

CONSTITUTION

for

The Nova Central School Board

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PREAMBLE - Source of Authority and Purpose

WHEREAS by an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the 25th day of August, 2004, to create a new school district, District #3 - Central Newfoundland, to come into force on the 1st day of September, 2004;

WHEREAS by an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the 25th day of August, 2004, to dissolve the school boards for School District 5 and School District 6 and to create a successor school board for District #3 - Central Newfoundland to come into force on the 1th day of September, 2004; and

WHEREAS under Section 60 of the Schools Act, 1997, a School Board is required, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education to prescribe and adopt its Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE the School Board for District #3 - Central Newfoundland, in a meeting duly assembled on the 22nd day of February 2005, hereby adopts the following Constitution of the said Board.

ARTICLE I - Name

The official name of District #3 - Central Newfoundland is Nova Central School District, and in this Constitution the school board for the Nova Central School District shall be referred to as "the Board".

ARTICLE II - Boundaries

The Nova Central School District includes the area bounded by a line commencing at The Beaches, exclusive, and extending in a northerly and easterly direction around the coast to Charlottetown, Bonavista Bay, inclusive and then in a southwesterly direction to Port Blandford, exclusive, and then to Rencontre East, inclusive, and then in a westerly direction around the coast to Francois, exclusive, and then in a northerly direction along the boarder of District 2 to the point of commencement.

ARTICLE III - Electoral Zones and Board Membership

The Board shall consist of fifteen(15) members, elected or appointed in accordance to the provisions of the Schools Act 1997 and pursuant to related election regulations.

The district will be subdivided into eleven(11) electoral zones, each composed of the following communities and represented by the referenced number of trustees:

Zone #1	All communities on the Baie Verte Peninsula	1 Trustee
Zone #2	All communities from Sheppardville to Rattling Brook to Harry's Harbour to Beachside to Little Bay Islands to Miles Cove to Beaumont to Brighton, inclusive	1 Trustee
Zone #3	All communities from Buchans to Grand Falls-Windsor, inclusive	2 Trustees
Zone #4	All communities from Bishop's Falls to Peterview to Leading Tickles to Fortune Harbour, inclusive	2 Trustees
Zone #5	All communities on the Connaigre Peninsula from St. Alban's to Morrisville to Rencontre East to Gaultois to McCallum, inclusive	2 Trustees
Zone #6	All communities from Norris Arm to Laurenceton to Little Burnt Bay to Comfort Cove to Baytona to Birchy Bay, inclusive	1 Trustee
Zone #7	All communities on Twillingate Island and New World Island to Boyd's Cove, inclusive	1 Trustee
Zone #8	All communities on Fogo Island and Change Islands to Port Albert to Horwood to Gander Bay South to Frederickton to Aspen Cove to Ladle Cove to Musgrave Harbour, inclusive	1 Trustee
Zone #9	All communities from Deadmann's Bay to Cape Freels to Pool's Island to Greenspond to Hare Bay, inclusive	1 Trustee
Zone #10	All communities from Gambo to Glovertown to Charlottetown, inclusive, and all communities on the Eastport Peninsula, and St Brendan's Island	1 Trustee
Zone #11	All communities from Benton to Glenwood, inclusive	2 Trustees

ARTICLE IV - Responsibilities of the Board

The Board shall be responsible for the implementation of educational services and the curriculum, prescribed by the Department of Education, for all students under the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board will carry out this responsibility using the highest standards of practice. The Board shall comply with the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Schools Act 1997 and regulations, and any other related legislation.

ARTICLE V - Term of Office

The election of a school board shall typically occur every four years on the provincial date for municipal elections and in compliance with regulations approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

ARTICLE VI - Officers of the Board

The officers of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board at its annual meeting and shall include the following:

- a) Chairperson
- b) 1st Vice Chairperson
- c) 2nd Vice Chairperson
- d) Treasurer
- e) Secretary

Duties of the officers of the board, additional any duties specified in the Schools Act 1997, shall be outlined in by-laws and policy of the board.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the board and shall carry out its responsibilities in a matter and scope as stated in section 60 of the School's Act, 1997 and in compliance with conditions outlined in any by-laws and policies of the board.

ARTICLE VIII - Board Committees

In addition to the Executive Committee, the Board shall establish four standing committees and any necessary ad hoc committees, and shall set forth in by-laws and policy the composition, the terms of reference and operational procedures for each committee so established.

The four standing committees shall include a Finance/Property Committee, a Personnel Committee, a Programs Committee and a Student Support Services Committee, and each standing committee shall be chaired by the elected officers of the board, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the 1st Vice-Chair and the 2nd Vice-Chair, respectively.

ARTICLE IX - Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the board shall be held not later than November 30.

ARTICLE X - Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall first be given as a "notice of motion" at a regular meeting of the Board for consideration at a subsequent regular meeting. All amendments to the Constitution must receive the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the current membership of the Board. This Constitution and amendments thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.

Date of Board Approval: February 22, 2005
Date of Ministerial Approval: July 29, 2005