

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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

PRESENT:

Trustees: Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore (via teleconference), Doug Pratley, Nancy Rothwell, Randy Wagler

Absent: Judy Cairncross, Colleen Schenk

Senior Staff: Lisa Walsh, 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 Wagler called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2017 05 263 (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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2017 05 264 (N. Rothwell – R. Hunking)

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

CARRIED

Approval of the Committee of the Whole, Open Session Agenda

MOTION 2017 05 265 (L. Geddes – D. Pratley)

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board Committee of the Whole, Open Session meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Staff Presentations**Supporting Small and Rural Secondary Schools**

Superintendent Langis presented ‘what we currently do’, ‘what we have learned’ and ‘where are we going’ with small and rural secondary schools. Trustees were encouraged to send their questions and the topic will be brought forward to a future agenda.

OPSBA AGM Resolutions and Priorities Discussion

Trustee Hunking reviewed OPSBA’s resolutions for trustees to discuss and consider as necessary prior to the annual general meeting (AGM) on June 8th – 10th. OPSBA will be holding elections at the AGM. Trustee Pratley will not be standing for re-election, however Trustee Hunking will be for regional vice-president.

Board Policy Review

Trustees discussed the final edits for Policy #1, #7 and #16. The policies will be brought forward to June 13th regular board meeting for approval.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**MOTION 2017 05 266****(N. Rothwell – R. Hunking)****RESOLVED THAT** this Board convene into Regular Session.**CARRIED**

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 Indigenous Peoples in Canada 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 05 267****(L. Geddes – R. Hunking)****RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No member of the Board declared having a pecuniary interest regarding any item presented in this agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Rothwell asked for clarification on page 4 of the minutes, following motion 2017 05 259, about the reference to the 120 students identified. Superintendent Blair explained that these are students with exceptionalities ie blind, deaf and hard of hearing and that these students would have formally been identified as a developmental disability.

MOTION 2017 05 268**(R. Hunking – A.Kent)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Thursday, May 9, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Trustee Rothwell asked about the presentation from the student senators and how their technology survey will be utilized. Director Walsh commented that in discussion with senior team, staff are in the process of determining next steps ie what will be purchased for student use, continuing to build capacity of staff to better use technology, and to ensure students are using technology in ways that we want to build citizenship.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public SessionTransportation Rate Schedule with District 8/36 School Bus Operators for 2017/2018

Vice Chair Kent brought forward the motion from Closed Session.

MOTION 2017 05 269**(A. Kent – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the adjustment to the School Bus Operator Rate Schedules for Specialized Transportation and Non-Specialized Transportation for the 2017/2018 school year as noted.

CARRIED**Good News**

Vice Chair Kent announced that on May 17th she attended the music night at Stratford Central Secondary School. Students and staff displayed a great sense of community and the evening was very entertaining.

Trustee Moore attended the 2017 AMDSB Dance Showcase held at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School. This evening is a great opportunity for a number of elementary schools to showcase their dance talents. Fourteen schools participated with 480 dancers. Thank you to the dedicated staff who choreographed the evening.

Chair Wagler announced that South Huron District High School's percussion ensemble participated in Music Fest at the Canadian Nationals in Niagara Falls, under the direction of Dave Robilliard and Isaac Moore. Congratulations to students and staff on achieving a gold standard.

Superintendent Baker announced Central Huron Secondary School's Tech Department Head Ray Greidanus was recently recognized by the Ontario Council of Technology Educators for his outstanding support for and contributions to the continued development of technological education. Congratulations to Ray Griedanus.

Superintendent Baker reported that Central Huron Secondary School, Listowel District Secondary School and Stratford Northwestern Secondary School have participated in the 'take Tech Ed', in partnership with Lambton College, where students in grade 7 & 8 were encouraged to take part in hands-on tech activities.

Trustee Pratley reported he had received a letter from a student at Listowel Eastdale Public School for donations to the Jump Rope for Heart. Trustee Pratley noted the writing letters activity was a wonderful way to promote a number of skills for these students.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTIONApproval of Tender: Windows and Masonry at St. Marys DCVI

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the tender report noting this is a continuation of a number of phases of work at St. Marys DCVI. The project is funded through School Condition Improvement funding.

MOTION 2017 05 270**(L. Geddes – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from SDI Builders 2010 Ltd., for masonry, windows, mechanical and electrical upgrades at St. Marys DCVI in the tender amount of \$831,567.00.

CARRIEDApproval of Tender: Mechanical and Electrical Updates at Stratford Northwestern SS

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported that this project is work in the welding shop at Stratford Northwestern. The project is funded through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction funding.

MOTION 2017 05 271**(R. Hunking – D. Pratley)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Culliton Inc. for mechanical and electrical upgrades at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School in the amount of \$710,883.00.

CARRIED**INFORMATION REPORTS**Preliminary Accommodation Analysis Report for 2016/2017

Superintendent Baird-Jackson and Hugh Cox, Information and Reporting Analyst presented the annual report as per board policy #15 re Pupil Accommodation Reviews which requires an annual preliminary analysis of accommodation data. Accommodation reviews may lead to changes, closures or consolidations. Some changes do not require accommodation review ie if less than 50% of enrolment of a school is affected, or a school serves as a holding school for the school community where their permanent building is under repair. The board recently received current projected enrolment by school area by Watson & Associates on May 9th.

The report was reviewed in detail by enrolment, as well as a review of enrolment by planning areas. Superintendent Baird-Jackson explained Stratford Central Secondary School remains a focus of attention. Some next steps could include consideration with respect to grade 7 and 8 in concert with facility condition, low enrolments and loadings in some schools in and around Stratford. Low enrolment and loading at North Easthope and Central Perth Public Schools remain a concern. Enrolment pressures at Little Falls Public School and continued low enrolment at South Perth Centennial Public School also present for concern. Enrolment pressures at Clinton Public School and Hullett Central Public School will continue to be monitored, as well as the interest in expanding daycare space at Clinton Public School. Low enrolment at Bluewater Coast Elementary School also presents challenges and will be monitored. Staff will continue to review partnerships and alternate use of empty spaces in an effort to sustain the viability of vulnerable schools ie daycares and municipal libraries, etc. As was noted in the presentation on small and rural schools earlier this evening, staff will continue to look at innovative program delivery in secondary schools. Staff will be developing a new Capital Plan which will reflect school condition and staff will share this plan in the fall/winter of 2017/2018 school year.

At this time staff did not recommend any schools for further review.

Expense Statements for the Period of September 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

Associate Superintendent Carter reported staff continue to monitor and at this time everything is tracking at or slightly under budget.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the following staff adjustments for information:

Retirements/Resignations

Ann Marie Prentice, Educational Assistant at Elma Township PS effective May 30, 2017

Mary Lou Rae, Teacher at FE Madill SS effective June 30, 2017

Joe Crosby, Custodian at North Perth Westfield ES effective July 21, 2017

Angela Deweerd, Computer Technician at the Learning Resources Centre effective August 31, 2017

Marion Dutton, Educational Assistant at Little Falls PS effective August 31, 2017

New Hires

Robert Million, Custodian at St. Marys DCVI effective May 15, 2017

Gerard O’Rielly, Custodian at South Perth PS effective June 5, 2017

Minutes from Board Committees

Student Advisory Council: April 25, 2017

Senior Staff Update

Superintendent Langis provided an update on elementary and secondary staffing. In elementary staffing the process had been delayed by 3 weeks to fully implement the extension agreement, and staffing is well under way. In secondary staffing there are no redundancies expected and staff are now looking at teachers who are surplus to school but these teachers will have a position in the system for 2017/2018.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- June 13, 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, Open Session, 7:30 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- June 27, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 3:30 p.m. Regular Board Session

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

- Finance Committee: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.
- Ad Hoc Policy #5 Review: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 immediately following Finance Committee
- AMDSB Recognition Reception: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, June 14th
- Foundation for Education – Thursday, June 1st at 5:45 p.m.
- Audit Committee: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017 05 272

(N. Rothwell – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
June 13, 2017

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board