

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION AND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 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, Al Sygrove, 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

Student Trustee: Natalie Moore, Jesse Russell

Resource: Janice Richmond

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the meeting to order for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2017 11 346

(L. Geddes – R. Hunking)

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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2017 11 347

(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)

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

CARRIED

Avon Maitland District eLearning Centre (AMDEC) Presentation

System Principal of AMDEC Vince Trocchi and Vice-Principal of AMDEC Barry Brohman provided an update on the board's full distance, online secondary school course provider. Currently there are students from ten school boards and thirty-three private schools from across Ontario. New this year is the pilot of an eHub at Mitchell District High School. In this eHub students receive support in learning skill development and organization for their AMDEC courses.

Next Generation Learning (NGL) Presentation

Superintendent Morris and System Principal of Program April Smith provided an explanation of NGL. The NGL project provides portable, personalized technology to all students and staff from grades 7 to 10. NGL technology refers to the one-to-one iPad deployment to staff and students to promote inclusion,

support the development of global competencies and to ultimately maximize outcomes for learners in Avon Maitland. The Ministry documents 'Achieving Excellence, A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario and the '21st Century Competencies' aligns with the work that staff are doing within the district. Research from the past four years was presented. Looking to 2017/2018, plans are to continue the monitoring, i.e. the impact of devices and the impact of assessments.

Trustee Moore asked how our research aligns with health data around screen time for students. Superintendent Morris noted that controls and safety are a priority on all district devices. There is a mechanism for parents if they want to have restrictions on their child's device. Staff have spoken to school councils reminding parents about the safety and safe use at home. On March 21st the Parent Involvement Committee is hosting a technology evening and parents are encouraged to take part in this event.

Trustee Committee Preferences

Chair Wagler reminded trustees that the committee preference sheet would be sent electronically to trustees in order to make their choice for committee assignments for 2018. Trustees discussed the structure of the board committees.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2017 11 348

(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

Chair Wagler called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:05 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

The following items were added:

4.4 Student Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance

Chair Wagler asked for removal of any Consent items. The following items were marked consented:

Approval of Tender: Mechanical Upgrades at Stratford Northwestern SS (SERC), all the Board Committee Minutes and the Correspondence.

MOTION 2017 11 349

(A. Sygrove – R. Hunking)

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

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Trustee Geddes declared having a conflict of interest regarding the Approval of Tender: Mechanical Upgrades at Stratford Northwestern SS (SERC).

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2017 11 350****(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)**

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

CARRIED**Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance**

The following Student Senators were sworn in for the 2017/2018 school year:

Jack Campbell, Central Huron Secondary School

Sarah Mitchell, Central Huron Secondary School

Jordan Kuper, Listowel District Secondary School

Natalie Moore (Student Trustee), Listowel District Secondary School

Ally Corcoran, Mitchell District High School

Savannah Hooper, Mitchell District High School

Jesse Russell (Student Trustee), Stratford Northwestern Secondary School

Madison Baillie, Stratford Northwestern Secondary School

Bevan Bearss, St. Marys DCVI

Natalie Bettger, St. Marys DCVI

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public SessionDirector's Summative Evaluation Review**MOTION 2017 11 351****(A. Kent – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the Summative Evaluation of Director Lisa Walsh for 2017.

CARRIED**Good News**

Trustee Geddes announced an article in the recent OPSBA Education Today publication features Avon Maitland in 'School Inclusion Update'.

Vice-Chair Kent reported following last year's silver medal finish at OFSSA, Stratford Central Secondary School senior boys volleyball were gold medal winners in the AA Championship held in Brockville.

Superintendent Baker announced last week was bullying awareness and prevention week and Avon Maitland held a number of anti-bullying campaigns and events throughout the district.

Superintendent Morris congratulated four elementary schools, Huron Centennial, Little Falls, North Easthope and St. Marys DCVI elementary on the recent certifications from the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA). The certification recognizes and celebrates school communities for promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of students, staff and the community.

Trustee Moore announced FunTECH was held at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School on Saturday, November 25th and it was a great experience for students ages 7 to 14 who were provided an opportunity to participate in various areas of technology and workshops using a variety of tools and equipment.

Staff/Student Presentation**EQAO Presentation**

Superintendent Morris introduced MISA Lead Sandy Kunkel and Teaching/Learning Coordinator Don Pottruff who provided a detailed presentation regarding EQAO's mandate, history, and assessments, as well as how the data is a source of information for evidence-based decision making. EQAO measures what exists now as the Ontario curriculum and compares what our students are doing in school, independently to a provincial average. The Ministry is hosting public engagement sessions on education assessment throughout Ontario.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As a consent item, Trustee Geddes refrained from voting on this motion.

Approval of Tender: Mechanical Upgrades at Stratford Northwestern SS (SERC)**MOTION 2017 11 352****(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Turner Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for mechanical upgrades at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School (SERC) in the amount of \$141,851.16.

CARRIED**Approval of Board Policy #2 Board Job Description****MOTION 2017 11 353****(L. Geddes – J. Moore)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the revisions to Policy #2 re Board Job Description.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Associate Superintendent Carter highlighted the information report and summarized the Audit Committee's action for the year ending August 31, 2018.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**October 31, 2017 Enrolment Update**

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the annual report and explained the student enrolment is reported in a number of ways a) count of student bodies, b) full-time equivalent (FTE) value, and c) average enrolment value for the school year. The unofficial October 31, 2017 enrolment counts in FTE are elementary 10,167.00, secondary 5,016.77 for a total of 15,183.77 FTE. Associate Superintendent Carter noted the elementary enrolment increased significantly from the original estimates and secondary enrolment has increased slightly from the original estimates.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented staff adjustments for information.

OPSBA Update

Trustee Schenk reported the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 1st and 2nd. Trustee Hunking noted the Fall 2017 OPSBA Education Today is the last publication of this magazine.

Minutes from Board Committees

The following Committee minutes were received:

- Students' Advisory Committee – September 26, 2017
- SEAC – October 4, 2017
- HPSTS – October 17, 2017

Chair's Activity Update

Chair Wagler continues to be involved with the Executive Compensation program as well as his respective duties as chair.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

Letter dated November 2, 2017 from Grand Erie DSB re executive compensation.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- December 12, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 7:30 p.m. Inaugural and Regular Board Session
- January 23, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Session

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

- Student Advisory Committee: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee: Thursday, November 30, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2017 11 354

(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:05 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