

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON

PRESENT:

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

Absent: Julie Moore

Senior Staff: Lisa Walsh, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Peggy Blair, Jane Morris, and Associate Superintendent Carter

Student Trustees: Jesse Russell

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2017 04 228 (C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

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 04 229 (C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Open Session.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2017 04 230 (N. Rothwell – C. Schenk)

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

CARRIED

Staff Presentation

School 3.0/NGL and Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) in AMDSB presented by System Principal Vince Trocchi and Tech Enabled Learning Coordinator Lisa Bruce
 Superintendent Baker introduced Vince Trocchi and Lisa Bruce who highlighted the work in support of, and the benefits of, TELT in Avon Maitland. Lisa Bruce and Leigh Cassell are providing support throughout the district. The presentation focused on ‘The Core’, digital citizenship, robotics and coding, blogging, information on #AMDSBkidschat, and AMDSB’s Mobile Playground.

Trustee Open Time – Questions/Issues

No questions or issues were presented.

Board Policy Review

Trustee Geddes presented draft revisions to Policy #16 Selection of the Director. Trustees agreed to add an appendix of an example of different mechanisms that could be used to decide on an external firm ie Request for Proposal (RFP) or Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS). Associate Superintendent Carter will provide an explanation for paragraph 2 of the Determination of Recruitment Method section.

Trustees reviewed Policy #1 Strategic Plan and revisions included adding Student Voice and Parent Voice to section 2 The Planning Process. Section 3 Annual Reporting will be updated by administration.

Trustees also reviewed and revised Policy #7 Role of the Board Chair.

Trustees were asked to forward additional edits to the Director’s Office. The policies will be brought forward to a future Open Session for review.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2017 04 231

(C. Schenk – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 8:04 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.”

Chair Wagler welcomed Director Lisa Walsh to the April 11th board meeting.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2017 04 232

(J. Cairncross – R. Hunking)

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

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No trustee declared a pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2017 04 233****(L. Geddes – N. Rothwell)**

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

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Chair Wagler noted as follow up to board motion on March 28th a letter had been sent to the Minister of Education to support Bluewater District School Board's letter re special education funding. Chair Wagler asked the recording secretary to send a copy of the letter to Bluewater District School Board as follow up.

Trustee Cairncross reported, as follow up to the delegation from the Huron and Perth Library Boards, the Library Boards are initiating lesson plans on the use of the KIT cards for different grade levels and in different assignments and will be sharing with schools.

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

Vice Chair Kent confirmed there was no business to report.

Good News

Trustee Pratley reported that along with Trustee Schenk they attended the Indigenous session presented by Dr. Susan Dion on April 10th. Dr. Dion is a First Nations researcher and educator at York University. The presentation was exceptional, clear and unbiased.

Superintendent Baker advised that April 12, 2017 is International Day of Pink. Communities across the country, and around the world, can unite in celebrating diversity and raise awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia, transmisogyny, and all forms of bullying.

Trustee Rothwell announced Elma Township Public School will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 29th. The celebration will include a meet and greet and an open house, followed by an evening social.

Communications Manager MacVicar reported the Huron Perth Science Fair will be held on April 12, 2017 at the Seaforth Community Centre in Seaforth.

Student Trustee Update

Student trustee Russell reported the senators are finalizing the plans for the symposium to be held at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School on May 12th. D&D Automation in Stratford will be participating and assisting with robotics during the symposium.

Staff/Student Presentations

There were no presentations in regular session.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**Committee Reports****Report of the School Year Calendar Committee re School Year 2017-2018**

Trustee Cairncross presented the report, in detail, on behalf of the School Year Calendar Committee. The Avon Maitland Committee is represented by the following groups: trustees, administration, employee groups (ETFO, OSSTF, OSSTF-ESS), and the Avon Maitland Principals Council. The

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proposed calendars were reviewed by both the Avon Maitland Committee and the Huron Perth Catholic DSB Committee. School will commence with an instructional day on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and end with a professional development day on Friday, June 29, 2018. There are seven professional development days scheduled throughout the 2017/2018 school year. As per Ministry regulations, there must be a minimum of 194 school days. Winter break commences on Monday, December 25, 2017 and concludes Friday, January 5, 2018. Classes resume on January 8, 2018. March break commences on Monday, March 12, 2018 and concludes on Friday, March 16, 2018.

MOTION 2017 04 234**(J. Cairncross – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the 2017/2018 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars.

CARRIED**Director`s Reports****Approval of Tender: Renovations to Seaforth Public School**

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the report noting this is a significant renovation to Seaforth Public School involving the entire north wing upgrading from 1966 status. This project will be funded through the School Condition Improvement funding.

MOTION 2017 04 235**(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Feltz Design Build Ltd., for renovations at Seaforth Public School in the tender amount of \$1,100,975.68.

CARRIED**Approval of Tender: Re-Roofing at Stephen Central Public School and Mitchell District High School**

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the report and highlighted the work that is scheduled to be completed. Both projects will be funded through the School Condition Improvement funding.

MOTION 2017 04 236**(L. Geddes – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for cap sheet installation at Stephen Public School in the contract amount of \$221,383.95 and Semple Gooder Roofing for re-roofing at Mitchell District High School in the amount of \$269,906.15.

CARRIED**Approval of Tender: Door and Window Upgrades at Goderich District Collegiate Institute**

Superintendent Baird-Jackson provided details on the work to replace the interior and exterior aluminum doors and frames, and a number of window upgrades. The project will be funded through Ministry Facility Grants.

MOTION 2017 04 237**(R. Hunking – A. Kent)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Belliveau Construction Limited for door and window upgrades at Goderich District Collegiate Institute in the tender amount of \$120,870.45.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Door Upgrades at Little Falls Public School, North Easthope Public School and South Perth Centennial Public School

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the report noting the various door system upgrades at listed schools. This project is funded through School Condition Improvement funding.

MOTION 2017 04 238

(J. Cairncross – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Belliveau Construction Limited for door upgrades at Little Falls Public School, North Easthope Public School and South Perth Centennial Public School in the tender amount of \$113,473.47.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

2016 Report for the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act

Director Walsh presented the report noting in accordance with legislation the salary disclosure was posted March 31st. The report discloses salary and benefits with respect to employees receiving salary over \$100,000.00. In 2015 there were 99 individuals that had reached the \$100,000.00 threshold. In 2016 there were 145 individuals. Director Walsh explained that the reason is 2016 was the year that the Ministry gave public sector employees an opportunity to take their gratuity and 41 employees in Avon Maitland took that opportunity. Two employees were over the threshold due to summer school and one employee had opted out of a deferred leave plan.

Comparison of 2015/ 2016 Actual vs Tendered Prices

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported this is the 13th year that the report has been produced for trustee's information comparing the actual prices of tendered projects to the original tendered costs. Staff have focused efforts on reducing the variance between the value of a tendered project and the final project costs. Staff also focus on standardization to have projects more predictive in terms of costs. Superintendent Baird-Jackson highlighted the projects completed in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 to date.

Chair Wagler thanked Superintendent Baird-Jackson and facilities staff for the detailed report and the ongoing due diligence in terms of managing the projects and spending.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Baker presented the following staff adjustments for information:

Retirements/Resignations

Darlene McCowan, Secretary, Seaforth Education Centre effective March 21, 2017

Diane van Donkersgoed, Educational Assistant, Listowel District SS effective March 31, 2017

Nancy Cook, Teacher, FE Madill SS Teacher effective June 30, 2017

Janice Hearn, Teacher, Huron Centennial PS effective June 30, 2017

Alexandra Hutchison, teacher Howick Central PS effective June 30, 2017

Alice McDowell, Principal, Listowel Eastdale PS effective June 30, 2017

George McEwan, Principal, Central Huron SS effective June 30, 2017

James Binns, Principal, South Perth Centennial PS effective August 31, 2017

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking reported the regional meeting was held on April 8th hosted by Thames Valley District School Board. Trustees discussed the key works of OPSBA, and what they would like to see added or enhanced. OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held from June 8th to the 11th in Collingwood. OPSBA elections will be held at the AGM. If trustees are interested in a specific working group or other executive position the nominations forms are currently available on the OPSBA website. Trustee Hunking attended the OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium on April 6th and 7th in Toronto.

Trustee Pratley took the opportunity to thank fellow members of the board for their attendance at the regional meetings and for their support throughout his term as OPSBA Vice President, Western Region.

Trustee Hunking reminded trustees there will be an election of OSPBA Delegate and Alternate Delegate at the May 9th board meeting. Currently Trustee Hunking is the delegate and Vice Chair Kent is the alternate.

Minutes from Board Committees

Audit Committee: November 8, 2016

Joint Health & Safety Committee: January 26, 2017

Chair's Activity Update

Chair Wagler reported along with Vice Chair Kent they met with Director Walsh and discussed a number of items including the Director's entry plan as well as future plans with senior administration, trustees and school administrators.

Correspondence

- a) Letter to Executive Director Dave Wallace, Ontario Universities Application Centre from Limestone District School Board dated March 28, 2017 re concern with the additional \$50.00 fee to students (received via mail April 5, 2017)
- b) Letter from Chair Wagler, dated April 6, 2017, to Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter re support of Bluewater District School Board's letter re special education funding

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, May 9, 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, May 23, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. – Finance Committee, 6:15 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:45 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- June 13, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- June 27, 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, April 12, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- Audit Committee: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Recognition and Service Awards Committee: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- Excellence in Education Banquet: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
- Huron Perth Student Transportation Services (HPSTS): Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- Student Senators Symposium: Friday, May 12, 2017 (more details to follow)
- PIC: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
- AMDSB Recognition Reception: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

- Audit Committee: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017 04 239

(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

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

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
April 25, 2017

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board