

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 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

Absent: Julie Moore, Doug Pratley

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

Student Trustees: Jesse Russell and Shannon Edwards

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler 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 2017 02 196 (L. Geddes – 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.

MOTION 2017 02 197 (C. Schenk – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Open Session

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2017 02 198 (J. Cairncross – R. Hunking)

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

CARRIED

Renewed Math Strategy

Superintendent Morris introduced the Math Team including System Principal April Smith, System Vice Principals Lynda Hemming and Adrienne Jacques, Numeracy Leads Michelle Hemingway, Don Pottruff, Crystal Gascho, and Susan Marklevitz, and MISA Lead Sandy Kunkel. The team provided an overview of the Ministry's Renewed Math Strategy from a provincial and Avon Maitland perspective. The team presented the seven foundational principles for improvement in mathematics from Early Years to Grade 12, and highlighted the key elements of the Strategy.

The team also involved trustees in a math activity. More information is available on the Ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/renewedVision.pdf>

List of Future Topics for Committee of the Whole, Open Session

Trustees discussed topics for future Committee of the Whole, Open Sessions and listed in priority future topics:

- i) Steven Katz Presentation on Research: Student Outcomes (professional learning for principals, vice principals and senior staff/research how leadership impacts student outcomes)
- ii) Supporting Small Secondary Schools ie AMDEC, Flipped Classrooms, etc. and LKDSB Trustee Workshop
- iii) Update on Board Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching in AMDSB and Update on NGL
- iv) Inclusion 'White Paper' (Chair Wagler noted that this topic may be covered by a potential review of Inclusion)
- v) Update on Adult and Continuing Ed (Centre for Employment and Learning)
- vi) Compass for Success (data warehouse)
- vii) Update on International Education
- viii) Update on AMDEC
- ix) Update on Employee Engagement Survey

Trustee Open Time – Questions/Issues

Trustee Rothwell asked for additional information about the new CashLess online payment system for families. Associate Superintendent Carter responded and explained how the software was introduced and provided a brief explanation on how the cost was shared between the board and schools. Associate Superintendent Carter will provide key messages for trustees to help explain to families the value and benefits of the system.

OPSBA Priorities

Trustees discussed their OPSBA priorities including funding ie resolution of pressing problems in funding, special education, FDK and Before and After program, challenges in FI staffing, and impact of school food and beverage policy as a few topics for their OPSBA discussion.

Associate Superintendent Carter reminded trustees that staff had submitted their priorities at the end of November 2016 that included funding to cover benefits transition, special education costs, technology infrastructure and hardware for student use, major capital construction costs for non-AODA-compliant buildings, and professional development funding to replace grants lost.

Trustees will review their OPSBA Priorities at the March 28, 2017 board meeting.

MOTION 2017 02 199

(A. Kent – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

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 02 200

(R. Hunking – J. Cairncross)

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

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Trustee Geddes declared a pecuniary interest regarding item 4.3 c) Approval of Tender: HVAC Upgrades at South Huron District HS.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION 2017 02 201

(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

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

Vice Chair Kent presented the following motion:

MOTION 2017 02 202

(A. Kent – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board support the nominees for the 2016/2017 Excellence in Public Education Awards.

CARRIED

Good News

Chair Wagler announced incoming director Lisa Walsh was in attendance for this evening's board meeting. Chair Wagler welcomed Lisa Walsh and congratulated her on her appointment effective April 3, 2017. Lisa Walsh extended greetings to trustees, staff and student senators. She thanked the trustees for the opportunity to come to Avon Maitland and noted she is looking forward to getting started in April.

Superintendent Baker highlighted an exciting project called SMART which is a partnership aimed at teaching seniors how to safely use technology and social media by pairing them with grade 9 students from Stratford Central Secondary School.

Upper Thames Elementary School is hosting 23 students from Mexico who are attending classes in grades 5 and 6. There are 19 students from grades 7 to 11 departing for St. Maartens over the March Break and attending school at the Caribbean International Academy. Students from St. Maartens will return to Avon Maitland at the beginning of May.

This evening the first information night was held for the Experience Canada – Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax from July 3rd to 17th. This experience is an opportunity for students to earn a high school credit while experiencing Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Trustee Schenk attended the February Principals' conference noting it is always a wonderful opportunity to network with Avon Maitland principals. The professional development was exceptional.

Manager of Communications Wes MacVicar announced that Downie Central Public School participated in the Rick Mercer 'Spread the Student Challenge' and placed fifth in national standing. The staff and students raised over \$8500.

Superintendent Morris reported there were 50 grade 8 and 9 students from across the district that participated in a second language enriched excursion to St. Donat, Quebec. It was reported from the organizers that the students were absolute ambassadors from the Avon Maitland district.

Student Trustee Update

Student trustee Shannon Edwards reported that two OPP officers attended their meeting this evening as part of a plan to launch a Student Advisory Council. They are looking for grade 9 to 12 students to lead the way to identify where they feel the issues are.

Student trustee Jesse Russell reported the senators have surveyed grades 8 to 5th year on how the students feel if technology is affecting the classroom. Preliminary results show a 38% response rate. The senators will be presenting the final survey results at a future meeting.

Staff/Student Presentations

There were no presentations in regular session.

Public Delegations

No delegations were received.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Ad Hoc Director's Selection Committee

Trustee Schenk explained the Committee was mandated when Director Doherty announced his retirement in August 2016. Following the appointment of Lisa Walsh as director, the Committee must be dissolved.

MOTION 2017 02 203

(C. Schenk – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board dissolve the Ad Hoc Director's Selection Committee effective February 28, 2017.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Roofing at Brookside PS, North Woods ES and FE Madill SS

Superintendent Baird-Jackson noted as part of ongoing infrastructure improvements these projects are funded through the Ministry capital funding.

MOTION 2017 02 204

(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Brookside Public School in the contract amount of \$159,895.00, Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at North Woods Public School in the contract amount of \$141,250.00 and Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at F.E. Madill Secondary School in the amount of \$744,670.00.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Mechanical Upgrades at Sprucedale PS

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the tender for mechanical upgrades at Sprucedale PS. This project is to be funded through the Ministry's facility grants.

MOTION 2017 02 205**(J. Cairncross – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Stratford Metal Products Limited for mechanical upgrades at Sprucedale Public School in the amount of \$403,144.45.

CARRIEDApproval of Tender: HVAC Upgrades at South Huron District HS

Trustee Geddes left the room for the discussion.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported this project will be funded through the Ministry's facility grants.

MOTION 2017 02 206**(R. Hunking – J. Cairncross)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Brad Baker Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Inc. for mechanical upgrades at South Huron District High School in the amount of \$432,253.25.

CARRIED

Trustee Geddes returned for the remainder of the meeting.

INFORMATION REPORTSRenewed Math Strategy

Superintendent Morris presented the information report as an overview to the presentation in tonight's Committee of the Whole, Open Session. Sections 1 and 2 of the report focused on the provincial and Avon Maitland's context for renewed math strategy. Section 3 outlined next steps for Avon Maitland where staff will continue to monitor the impact of each strategy and make adjustments as required. In the second year of implementation (2017/2018) staff will build on original strategies and will develop plans to extend Principal coaching. As well as implementing numeracy assessment profiles for Early Years classrooms, audit and supplement resources in junior classrooms and deepen the professional learning cycles with secondary educators of mathematics. In addition, staff will support schools as they use the resource guide from the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) to involve parents in this learning. The Ministry link is <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/renewedVision.pdf>

Expense Statements for September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the monthly expense statements noting the report is presented on modified PSAB basis with exception that capital spend is included in both sets of figures so that spending to date, regardless of accounting treatment, can be monitored. Staff continue to review and monitor expenses in detail and there are no issues that are cause for concern.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the following staff adjustments for information:

Retirements/Resignations:

Jennifer Brown, Educational Assistant, Listowel District SS effective February 15, 2017

Janis Dougall, Teacher, South Huron DHS effective April 30, 2017

Debbie Johnson, Principal, Goderich PS effective April 30, 2017

Alison Durnford, Teacher, Stratford Northwestern SS effective June 30, 2017

Christine Fennema, Teacher, Upper Thames ES effective June 30, 2017

Kimberly Hammermueller, Teacher, North Woods ES effective June 30, 2017

Kevin Johnstone, Teacher, Stratford Northwestern SS effective June 30, 2017

New Hires:

Ashley Dickey, Teacher, St. Marys DCVI effective February 3, 2017

Greg Hoogenes, Teacher, Stratford Northwestern SS effective February 3, 2017

Jennifer Wallace, Teacher, Stratford Northwestern SS effective February 3, 2017

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking advised trustees that online registration is now open for the OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium on April 6th to 7th. OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for this weekend. Trustee Hunking confirmed there is no news on the Executive Directors' search.

Minutes from Board Committees

Joint Health and Safety Committee: November 24, 2016

Chair's Activity Update

Chair Wagler reported he had attended the Principals' conference that was a great opportunity to interact with principals, as well as attend very informative sessions.

Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented.

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

- Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 5:00 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 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

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

- SEAC: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- 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.
- Regional OPSBA Meeting: Saturday, April 8, 2017 hosted by Thames Valley DSB
- Science Fair – Sci Tech Encounters: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
- AODA: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION 2017 02 207****(C. Schenk – N. Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**CARRIED**

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
March 28, 2017

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board