

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON

PRESENT:

Trustees: Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore, Nancy Rothwell, Colleen Schenk, Randy Wagler

Absent: Doug Pratley

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 Cheri Carter

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2017 09 313	(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)
RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.	CARRIED

Vice-Chair Alyson Kent was Chair for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2017 09 314	(C. Schenk – J. Moore)
RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session.	CARRIED

Chair Wagler called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:45 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 09 315****(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)**

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

CARRIED

Director Wagler explained the change to the agenda format. For future agenda there will be a Consent Item on the left column, and there will be an X placed in the column if the item is a Consent Item. Prior to approval of the agenda, if there are items to be moved from Consent for discussion, trustees will express the item to be moved, otherwise the Chair will call for a motion to approve and receive consent items.

Declaration of Oath of Allegiance (oral)

Chair Wagler welcomed the 2017/2018 student trustees and senators to their first meeting.

The students together recited the Declaration for Student Senators. Student Trustees Natalie Moore from Listowel District Secondary School and Jesse Russell, from Stratford Northwestern Secondary School joined the trustees at the board table.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2017 09 316****(J. Moore – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, September 12, 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**MOTION 2017 09 317****(A. Kent – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the draft Proposed Executive Compensation Program for submission to the Ministry of Education on September 29, 2017.

CARRIED**Good News**

Superintendent Morris reported three teachers and their students, who are involved in the New Pedagogy for Deep Learning project, have been recognized as leaders in the global research project. The educators are Andrea Bradshaw from Stratford Central SS (Creativity in Engineering), Carly McLeod from St. Marys DCVI (Issues of Global Importance), and Jane Wilkinson from Stratford Central SS (Challenge and Change). Their Artefacts are posted on the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning website.

Superintendent Blair announced that Avon Maitland has won the Canadian Association for Community Living Inclusive Education award for Ontario. This award is to recognize a group in each of the provinces and territories who have made a positive contribution to meaningful inclusion of students who have disabilities. Director Walsh and Chair Wagler will be presented with the award in January in Toronto.

Trustee Rothwell shared news of the Farm and Food Care Ontario 'Breakfast on the Farm' which was hosted at Maplevue Farms on September 16th. Director Walsh and Trustees Rothwell and Schenk attended the breakfast along with over 2000 guests.

Trustee Schenk reported she will be attending a Suicide Prevention presentation in Goderich on September 27th.

Vice-Chair Kent reminded trustees of the upcoming Foundation for Education Gala on November 11th. The Foundation Gala is to be held at the Revival House in Stratford.

Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Russell reported the students reviewed their structure for meetings for the 2017/2018 school year. The students will be covering student engagement and well-being, and ways to help ensure students are engaged in schools.

Staff/Student Presentation

There were no student/staff presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

There were not recommendations for Immediate Action

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

Communication and Advocacy Plan 2017/2018

Chair Wagler noted in accordance with board policy #2 re Trustees Job Description, annually the board will develop a plan for communication and advocacy. Trustees suggested revisions to the plan. The plan will be updated with the suggested revisions, and brought forward to the October 10th board meeting for approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Special Education Research Protocol

Superintendent Blair presented the report as an update following the board motion on May 9th for research on inclusive education. The report outlined the process regarding interview protocol and participant selection and the timeline for the research. A report on the findings will be presented in April 2018.

EQAO Assessment Results

Superintendent Morris noted the purpose of the report was to provide more background following the media release on September 20th. Section 1 of the report gave background on each of the assessments. It is important to note that EQAO is a well-designed standardized assessment but these assessments are just one piece of the puzzle of what learning and achievement looks like in a district. Superintendent Morris noted the grade 9 applied math scores increased 3%, and 51% of students in applied pathway were successful, the provincial was 44%. This increase is reflective of the work of our intermediate teachers to support students. Math scores are showing movement in the junior division. Trustees will receive an in-depth report on EQAO at the November 14th board meeting.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented staff adjustments for information.

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking attended the board of directors meeting September 22nd and 23rd. The next regional meeting is November 4th at Upper Grand District School Board and this is a joint meeting with Central West region. There will be a PD session in the afternoon on mental health and student well-being.

Minutes from Board Committees

SEAC from June 7, 2017.

Chair's Activity Update

In addition to routine matters and usual communication of the Chair, Chair Wagler attended a webinar on September 26th regarding Executive Compensation.

Senior Staff Update

Superintendent Baker explained how the structure of the Student Advisory Committee will be for future meetings. The students' work will focus on increasing students' sense of belonging. The students will attend the second board meeting of the month every other month beginning in November. For opposite nights the students will meet using electronic technology.

Superintendent Morris reported for the upcoming PA day on September 29th schools will have half day focus on health and safety training and the second half will be on school improvement

Correspondence

No items of correspondence were received.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Wagler set Monday, October 2nd at 4:30 p.m. for a teleconference for trustees to discuss the trustee interview process.

Trustee Hunking noted Local Government week is October 15th to 21st.

Trustee Rothwell invited trustees to the PIC school council orientation on Wednesday, October 18th and to also promote the session at their next school council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- October 10, 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
- October 24, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Session

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

- Joint Health & Safety Committee: Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- AODA: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
- PIC re School Council Orientation: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 6:15 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017 09 318

(L. Geddes – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date Approved

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

Dr. Lisa Walsh
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board