

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 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, Jodie Baker, Peggy Blair, Paul Langis, Jane Morris and Associate Superintendent Carter

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

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 11 147

(N. Rothwell – R. Wagler)

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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

Chair Schenk resumed the Chair at 5:20 p.m. and convened into Committee of the Whole, Open Session.

MOTION 2016 11 148

(J. Cairncross – R. Wagler)

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

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016 11 149

(A. Kent – D. Pratley)

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

The following items were added:

- a) Dealing with Questions from Public
- b) Update on AP #190 re Copyright

Dealing with Questions from Public

Trustees received, via email, a series of questions that had been sent to Trustee Rothwell from a resident of North Perth. Trustee Rothwell had forwarded the questions to SEAC representatives Trustees Pratley and Geddes. Trustees discussed how these types of requests that have been forwarded to trustees from the public, should be dealt with. Given the nature of these specific questions, trustees directed senior administration to prepare a response to the questions in a timely manner for Trustee Pratley and Trustee Geddes, to respond on behalf of SEAC.

Update on AP #190 re Copyright

Superintendent Baird-Jackson explained that staff have updated AP #190 re Copyright as of November 14th in accordance with recent action that schools boards much take to ensure demonstration of ongoing compliance with copyright Fair Dealing Guidelines for the use of copyrighted materials and resources. School administrators received the revised AP through the System Memo on Monday, November 21st.

Staff/Student PresentationRobotics

Milverton Public School students Ben Carter, Isabella Ellis, Edwin Manning-Faber, Natalee Phelan and Natash Sider, and staff members Steve Rueffer and David Brown presented Robotics and Coding in Avon Maitland. Trustees interacted with the students as they demonstrated their knowledge of robotics. Also in attendance was Jason Carter from D&D Automation in Stratford. D&D Automation has partnered with the board in providing excellent opportunities including D&D Automation's 'Battle of the Bots' event. This is a two day event beginning on November 22nd.

Board Policies #9 and #10

At the October 11th Open Session trustees began a review of Policies #9 re *Board Governance Bylaws* and #10 re *Committees of the Board*. Trustees discussed additional revisions and will receive the revised policies at the December 6th board meeting.

Chair Schenk called the Regular Session to order at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION**ROUTINE MATTERS****MOTION 2016 11 150****(R. Hunking – L. Geddes)****RESOLVED THAT** this Board convene into Regular Session.**CARRIED****Approval of Agenda****MOTION 2016 11 151****(R. Wagler – R. Hunking)****RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.**CARRIED**

Chair Schenk 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."

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2016 11 152****(L. Geddes – R. Wagler)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, November 8, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED**MOTION 2016 11 153****(J. Moore – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board Poll Vote held Thursday, November 10, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

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

Trustee Reflection**Good News**

Vice Chair Kent reported the Foundation for Education's Gala Auction held on November 12th was again very well organized and raised approximately \$30,000. The funding will continue to provide exceptional opportunities through learning workshops for all Avon Maitland students.

Trustee Pratley attended commencement at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School on November 18th. Trustee Pratley noted that over \$70,000., in scholarships and grants, had been presented to students. He expressed appreciation for the ongoing and generous support from all the donators.

Trustee Pratley had the opportunity to attend the first Elementary Student Symposium on Inclusion held on November 22nd.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson announced the success of the Huron Manufacturer Award (HMA) celebration held on November 17th. Congratulations to Nic Zwep, student at Central Huron Secondary School on receiving the first annual SHSM Apprenticeship Award (\$1,000.), teacher Terry Zachar who won the Tech Ed Teacher of the Year Award and to three Central Huron Secondary School students Alexis Edward, Jeffery Plaetzer and Murray Dale who won Apprenticeship Awards (\$1,000. each). Also recognized were Central Huron Secondary School students Ryan Edward-Kiss and Tristan Rhodes who worked on rebuilding the new HMA website. In attendance from the Ministry of Education was Student Success Education Officer Sudeshna Dutta who presented the Apprenticeship Awards.

Chair Schenk announced she had the pleasure of honouring Alice Munro on November 9th at the opening of the library that was named in her honour at Maitland River Elementary School.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

No recommendations were presented.

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Audit Committee (AC) Report

Audit Committee Chair Wagler presented the report for information and outlined the actions throughout the fiscal year September 2015 ending August 2016. The report is filed annually with the Ministry. AC Chair Wagler noted the first part of the report is a review of the committee membership and he expressed appreciation to the external AC members including Bob Pike, Ron Burt and alternate Alicia McDonald. The report further highlighted the assessment, members' attendance, governance and the external and internal auditors.

October 31st Enrolment Update

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the October 31st enrolment noting two critical count dates of October 31st and March 31st. Student enrolment is the basis for staffing and for grant purposes. Associate Superintendent Carter explained the difference between Full time Equivalent (FTE) and Average Daily Enrolment (ADE). The FTE is the proration of a student's timetable and ADE is the enrolment count used by the Ministry for grant purposes, and is calculated as an average of the FTE as of October 31st and March 31st. Unofficial numbers as of October 31st show elementary at an increase of 198.90 and secondary at an increase of 33.35. The unofficial total enrolment at October 31st is 15,417 students – 10,074 elementary and 5,343 secondary students.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the report for information. The following staff adjustment was reported.

New Hire:

Sarah Ward, IT Purchasing at the LRC effective November 14, 2016

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking reminded trustees that OPSBA provides the weekly e-newsletter OSPBA-Connects that summarizes weekly articles. The Ministry has recently released a well-being engagement paper. OPSBA will be providing a response to the engagement paper and is requesting input from boards. The deadline for the survey is December 23rd.

Trustee Pratley noted he is a member of the editorial board for OPSBA's Education Today and would be interested in receiving suggestions for articles for the publication.

Minutes from Board Committees

Audit Committee: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Student Senators: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

NEW BUSINESS

December 6, 2016 Inaugural Meeting

MOTION 2016 11 154

(R. Wagler – A. Kent)

RESOLVED THAT the Inaugural meeting of the Avon Maitland District School Board be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

CARRIED

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

- Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Inaugural/Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, January 24, 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

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

- Audit Committee: Tuesday, November 8, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.
- SAL: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
- Transportation November 22, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.
- Joint Health and Safety: November 24, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION**MOTION 2016 11 155****(N. Rothwell – R. Wagler)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session at 8:57 p.m.

CARRIEDDiscussion on Upcoming Election

Several trustees declared their intent to let their name stand for chair or vice chair on December 6th.

MOTION 2016 11 156**(R. Hunking – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
December 6, 2016

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board