

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON

PRESENT:

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

Teleconference: Julie Moore, Doug Pratley

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

Student Trustees: Shannon Edwards and Jesse Russell

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2017 03 215 (R. Hunking – C. Schenk)

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

CARRIED

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

MOTION 2017 03 216 (N. Rothwell – J. Cairncross)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Open Session.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2017 03 217 (C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

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

CARRIED

Trustee Open Time – Questions/Issues

Items for discussion:

- a) Walking School Bus Question
- b) Follow Up re Policy #5 re Code of Conduct

OPSBA Priorities

At the February 28th Committee of the Whole, Open Session meeting trustees discussed their priorities to bring forward to the OPSBA Regional meeting on April 8th. Chair Wagler asked trustees if there were additional items ie things that may be missing from the February 28th list. Trustees agreed to add AODA and the issues around accessibility, funding, etc.

Walking School Bus

Trustee Cairncross brought forward a question from a group inquiring about walking school bus in Goderich. Director Doherty suggested Transportation Manager David Frier would be a contact for information. Trustee Pratley further noted that there had been a group in Stratford doing the same thing and suggested the website www.walkingschoolbus.org may be a resource for the group.

Follow Up Policy #5 re Code of Conduct

Trustees discussed a review of the policy and agreed to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to begin the review.

MOTION 2017 03 218**(J. Cairncross – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review Policy #5 re Code Conduct, to solicit input from trustees, and bring a draft policy to board by June 30, 2017. The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of Trustees Geddes, Hunking, Rothwell, Schenk, as well as senior staff as resource as appointed by the Director.

Friendly Amendment to the Motion

RESOLVED THAT an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review Policy #5 re Code Conduct, to solicit input from trustees, and bring a draft policy to board by June 30, 2017. The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of Trustees Geddes, Hunking, Moore, Rothwell, Schenk, as well as senior staff as resource as appointed by the Director

CARRIED**MOTION 2017 03 219****(N. Rothwell – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

Trustee Moore joined for regular session via teleconference.

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Chair Wagler recited the Opening Statement:

“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe Peoples. We wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show our respect to them today. We recognize their stewardship of the land; may we all live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship.”

ROUTINE MATTERS**Approval of Agenda****MOTION 2017 03 220****(C. Schenk – R. Hunking)**

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

As a friendly amendment the following item was added to the agenda:
Item 5.1 Report from SEAC from Trustee Geddes

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No trustee declared a pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2017 03 221****(J. Cairncross – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, February 28, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**MOTION 2017 03 222****(L. Geddes – A. Kent)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board special meeting held Thursday, March 23, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Trustee Schenk followed up about the SMART program that Superintendent Baker had referenced at the February 28, 2017 Board meeting and whether there was an opportunity for expansion of the program to other areas. Superintendent Baker noted the program is having a positive impact and more data will be available at the end of the school year at which time there will be discussion about going forward.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public Session

Vice Chair Kent reported there was no business from the Closed Session.

Good News

Trustee Cairncross announced Goderich District Collegiate Institute's (GDCI) drama club advanced to the Sears Festival Regional Finals in Cambridge. At the district competition they received awards in design and two acting awards. Trustee Cairncross expressed special mention to Drama teacher David Armour.

Trustee Cairncross reported that recently the Goderich Town Council had turned down a request from Huron Pride to consider a rainbow crosswalk. In support of the request, students and staff at GDCI made Wednesday, March 29th a colour day where students and staff will wear rainbow colours to demonstrate that all people deserve support and acceptance.

Trustee Rothwell reported Listowel District Secondary School hosted the Sears Drama Festival from March 22nd to 24th. Trustee Rothwell expressed congratulations to Listowel District Secondary School's Black Door Theatre on a very successful Sears Drama Festival. They also came away with the following awards: Award of Merit for Acting to Eilish Brennan and Parker Ducharme for

Wheelchair Blues; Award of Merit for Acting to Jane Smith for The Briar's Verity; Award of Merit for Acting to Jordan Kuper for The Briar's Verity; Award of Excellence for Directing, Writing and Choreography to Erica Hemingway for The Briar's Verity; Award of Excellence for Technical Design to Matt Vesnaver and Alex Naylor for The Briar's Verity; Outstanding Production Award for The Briar's Verity which means we advance to the Regional Competition in Cambridge in April. Trustee Rothwell expressed congratulations to teacher Stephanie Webster.

Student Trustee Update

Student trustee Shannon Edwards reported the senators met earlier this evening and are continuing their work on the student symposium. The date for the symposium is May 12, 2017. More details to follow.

Staff/Student Presentations

There were no presentations in regular session.

Public Delegations

Branch Services Librarians Beth Rumble, Huron County Library and Julia Merritt, Stratford Public Library presented to the board to communicate the great things that public libraries can offer to schools. They also highlighted the KIT (Knowledge, Information and Technology) Card Project that was established in 2015 where all Avon Maitland students have the opportunity to have a library card to access library resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Approval of Tender: Re-Roofing at Clinton Public School, Hullett Central Public School, Central Huron Secondary School and Goderich District Collegiate Institute

Facilities Administrator Mike Rau presented the report noting the re-roofing projects will be funded through Ministry capital funding.

MOTION 2017 03 222

(C. Schenk – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Clinton Public School in the contract amount of \$370,543.95; from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Hullett Central Public School in the contract amount of \$115,887.15; from Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for re-roofing at Central Huron Secondary School in the amount of \$355,724.00; and Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Goderich District Collegiate Institute in the amount of \$661,897.50.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Science Labs at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School

Facilities Administrator Mike Rau commented the project is to renovate four classrooms into two new science labs and is a significant project set to begin June 1st. The project will be funded through Facilities Renewal.

MOTION 2017 03 223

(N. Rothwell – J. Cairncross)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Elgin Contracting & Restoration Ltd., for renovations at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School in the tender amount of \$1,194,410.00.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Huron Centennial Public School Mechanical, Electrical and Windows Update

Facilities Administrator Mike Rau noted this tender is the third phase of a four phase project to upgrading the school. The project will be funded through the School Condition Improvement funding.

MOTION 2017 03 224**(L. Geddes – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Elgin Contracting & Restoration Ltd., for renovations at Huron Centennial Public School in the tender amount of \$862,190.00.

CARRIEDApproval of Tender: Contract Custodial Services

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the report and explained that due to expired contracts for the three schools, the Facilities Department requested a competitive procurement process be undertaken. The services will commence on April 1st and will be reviewed annually. Associate Superintendent Carter noted there are 13 schools, including these three schools, that have contract services.

MOTION 2017 03 225**(C. Schenk – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board award the tender for Contract Custodial Services to the company Commercial Cleaning Services at the following schools: Downie Central Public School with a base price of \$40,500.00 not including HST, to expire August 31, 2023; North Easthope Public School with a base price of \$41,500.00 not including HST, to expire August 31, 2023; and Sprucedale Public School with a base price of \$39,000.00 not including HST, to expire August 31, 2023.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS**Committee Reports

Trustee Geddes advised trustees that the referral of the board motion from the February 14th board meeting was forwarded to SEAC prior to March 1st. SEAC discussed the motion and determined to create a sub-committee to look into the request. The sub-committee met on March 8th and will be bringing a report to the next SEAC meeting scheduled for April 12th. A report will then be brought forward to the board at the April 25th regular meeting.

Principal and Vice Principal Pool

Superintendent Langis announced following recent interviews the principal and vice principal pools have been updated. The following candidates are in the vice principal pool: Ian Moore, Ed Havenga, John Flynn, Greg Schnurr, David Hunt, Kimberly Landsborough, Melanie Hahn, Robyn Carnochan, Jim McCutcheon, Shannon McGavin, Lisa Cairncross, Rick Saunders, Stefan Schneider, Scott Bannerman, Paul Menary, and Barry Promane. The following candidates are in the principal pool: Scott Richardson, Lynda Hemming, Tom Bishop, John Herbert, Rob Simmons, Jeremy Brock, Missy Pfaff, Deanne Deelstra and Kim Crawford

Expense Statements for September 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the monthly expense statements reported on modified PSAB basis. Finance staff continues to track expenses individually and in detail to ensure on track. Trustees should be aware in coming months some supplies and services increase as tender and construction start.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis announced with regret the death of Diane Maize, Child and Youth Counsellor on March 21, 2017.

Superintendent Langis presented the following staff adjustments for information

Retirements/Resignations:

Cheryl Peach, Principal at Howick Central Public School, effective April 30, 2017

Susan Davis, Educational Assistant at Little Falls ES, effective April 30, 2017

Sharon Flanagan, Educational Assistant at Shakespeare PS, effective May 30, 2017

Alice Bundraea, Teacher at North Easthope PS, effective June 30, 2017

Laurel Carroll-Walls, Teacher at Downie CPS, effective June 30, 2017

Betty Anne Christie, Secretary at Avon PS, effective June 30, 2017

Leonard Dow, Teacher at Central Perth ES, effective June 30, 2017

Duncan Ferguson, Teacher at Listowel District SS, effective June 30, 2017

Kathleen Hazlewood, Teacher at Mornington CPS, effective June 30, 2017

Karen Hocking, Teacher at Upper Thames ES, effective June 30, 2017

Rosemary Lichti, Teacher at Elma Township PS, effective June 30, 2017

Sherry Mason, Teacher at Stratford Northwestern SS, effective June 30, 2017

Margriet Masson, Teacher at North Easthope PS, effective June 30, 2017

Pamela Rowell, Teacher at Stephen Central PS, effective June 30, 2017

Patricia Taylor, Secretary at Sprucedale PS, effective June 30, 2017

New Hire:

Bob Little, Teacher at Stratford Northwestern SS, effective February 3, 2017

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking noted the OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting was held this past weekend and advised trustees that nominations for OPSBA executive positions are due May 11th, and Resolution Submission is due in April. The *School Board Collective Bargaining Amendment Act* Bill 92 has passed and now waiting Royal Assent. The four trustee associations and Mercer Consulting are working on developing a template and tool kit for boards re the *Broader Public Sector Executive Compensation Act*. Bill 69 re *Financial Literacy for Students Act* is an Act to provide students with a comprehensive course on financial literacy and there are currently 29 pilot projects. Bill 68 re *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act* includes articles that will affect school board trustees' term ie moving the term to commence on November 15th rather than December 1st.

The Ministry has had Before and After programs for early years students and is now looking at 6 to 12 year olds for before and after care and implementing in September 2017. The Policy Development Working Team is working on a submission for trustee honoraria. The OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held in Collingwood from June 8th to 11th. Hotel information is available but the online registration is not. Online registration is available for the OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium on April 6th to 7th. The Regional OPSBA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at Clarke Road Secondary School in London. Trustee Hunking confirmed there is no news on the Executive Directors' search. Trustee Hunking reminded trustees to continue to keep informed through OPSBA's Media reports, legislative updates and OPSBA Connects.

Minutes from Board Committees

SEAC: February 1, 2017

Correspondence

- a) Letter from Director Doherty to Kathy Lucas and Bruce Fitzgerald re delegation to Board on January 24, 2017
- b) Letter to Honourable Mitzie Hunter from Bluewater District School Board dated February 27, 2017 re Special Education Funding (received via email March 8, 2017)
- c) Letter to Honourable Mitzie Hunter from Waterloo Region District School Board dated February 10, 2017 re lack of qualified, fluent French teachers in Ontario (received via mail March 10, 2017)

- d) Letter to Executive Director Dave Wallace, Ontario Universities Application Centre from Waterloo Region District School board dated February 27, 2017 re concern with the additional \$50.00 fee to students (received via mail March 10, 2017)

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Minister to Support Bluewater District School Board's letter re Special Education Funding.
Trustees discussed writing a letter to endorse the letter from Bluewater District School Board to the Minister of Education re special education funding.

MOTION 2017 03 226

(R. Hunking – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board write a letter to the Ministry in support of the letter from Bluewater District School Board re special education funding.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 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, April 25, 2017 – 7:00 Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session

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

- SAL: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee: Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.
- Parent Involvement Committee: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
- OPSBA Regional Meeting: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Clarke Road Secondary School, London – 9:30 a.m.
- Science Fair – Sci Tech Encounters: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
- AODA: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- Excellence in Education Banquet: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Recognition

Chair Wagler recognized Director Ted Doherty's final board meeting and congratulated Director Doherty for over 30 years as an educator noting he has had a profound impact on many people including students, staff, trustees and administration. Chair Wagler further expressed appreciation to Director Doherty for always putting students first, for his visionary leadership, for consistently promoting innovation, and ensuring research supports initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017 03 227

(C. Schenk – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
April 11, 2017

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board