

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

8:00 p.m.

**Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON**

PRESENT:

Trustees: Judy Cairncross, Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore, Doug Pratley, Nancy Rothwell, Colleen Schenk, Randy Wagler

Senior Staff: Ted Doherty, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Peggy Blair, Paul Langis and Associate Superintendent Cheri Carter. Superintendent Morris attended via teleconference.

Student Trustees: Shannon Edwards and Zach Misener

Resource: Communications Manager Wes MacVicar

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2015 10 127

(N. Rothwell – C. Schenk)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

CARRIED

Vice Chair Geddes was Chair for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

Chair Wagler resumed the Chair at 7:10 p.m. and convened into Committee of the Whole, Open Session.

Approval of Committee of the Whole, Open Session Agenda

The following items were added for discussion:

- 1) Trustee Professional Development
- 2) Change January 26th Board meeting to January 19th

MOTION 2015 10 128

(R. Hunking – A. Kent)

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for Committee of the Whole, Open Session, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Trustee Open Time**French as a Second Language Discussion**

Following discussion of the French as a Second Language Instruction report at the September 22nd Regular Board meeting, trustees presented staff with follow-up questions to the report. In response to these questions Director Doherty explained staff prepared a question and answer document to address the finance, facility and transportation questions first. Associate Superintendent Carter and Superintendent Baird-Jackson outlined the questions and provided answers related to finance, facilities and transportation.

Superintendent Morris responded to additional questions regarding FI impact on student achievement compared to students in core French, FI enrolment, and programming costs.

As the Regular session was to begin at 8:00 p.m., Trustees requested to reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session following the Regular Session in order to resume discussion on FSL.

REGULAR SESSION**MOTION 2015 10 129****(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)****RESOLVED THAT** this Board reconvene into Regular Session.**CARRIED****ROUTINE MATTERS****Oath of Allegiance – Student Senators**

Ryan Miller and Christian Streicher, Student Senators were in attendance and recited the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Declaration of Office for the school year 2015/2016.

Approval of Agenda

The following item was added in New Business:

- 1) Additional PA Day for OSSTF

MOTION 2015 10 130**(J. Moore – N. Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.**CARRIED****Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2015 10 131****(J. Carincross – C. Schenk)****RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, September 22, 2015, be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session**Approval of the Purchase of Meraki Mobile Device Management (MDM) Software Licenses****MOTION 2015 10 131****(L. Geddes – D. Pratley)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the quoted pricing from Long View Systems Corporation for the Meraki Device Management Software purchase and that staff enter into a three year term contract with the agreed upon price.

CARRIED**Strategic Plan Reflection – Trustee Pratley**

In ancient Greece, I do not know this from personal experience, but history tells us, that rich families sent their sons to “school”. They were accompanied by slaves called “pedagogues” who walked them to school and supervised and instructed them one-to-one. This one-to-one practice continued in European monastic schools of the 16th and 17th centuries. One-to-one, rich boys only, self-paced, mastery learning.

It was about 200 years ago that the Prussians realized that there was a need for a large educated labour force. Hence the birth of universal, free public education. The traits of this learning were: universality, batching students, go at one pace, practical subjects only, sort students by their usefulness to society and in some measure, indoctrinate them. The best of both of these worlds would be: one-to-one, universal, free, teaching not indoctrinating and mastery based.

I suspect that our budget would not allow us to hire 15,000 teachers for one-to-one instruction so let’s look at what our resources do allow.

Welcome - today’s topic is - one of Director Doherty’s favourite subjects – exponents.

(Play Khan Academy video lesson – “exponents example 1” from Basic algebra – length 1:14)

Reflect on what you just experienced: it was casual, it was free, it was short, it was instructive and the big bonus is that if you did not understand it to mastery level, you can play it again and again and again and again, if you wish in your pajamas, in the comfort of your own home on your time – no stigma, no waste of others time, no pressure and you can learn to mastery.

With such tools we can create classrooms with 100% of time dedicated to questioning, clarifying, engaging, and advancing understanding and 0% of the time formally instructing.

A “pipe” dream for now but perhaps our future lies in our past.

Such strategies: “create positive learning environments”, “honour learning preferences” and “foster the effective use of technology to support student outcomes”.

I am not advocating video learning or the “flipped classroom”, as the solution to serving our varied population of students all the time, or as the only method of teaching. It is not “the silver bullet”, but we do have a richness of options and we are obligated to explore what serves our students and communities best. Our strategic Plan not only allows for but plans for such options and it obligates us to search out new pedagogies. New ways to ‘serve’.

Good News

Superintendent Baird-Jackson announced School Bus Safety week is scheduled for October 19th to 23rd.

Trustee Rothwell attended Listowel District Secondary Schools’ commencement on Friday, October 9th. Trustee Rothwell noted Listowel Central Public School and Wallace Public School are preparing for the transition to their new school in September 2016 and will be coordinating their closing celebrations together.

Chair Wagler attended South Huron District High Schools’ commencement on Friday, October 9th.

Trustee Hunking extended congratulations to Central Huron Secondary School students on their awards assembly held in their cafeteria, and their commencement held at the Seaforth Community Centre on Friday, October 9th.

Student Trustee Update

Student Trustees Shannon Edwards and Zach Misener attended the OSTA-AECO fall general meeting on October 1st to 4th at the Eaton Downtown Marriott in Toronto. The student trustees thanked the Board for making it possible to attend.

Staff Presentations

There were no staff presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**Process for Setting the Kilometrage Rates for Travel on Board Business**

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the report reminding trustees that Administrative Procedure 515 had been recently updated and as part of that review finance staff looked at how and when to determine the kilometrage rate. There currently are two kilometrage rates for reimbursement for single person travel and a carpooling rate. The current process is to review these rates twice per year and adjust the rate in January or in the upcoming school year. Finance staff have streamlined the process and are suggesting to set the rates once per year.

MOTION 2015 10 132**(D. Pratley – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Board staff will determine, and present for information, the annual kilometrage rates for reimbursement of employees' personal travel expenses while on board business as follows:
 Base Rate – a survey of five local school boards, the results of which are to be averaged and compared to the existing Base rate at AMDSB. Any change of 2 cents more or less will result in a change to the Base Rate to be used in the upcoming the fiscal year, and
 Carpooling Rate – to be set at the maximum rate as determined by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that is non-taxable to an employee in the Province of Ontario, as in place by CRA on April 1st of each year. This rate will be used as the Carpooling Rate in the upcoming the fiscal year.

The rates will be determined in May of each year and will be in effect for the upcoming fiscal year.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS****Director's Reports****Director's Activities Report**

Director Doherty presented the first report of the year for information.

Principal and Vice Principal Pools

Superintendent Baker presented the report for information and noted the pools are no longer separated into elementary or secondary panels as there are opportunities for cross panel moves. New additions to the pools are noted with an asterisk (*).

Vice Principal Pool:

Carolyn Bell	August 2015
Ian Moore	August 2016
Jenalyn Ignor	August 2016
Ed Havenga	August 2017
John Flynn	August 2017
Greg Schnurr	August 2017
David Hunt	August 2017
Lori Stevens	August 2018*
Melanie Hahn	August 2018*
Kimberly Landsborough	August 2018*

Principal Pool:

Joanne Lombardi	August 2016
Charles Longston	August 2016
Scott Richardson	August 2016
Lynda Hemming	August 2017
Marie McDade	August 2018*
Abby Armstrong	August 2018*
John Herbert	August 2018*
Jana Bayer Smith	August 2018*
Rob Simmons	August 2018*

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Baker presented the report for information.

The following retirements/resignations have been received:

- Tracy Grubb, Secretary at the Goderich CEL effective October 31, 2015
- David George, Health & Safety Officer at the Ed Centre effective October 16, 2015
- Henry Elderhorst, Educational Assistant at Hullett Central PS effective October 31, 2015
- Lucie Turcotte-Lapaine, Teacher at Huron Centennial PS effective November 30, 2015

The following new hires have taken place:

- Melanie Jeffrey, Teacher at Goderich PS effective October 5, 2015

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking reported updates can be found on OPSBA website. Trustee Hunking reminded trustees of the regional OPSBA meeting on Saturday, October 24th in Stratford. Trustee Pratley will provide location details later this week.

Minutes from Board Committees

SEAC: June 17, 2015 and September 9, 2015

Correspondence

- 1) Letter from Bluewater District School Board dated October 1, 2015

NEW BUSINESSAdditional PA Day for OSSTF

Director Doherty reported there has been a change to the school year calendar as a result of the Collective Agreements that have been signed with OSSTF, OECTA and AEFO. In these agreements are provisions for one additional PA day. The Ministry has notified Boards that the required regulatory amendments will be made, and the Ministry will provide support for boards to ensure that the new mandatory PA day dedicated to provincial education priorities, will be incorporated into the 2015/2016 school year calendar. Confirmation of the date will be confirmed.

Motion to Reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session

MOTION 2015 10 132

(J. Cairncross – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole, Open SessionFrench as a Second Language Discussion

Director Doherty and Superintendent Morris continued to answer questions that had been submitted by trustees addressing the information report from September 22nd Regular Board meeting.

Trustees addressed a series of questions relative to the French Instruction Interest Survey and provided revisions to the survey. Staff will revise the Survey to include trustees' revisions and send the survey to the Chair and Vice Chair.

Trustees asked that Director Doherty respond to the municipalities who forwarded a motion asking the Board to consider the provision of French Immersion services and classes to the residents of Huron County.

Trustees also asked that Chair Wagler respond to the French Immersion group that presented on May 12, 2015.

Motion to Reconvene into Regular Session

MOTION 2015 10 133

(A. Kent – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board reconvene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

French as a Second Language Interest Survey

MOTION 2015 10 134

(C. Schenk – J. Cairncross)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board direct staff to prepare the French Immersion Interest Survey to communities throughout the district not already served by French Immersion, and that Chair Wagler and Vice Chair Geddes will vet the final survey and send to trustees for final approval.

CARRIED

Trustee Professional Development

Trustees tentatively scheduled January 12, 2016 for an evening dedicated to professional development. Discussion on topics will be held at an upcoming Committee of the Whole, Open Session meeting.

Change January 26th Board meeting to January 19th

Trustees agreed to change the January 26th Board meeting to January 19, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, October 27, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Parent Involvement Committee: Monday, October 19, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
- Director's Review Committee: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
- Audit Committee: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2015 10 135

(N.Rothwell – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date approved

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board