

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25, 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, Cheri Carter, Paul Langis, and Jane Morris

Resource: Communications Manager Wes MacVicar

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schenk called the meeting to order for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2016 10 130

(R. Wagler – N. Rothwell)

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.

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

REGULAR SESSION

ROUTINE MATTERS

MOTION 2016 10 131

(N. Rothwell – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016 10 132

(L. Geddes – D. Pratley)

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added to the Agenda:

Trustee Pratley will bring forward a Notice of Motion in New Business

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2016 10 133****(J. Moore – R. Wagler)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, October 11, 2016, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Correction in the minutes was noted by Trustee Pratley under the Approval of Agenda. The sentence should read “Trustee Pratley asked that Bill C-241 – An Act to Amend the Excise Tax Act (school authorities) be added to the agenda.”

Business Arising from the Minutes

At the October 11th regular meeting Trustee Pratley had advised he would be bringing forward a notice of motion regarding Bill – C241. Trustee Pratley reported that this would not be necessary now as the Bill was defeated in second reading on October 19th so the notice of motion is mute. Associate Superintendent Carter presented her findings following her research of Bill C-214. It was noted that both Huron and Perth County MPs voted in favour of the Bill.

Committee of the Whole, Closed SessionAppointment of Search Firm**MOTION 2016 10 134****(A. Kent – R. Hunking)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board engage, effectively immediately, the services of an executive search firm to assist with the selection of a Director of Education for the Avon Maitland District School Board.

CARRIED**Good News**

Superintendent Blair reported a grade 9 student from St. Marys DCVI will be travelling to the Inclusion International Conference as one of twelve delegates attending from Ontario. The conference will be held from October 27th to 29th in Orlando, Florida, and the student has been sponsored through Community Living in St. Marys.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson announced the official opening for North Perth Westfield will be held on Friday, October 28th at 11:00 a.m.

On October 14th Vice Chair Kent attended the Optimism Place Women of the Year celebrations held in Stratford. The Award recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions in Perth County. Marjorie Schoemacker, ESL teacher with Avon Maitland DSB, received the award for Education.

Trustee Pratley noted that at a previous meeting he had invited trustees to access information from the OPSBA website and use it to promote local government week, public education and role of school board trustees. Vice Chair Kent and Trustee Pratley presented at Stratford Central SS on Wednesday, October 19th. Trustee Pratley also attended 7 elementary classes to make a presentation.

Communications Manager MacVicar announced that twelve staff from the central admin office went to Stratford Northwestern SS and Anne Hathaway PS to observe and connect their work with what takes places in schools.

Student Trustee Update

Student trustee Jesse Russell reported the senators have finished the survey on technology in the classroom and plan to release the survey on November 1st if approved.

Student/Staff Presentations

Superintendent Blair introduced Vice Principal – Learning Services Missy Pfaff, grade 6 teacher at Stephen Central PS Skye Peck and Principal Donna Gregus, and student Madison Bannister. Trustees were given a comprehensive presentation about how the Lexia Reading Program provides differentiated literacy instruction for students of all abilities in grades JK to 5.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTIONApproval of Tender: Heating Propane and Equipment

Associate Superintendent Carter provided highlights for the tender. Five locations require propane for heating including Brookside, Howick Central, Milverton, Mornington and North Easthope schools.

MOTION 2016 10 135**(J. Cairncross – R. Hunking)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School award the three-year contract for five school locations for the supply of propane and propane storage tanks to Primemax Energy Inc., for the tendered price of \$0.242 per litre for propane for the first year of the contract and \$0.00 per month for storage tank rental for the duration of the contract.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS**Primary Class Size Plan – Elementary Class Size Reporting

Superintendent Langis presented the annual report and highlighted section 2.0 noting again this year Avon Maitland DSB is in compliance with all Ministry averages as set out in class size template. Enrolment data will be shared with the board following the October 31st Ministry submission. As well a review of class sizes will be completed using data as of October 31st in order to ensure class sizes have remained with the collective agreement requirements.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the report for information. The following staff adjustments were reported.

Retirement:

Eleanor Salmon, System Principal – Learning Services effective December 31, 2016

New Hire:

Paul Elgie, Custodian at Little Falls PS effective October 17, 2016

Bradley Johnson, Custodian at Little Falls/St Marys DCVI effective October 17, 2016

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking announced the online registration is now ready for OPSBA's – Public Education Symposium. Trustee Hunking announced the Ministry is funding for student trustees to now attend the Symposium. OPSBA is now recruiting a new Executive Director. Trustees were encouraged to read OPSBA's Connect and the Labour Relations bulletin.

Trustee Pratley reminded trustees of the OPSBA Western Regional meeting on November 5th in Sarnia.

Minutes from Board Committees

Audit Committee – June 7, 2016

Student Advisory Committee – October 11, 2016

Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pratley brought forward a notice of motion for the November 8th meeting requesting the board to consider a recognition of indigenous peoples at the opening of the Regular Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Director’s Review Committee, 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Student Senate Committee, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Audit Committee, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Director’s Selection Committee, 7:30 p.m. 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)

- Director’s Selection Committee: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, October 5, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
- PIC: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 5:30 p.m. Committee meeting, followed by School Council Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2016 10 136

(N. Rothwell – R. Wagler)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
November 8, 2016

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board