

CHIGNECTO-CENTRAL REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
14-06 MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The annual organizational meeting of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, in the Central Office Board Room, 60 Lorne Street, Truro beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Clarke	Terri Mingo
Valerie Gauthier	Linda Campbell, Board Secretary
Noel Hurley	Alan Lowe, Regional Education Officer (Acting)
Allison McGrath	Bruce MacIntosh, Legal Counsel
Herb Steeves	

Superintendent Noel Hurley welcomed those in attendance to the annual organizational meeting of the Board. Dr. Hurley indicated that in accordance with the Education Act, the Superintendent presides over the first portion of the organizational meeting until such time as a Board Chair has been elected.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was MOVED by Jamie Stevens, seconded by Elizabeth Paris

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR:

Superintendent Noel Hurley outlined the procedure to be followed, as described in the Education Act, for the election of a Board Chair. The Board Secretary and Board Legal Counsel served as scrutineers following which each Board Member was provided with a ballot to nominate, in secret, a person to serve as Board Chair. The nominations were collected, and a report was brought back to the meeting. The four nominated individuals were asked if they would let their names stand for election – *Vivian Farrell* declined; *Ron Marks* declined; *Keith MacKenzie* declined; and *Trudy Thompson* accepted. Accordingly, **Trudy Thompson** was declared elected by acclamation.

Ms. Thompson assumed the chair and thanked her fellow Board Members for their support over the past two years. She expressed confidence that despite the many challenges to be encountered the Board would continue to work together to ensure the best results for all students.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:

Chair Thompson advised the election of a Vice-Chair would follow a procedure similar to the election for Board Chair. Each Board Member was given a ballot to nominate a Vice-Chair with four names coming forward following the review by the scrutineers. The four nominated individuals were asked if they would let their names stand for election – *Gordon Anderson* declined; *Vivian Farrell* declined; *Ron Marks* declined; and *Keith MacKenzie* accepted. Therefore, **Keith MacKenzie** was acclaimed as Board Vice-Chair.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SELECTION:

Board Members were asked to indicate, on a form provided, their first, second and third choices for participation on one of the four existing Standing Committees; *Education Services*, *Financial Services*, *Human Resources Services* and *Operational Services*. A *Nominating Committee* consisting of the *Chair* along with *Marilyn Thompson* and *Jamie Stevens* assisted by the *Board Secretary*, reviewed the requests and provided a report to the Board.

Board Chair Trudy Thompson presented the *Nominating Committee Report* as follows:

EDUCATION SERVICES:

Gordon Anderson, *Chair*
Wendy Matheson-Withrow, *Vice-Chair*
Elizabeth Paris
Bert Young

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

Kaaren Barkhouse
Jim Grue
Ron Marks, *Chair*
David Myles, *Vice-Chair*

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES:

Alex Cope
Marilyn Murray
Marilyn Thompson, *Chair*
Jamie Stevens, *Vice-Chair*

OPERATIONAL SERVICES:

Vivian Farrell, *Chair*
Keith MacKenzie
Mackie Ross
Jeff Williams, *Vice-Chair*

It was **agreed** that the Nominating Committee Report be accepted as presented.

Note: The Chair and Vice-Chair of each Standing Committee as identified above were selected in individual Standing Committee meetings held immediately following the Board Meeting.

SELECT COMMITTEE(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Board Members **agreed** to the following appointments on the various Select Committees:

Attendance and Discipline Committee:

- Keith MacKenzie
- Marilyn Murray

It was noted that all Board Members are deemed to be alternates.

- Employment Equity Advisory Committee:**
- Marilyn Thompson
 - Elizabeth Paris
- Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee:**
- Vivian Farrell
 - Wendy Matheson-Withrow
 - Marilyn Thompson
- Management and Labour Relations Committee:**
- Keith MacKenzie
 - Mackie Ross
- Negotiations Committee:**
- Kaaren Barkhouse
 - Ron Marks
- With Marilyn Thompson to serve as an alternate member.*
- Nova Scotia School Boards Association Resolutions and Election Committee:**
- Wendy Matheson-Withrow
- With David Myles to serve as an alternate member.*
- Professional Development Committee:**
- Vivian Farrell
- Regional Occupational Health and Safety Committee:**
- Gordon Anderson
- School Insurance Program (SIP):** Elected for 4-yr. Term in 2004
- Ron Marks
- Student Services Placement Appeals Committee:**
- Jamie Stevens
 - Jeff Williams
 - Bert Young
- System Placement Committee:**
- Gordon Anderson
- Teacher / Board Committee:**
- Elizabeth Paris
 - Marilyn Thompson
- Board Representation on:**
- Amherst Chamber of Commerce - David Myles
 - East-Hants & District Chamber of Commerce - Wendy Matheson-Withrow
 - Parrsboro & District Board of Trade - Mackie Ross
 - Pictou County Chamber of Commerce - Vivian Farrell
 - Springhill Chamber of Commerce - Marilyn Thompson
 - Truro & District Chamber of Commerce - Bert Young

Board Member Jeff Williams advised that the Northumberland (Tatamagouche) Branch of the Chamber of Commerce has merged with the Truro & District Chamber of Commerce.

Ad hoc Communications Committee:

- Vivian Farrell
- Wendy Matheson-Withrow
- Jamie Stevens

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

It was MOVED by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Keith MacKenzie

THAT BOARD MEMBERS JIM GRUE, WENDY MATHESON-WITHROW, RON MARKS, AND DAVID MYLES CONTINUE TO SERVE WITH EXTERNAL ADVISOR DON JERRETT, CA AS MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Following an indication from the members in question that they agreed to serve on the Audit Committee, the vote was called.

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD MEETINGS DATES, TIMES:

It was MOVED by Ron Marks, seconded by Jim Grue

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

- **THAT THE BOARD COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.; AND,**
- **THAT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**

MOTION CARRIED

Note: A proposed *Board Meeting Schedule* was attached to the agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for **December 13, 2006** and will be held in the Central Office Board Room at **60 Lorne Street, Truro** beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on motion of Keith MacKenzie.

Note: Following adjournment, each Standing Committee met to elect a Committee Chair and Committee Vice-Chair as well as to set meeting dates and times.

Trudy Thompson, Board Chair

December 13, 2006
Date

Linda Campbell, Board Secretary

December 13, 2006
Date