noted it is especially challenging for the Communications Officer to continue with the regular duties of the position while meeting the needs of the media during times of crisis. This matter will come forward as a cost pressure to the Board during budget deliberations.

It was MOVED by Wendy Matheson-Withrow, seconded by Gordon Anderson

**THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT FROM A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2006 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NSSBA REPORT:**

In the absence of David Myles, NSSBA President Ron Marks, reviewed highlights from the NSSBA Board of Directors' meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. The overview provided an update on various topics including: the Lead and Achieve II – Achieving Better Classrooms; recent media coverage on School Boards; a meeting with the Minister of Education; draft guiding principles between School Boards and the Department of Education; a Province-wide request for proposals related to Superintendent performance evaluations; attendance at meetings; approved NSSBA budget; honorary life members; and, a presentation from Nova Scotia Community College representatives re their strategic planning process.

Other documents provided for information included:

- NSSBA Month in Review – January 2006
- NSSBA Board of Directors' Special Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2006

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Mr. Marks encouraged Board Members to consider attending the NSSBA Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> in Baddeck. He stressed the importance of having eight voting delegates to represent the Board. Mr. Marks announced that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board is expected to host the annual general meeting of the NSSBA in 2007. Board Members **agreed** to host the event and indicated a willingness to strike a planning committee with membership to be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business brought forward.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

A notice of motion, proposing the adoption of Policy #B-11, *Internet and E-mail Use (Employees / Board Members)* at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, was served earlier in the meeting through the Corporate Services Committee.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions from the public.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

It was MOVED by Jamie Stevens, seconded by Marilyn Murray

**THAT THE MEETING MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was MOVED by Vivian Farrell, seconded by Marilyn Murray

**THAT THE MEETING RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Board, scheduled for **April 12, 2006**, will be held in the South Colchester Academy beginning at 7:00 p.m.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion of Gordon Anderson, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Trudy Thompson, Board Chair

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Linda Campbell, Board Secretary

April 12, 2006  
Date