

# SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

## Special Board Meeting

Regional Office – Board Room

Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

June 18, 2014

5:00 p.m.

### Present:

#### Board

Naugler, Jennifer; Board Chair	Garber, Elmer
Payzant, Elliott; Board Vice-Chair	Griffin, Theresa
Crossland, Elizabeth	Simms, Vernon
Fougere, Cheryl	Stevens, Charmaine

#### Staff

Cainen, Geoff; Superintendent of Schools  
DeWolfe, Jeff; Director of Programs & Student Services  
Ferraina, Lori; Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools  
Munro, Tina; Director of Human Resources  
Smith, Brian; Director of Operations  
Tattie, Wade; Director of Finance

#### Other

Amirault, Stephen; Regional Education Officer

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Naugler called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Board Secretary recorded the attendance. Seven Board Members and six staff members were present.

Board Chair Naugler explained that the purpose of this Special Board Meeting is to discuss the strategic plan, the budget and the office building lease.

**MOTION** by Board Member Simms, seconded by Board Member Fougere, that the Board meet in camera. (5:03 p.m.) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**MOTION** by Board Member Payzant, seconded by Board Member Fougere, that the Board return to the special meeting. (5:19 p.m.) **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Board Chair Naugler called a recess at 5:20 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 5:30 p.m.

Geoff Cainen, Superintendent of Schools, briefly reviewed the South Shore Regional School Board Strategic Plan 2013-2017.

Board Member Naugler took a moment and read the South Shore Regional School Board's Mission Statement.

Board Member Simms stated that the Board's Mission Statement should be on a plaque on the wall in the board room.

**MOTION SS011-14** by Board Member Payzant, seconded by Board Member Garber, that the Board approve the South Shore Regional School Board Strategic Plan 2013-2017.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Geoff Cainen, Superintendent of Schools, gave a brief introduction to the Board regarding the lengthy budget process.

Wade Tattie, Director of Finance, explained that the NSTU staffing was approved in May. It is important to note that of the 487.05 FTEs for school instruction, 19.2 FTEs exist because of specific restricted funding from the province. The actual funding increase this year is 2.4%. Much of the increase was restricted funding. There have been some reductions in FTEs throughout the Board to balance the budget this year. We have received significant capital funding from the province this year: Park View Education Centre has received \$1.3 million; and \$795,000 in total for the following 4 schools: Hebbville, Dr. J. C. Wikewire, West Northfield, and Chester Area Middle School. There will be no change in the Adult Education program, as the province has come through with funding.

Board Member Simms suggested that the some budget lines, such as Supplies and Materials, need to be better described as to what expenses are to be included in these budget lines.

Jeff DeWolfe, Director of Programs & Student Services, spoke to the Board regarding the budget process regarding Adult High Schools and TELP.

**MOTION SS012-14** by Board Member Payzant, seconded by Board Member Simms, that the Board approve the South Shore Regional School Board 2014-2015 Budget having revenues and expenditures of \$78,596,507.<sup>00</sup>.

**Seven For / One Opposed / Motion Carried**

Geoff Cainen, Superintendent of Schools, spoke to the Board regarding changes in Regional Management.

Brian Smith, Director of Operations, spoke to the Board regarding Property Services.

Wade Tattie, Director of Finance, spoke to the Board regarding the 3 year and seven month extension of the Regional Office building lease.

Board Member Stevens suggested that the Board needs to identify a location for the Regional Office in a timely manner so we are ready when the current lease expires.

**MOTION SS013-14** by Board Member Payzant, seconded by Board Member Fougere that the Board approve the extension of the building lease to July 31, 2018 according to the revised terms specified in the agreement dated May 28, 2014.

**Seven For / One Opposed / Motion Carried**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Naugler declared the meeting adjourned. (6:29 p.m.)