

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

5:55 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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, and Randy Wagler

The following trustees attended via teleconference:

Lynette Geddes, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore

Senior Staff: Ted Doherty, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Jodie Baker, Peggy Blair, Paul Langis, Jane Morris and Associate Superintendent Cheri Carter

Resource: Communications Manager Wes MacVicar

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

Due to inclement weather the Finance Committee was postponed, and the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Regular Board began at 5:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schenk 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 2016 01 01

(R. Hunking – R. Wagler)

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

CARRIED

Due to inclement weather Vice Chair Kent was unable to be at the Seaforth Education Centre, therefore Trustee Hunking was selected as Acting Vice Chair for the January 29th Board meeting. Vice Chair Kent attended via teleconference.

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

Chair Schenk resumed the Chair at 5:55 p.m. and convened into Regular Session.

ROUTINE MATTERS**Approval of Agenda****MOTION 2016 01 02****(R. Wagler – J. Cairncross)****RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.**CARRIED**

Chair Schenk noted due to inclement weather the scheduled presentation of The Four Races of Mankind Medicine Wheel will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2016 01 03****(R. Wagler – R. Hunking)****RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, December 8, 2015, be approved as presented.**CARRIED****MOTION 2016 01 04****(L. Geddes – N. Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board Poll Vote held Wednesday, December 16, 2015, be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed SessionProposed Amendments to the Collective Agreement between AMDSB and OSSTF District 8 PSSP Bargaining Unit**MOTION 2016-01-05****(R. Hunking – J. Cairncross)****RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation – Personal Support Services Personnel (PSSP) Bargaining Unit.**CARRIED**Proposed Amendments to the Collective Agreement between AMDSB and OSSTF District 8 Education Support Staff (ESS) Bargaining Unit**MOTION 2016-01-06****(R. Hunking – D. Pratley)****RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation – Education Support Staff (ESS) Bargaining Unit.**CARRIED**

Proposed Amendments to the Collective Agreement between AMDSB and OSSTF District 8 Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit

MOTION 2016-01-07

(R. Hunking – R. Wagler)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the amendments to the Collective Agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Occasional Teachers' Bargaining Unit.

CARRIED

Strategic Plan Reflection

Chair Schenk explained that a reflection statement will not be presented this evening, and that the Strategic Plan Reflection will be a topic for discussion in Committee of the Whole, Open Session in February.

Good News

Superintendent Morris announced that the Arts Academy, in partnership with the Stratford Festival and the Avon Maitland Board, will begin on February 8th. There are twenty-four students in grades 7 to 12 from four different secondary schools in the district participating.

Superintendent Langis shared highlights from the art and sculpturing exhibition held today at the REACH Centre in Clinton. The Board and Fanshawe College Dual Credit Arts Program celebrated the conclusion of another offering with a very successful and inspiring art exhibit. Over the course of fifteen classes, over twenty Grade 11 and 12 students from several different secondary schools came together weekly at the REACH facility in Clinton to engage in a painting class and sculpture class. Superintendent Langis purchased several pieces of the student's art from the exhibit and these pieces will be displayed at the Education Centre to showcase the abundance of student talent.

Associate Superintendent Carter reported that the Financial Services Department released a memo and online survey to parents and communities to determine if there's interest in going forward with online payments. The survey will remain open until February 12th.

Trustee Hunking announced Huron Centennial Public School will be hosting a group of twenty students from Mexico from February 27th to March 12th. The students will be attending grades 6 to 8.

Chair Schenk announced on April 30th there will be a Gala in Wingham to fundraise for refurbishing of the track at FE Madill Secondary School.

At the December 8, 2015 Regular meeting Trustee Rothwell announced Danny Steves, a graduate from Listowel District Secondary School, was awarded the David C. Onley Champions award. The award is given to a person who goes above and beyond for advocating accessibility rights in a community for disabled persons. Danny Steves is active on a number of committees advocating accessibility rights and construction projects to help better the lives of disabled people in Listowel and North Perth. Congratulations were extended to Danny.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Director's Reports

French Immersion Survey Results

Superintendent Morris noted in June 2015 the Board past a motion directing Senior Administration to provide a fulsome report that would examine French Immersion (FI) in Huron County. A report was presented at the September 22nd Board meeting including a draft French Immersion Interest Survey. The survey was to be conducted in areas not currently served by FI. The Survey was distributed at the end of November.

Superintendent Morris advised the report presented this evening highlighted the responses from the survey and the distribution of the survey. The survey closed on January 8th. Families were asked to identify their home school and to select the area that they would be willing to enrol their children. Families were not restricted in the number of communities/sites they selected, and could chose more than one site. The on-line survey was accessed 394 times. There were 178 completed surveys and 216 incomplete surveys.

Chair Schenk advised trustees the report was presented for information and will be on the agenda for an open session in February to discuss next steps. Trustees were asked to send questions to Senior Administration prior to the open session in February.

Expense Statements for September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the report which will come forward every month now until the end of June. These statements capture expenses from September to December and the covering report highlighted the key concepts.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Baker presented the report for information.

The following retirements/resignations have been received:

- Carol King, Secretary at Central Huron Secondary School effective December 18, 2015
- Judith Thomas, Teacher at Goderich PS effective December 31, 2015
- Bradley Walsh, Teacher at Upper Thames ES effective December 31, 2015
- Angela Leis, Teacher at South Perth CPS effective January 31, 2016
- Laurie Langstaff, Principal at the Learning Resource Centre effective March 31, 2016
- Helen Brockman, Principal at Little Falls PS effective June 30, 2016
- John Carr, Principal at Downie Central PS effective June 30, 2016
- Nancy Stott-Jones, Teacher at Stratford Central SS effective June 30, 2016
- Vivian King-Sherwood, Teacher at F.E. Madill SS effective June 30, 2016

The following new hires have taken place:

- Kyle Prout, Teacher at F.E. Madill 7-8 Campus effective January 1, 2016
- Connie Alcock, Executive Assistant at the Education Centre effective January 4, 2016
- Jamie Gibbings, Health & Safety Officer at the Education Centre effective January 4, 2016
- Dawn Skinner, Custodian at Listowel District SS effective January 11, 2016
- Stephanie Lippai, Teacher at South Perth CPS effective February 1, 2016
- Lucas Shepherd, Teacher at Mitchell District HS effective February 1, 2016

School Year Calendar Amendment

Superintendent Morris presented the report. Ontario Regulation 304 re School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days, has been amended to include an additional PA day as a result of settlements that were negotiated recently with employee groups to include an additional PA day each school year. This amendment came into force on November 30, 2015. The School Year Calendar Committee met and in conjunction with the Huron Perth CDSB have selected Monday, May 9th as the additional PA day for all schools in Huron and Perth counties. The May 9th PA day will focus on Health and Safety for half day and Ministry initiatives for the remainder of the day.

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking reminded trustees of the upcoming Public Education Symposium from January 28th to 30th.

Minutes from Board Committees

Joint Health & Safety Committee: May 28, 2015 and September 24, 2015
SEAC: December 2, 2015

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Student Senate Committee and Trustees, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session

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

- SAL: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee: Thursday, January 28, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.
- OPSBA – Public Education Symposium: January 28-30, 2016; Sheraton Centre, Toronto
- SEAC: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
- PIC: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
- Trustees / Senior Staff PD: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016 01 08

(N. Rothwell – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date approved

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board