

**AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 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, Randy Wagler

**Senior Staff:** Ted Doherty, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Peggy Blair, Paul Langis, Jane Morris and Associate Superintendent Cheri Carter

**Student Trustees:** Shannon Edwards and Zach Misener

**Resource:** Communications Manager Wes MacVicar

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Crawford

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schenk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION**

<b>MOTION 2016 02 09</b>	<b>(N. Rothwell – R. Wagler)</b>
<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.	
	<b>CARRIED</b>

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

Chair Schenk resumed the Chair at 8:00 p.m. and convened into Regular Session.

**ROUTINE MATTERS**

**Approval of Agenda**

The following item was added to New Business

1) Report on New North Perth School by Trustee Rothwell

<b>MOTION 2016 02 10</b>	<b>(J. Moore – L. Geddes)</b>
<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the agenda be approved as amended.	
	<b>CARRIED</b>

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

*There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.*

## Approval of Minutes

### MOTION 2016 02 11

(R. Wagler – N. Rothwell)

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, January 19, 2016, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### Business Arising from the Minutes

Chair Schenk clarified an oversight at the January 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting in removing the Strategic Plan Reflection statement from the Agenda. Trustees will discuss this topic at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the Whole, Open Session.

### Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

Vice Chair Kent reported there were no items from Closed Session.

### Good News

Trustee Cairncross visited Goderich Public School last week and observed their literacy day where 16 grandfathers and fathers participated in reading to students. An excellent show for great community support.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> Trustee Wagler visited Bluewater Coast Elementary School for their literacy day. Trustee Wagler read to the students and noted it was an exciting way to help promote literacy and to have the community supporting the students.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Kent, Superintendent Morris and students Zach Misener and Josh Britton, as well as representatives from the Stratford community, were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on 'Innovation and Youth in the Future Economy – Challenges and Opportunities'. A reception followed catered by the Screaming Avocado including two girls in grade 7 from Cape Dorset currently studying at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School.

Trustee Hunking announced Seaforth Public School will be hosting students from Mexico at the end of March for 2 weeks.

Trustee Rothwell reported that Sharon van Veen's grade 3/4 class at Elma Township Public School recently participated in the 60 Minute Kids' Club. The Club encourages healthy living principles ie students to be physically active for a least 60 minutes a day, while limiting their access to computers, TV and other electronic devices. After a month of participation, the class tallied the second most points among participating schools in Canada. Congratulations to all students and Ms. van Veen.

Superintendent Blair reported on the newcomer families arriving in Avon Maitland communities. There are currently 14 students registered and attending Anne Hathaway, Romeo, Stratford Central Elementary and Stratford Central Secondary, and Upper Thames. More families are expected to arrive to a number of communities including Goderich, Exeter, Listowel and the area of Central Perth.

### Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Misener noted the Student Senate Committee discussed the Strategic Plan and are reaching out to their student bodies by randomly surveying students and asking 'how do you feel inclusivity in the classroom is represented and how are students feeling about what the Strategic Plan outlines'. The Student Senate Committee will present their findings to the Board at their February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Student Trustees Edwards and Misener will be attending the OSTA conference in Ottawa from February 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Student/Staff Presentations

Superintendent Blair introduced Leann Houle Laframboise and Dan Kipfer, STAR Program Teachers. Leann and Dan explained their roles and the *Students with Technology Achieving Results* (STAR) program. Leann and Dan work with students who receive specialized technology through Ministry funding to support students with learning disabilities.

### Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

### Report of the Finance Committee Draft Revised Estimates 2015/2016

At its February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Finance Committee elected Trustee Hunking as Chair. Finance Chair Hunking noted the Finance Committee received the Draft Revised Estimates at their meeting earlier in the evening and called upon Associate Superintendent Carter to present the report.

Associate Superintendent Carter briefly highlighted the report. The revised estimates were filed on December 15, 2015. While it is not required, Avon Maitland's practice is to seek approval from the Board on revised estimates allowing staff to include the most recent and accurate budget figures in the annual audited Financial Statements.

For enrolment purposes the revised projection for 2015/2016 represents the actual enrolment on October 31, 2015 and a refined projection for March 31, 2016. There was a total decrease of 58.56 FTE students in elementary and secondary.

### MOTION 2016 02 12

(R. Hunking – L. Geddes)

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the Operating Revenue and Transfers of Reserves totalling \$198,574,866 and Expense Estimates in the amount of \$198,574,866 for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.  
and that  
the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the Capital allocations and spending in the amount of \$15,228,029 for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

**CARRIED**

## INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

### Director's Reports

#### Staff Adjustments

Presented the report for information.

The following retirements/resignations have been received:

- Terri Brintnell, Teacher at South Huron DHS effective June 30, 2016
- Leslie Dakin, Teacher at St. Marys DCVI effective June 30, 2016
- Jane Flood, Teacher at Elma Township PS effective June 30, 2016
- James Sampa, Teacher at Stratford Northwestern SS effective June 30, 2016

The following new hires have taken place:

- Abby Wittig, Teacher at Bedford PS effective January 15, 2016
- Jim Ward, Custodian at Hamlet PS effective February 1, 2016
- Allan Baxter, Teacher at Listowel District SS effective February 4, 2016
- Michael Chmatil, Teacher at Listowel District SS effective February 4, 2016
- Jennifer Porter, Teacher at Mitchell District HS effective February 4, 2016

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking provided a brief report and asked trustees if they have any suggestions for OPSBA as they review their key work. Please send comments and suggestions to Trustee Hunking. Trustees attended OPSBA Public Education Symposium and have been asked to provide comments to OPSBA through their recent feedback form.

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Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

**NEW BUSINESS**Report on New North Perth School by Trustee Rothwell

Trustee Rothwell reported on the progress at the new North Perth elementary school. To date three transition meetings have been held. A Facebook page has been created, 'New school in North Perth', to highlight the schools' interior and to keep the communities informed on meetings, etc. Plans are underway for Wallace and Listowel Central schools to hold closing ceremonies on May 28<sup>th</sup>. School Councils will be meeting in March. Sixty six suggestions were originally submitted for the new name of the school and it has been narrowed to four names – Westfield Elementary, West Heights Elementary, John Binning Elementary and North Perth Elementary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)**

- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, followed by Committee of the Whole – Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, followed by 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)**

- Trustees and Senior Staff PD: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.
- SAL: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2016 02 13**

**(N. Rothwell – Randy Wagler)**

**RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:55 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