

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

PRESENT:

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

Senior Staff: Lisa Walsh, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Kim Black, Paul Langis, 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 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2018-02-27-381

(C. Schenk – D. Pratley)

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

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Robert Hunking was Chair for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2018-02-27-382

(L. Geddes – A. Kent)

RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

Approval of Agenda

The following revisions were made to the Agenda for Open Session:

3.2.1 Availability of Trustees for Vice-Principal Interviews

MOTION 2018-02-27-383

(A. Sygrove – N. Rothwell)

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

CARRIED

Availability of Trustees for Vice-Principal Interviews

Chair Wagler called for availability of trustees to attend vice-principal interviews. Vice-Chair Hunking will be available on Thursday, March 1st for vice-principal interviews.

Human Rights, Ethical Leadership, and Good Governance Pilot Program – Trustee Pratley

Trustee Pratley attended the Ministry's sponsored training session Human Rights Symposium on February 14th and 15th in Toronto. For the first session OPSBA was given twenty of the thirty available spots. Trustee Pratley explained this session was a pilot presentation which will be made to trustees following the next election. Trustee Pratley further noted that everything that trustees do in school boards has to be looked at through the lens of ethical leadership and re-examined in terms of ethics.

Director Walsh noted this work resides with the Equity Secretariat, led by Assistant Deputy Minister Patrick Case. The Secretariat had created this optional professional development opportunity for trustees in Ontario. Superintendent Black is the superintendent with the equity portfolio and Amy Kipfer is the Indigenous Lead and the board's equity lead.

The Equity Action Plan was shared with the board in December and touches on a number of areas i.e. programming for students. Director Walsh noted that Avon Maitland is one of seventeen boards that have been invited to participate in the pilot project on identity-based data collection. Administration is looking at next year's plans and future plans and wants to ensure there is equitable distribution of program. Avon Maitland has chosen to do student identity-based data collection as part of this pilot. The next steps include creating a proposal to submit to the Assistant Deputy Minister to receive funding to support a coordinator/researcher.

Trustee Pratley provided highlights of the two-day program which covered governance principles, impact of the Ontario Human Rights Code on board decision-making, practices and strengths, and systemic discrimination.

Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines

Chair Wagler called on Vice-Chair Hunking and Superintendent Baird-Jackson to review and summarize the guidelines. Trustee Geddes had provided a comparison of the 2015 to the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines which emphasized the draft changes.

Following discussion of the changes, trustees provided comments and identified pertinent needs for feedback on the draft guidelines. Superintendent Baird-Jackson and Chair Wagler will provide feedback on behalf of the board.

MOTION 2018-02-27-384

(C. Schenk – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair Wagler called for a short recess and reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

ROUTINE MATTERS**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 revisions were made to the Agenda for Regular Session:

Item 6.3 a) Expense Statements for September 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 be removed from consent items.

MOTION 2018-02-27-385**(A. Sygrove – J. Moore)**

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

CARRIED**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No trustees made a declaration of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Geddes clarified that Chair Wagler and herself are collating materials and planning the Potential Trustee Information Nights on April 17th and April 18th.

MOTION 2018-02-27-386**(A. Kent – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2018 be approved as amended.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Vice-Chair Hunking reported the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss community input met earlier this evening. Trustee Rothwell was selected chair for the Committee.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public Session**Excellence in Public Education Nomination****MOTION 2018-02-27-387****(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board support the nominees as listed in the report for the 2017/2018 Excellence in Public Education Awards.

CARRIED**Good News**

Trustee Pratley announced he attended the fourth annual Choosin' Inclusion Student Symposium held in Stratford on February 21st. Director Walsh and Superintendent Black were also in attendance. The keynote speaker was Norman Kunc who shared the 'Story of a Stranger'. Participants included students from the 9 secondary schools, administrators, lead teachers and educational assistants.

Superintendent Baker announced that on February 26th Canadian author Andrew Pyper was at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School. A group of students are implementing the first Stratford Northwestern prize for literature and Andrew was there to advise the group on how to be jurors and how to create the criteria for the selection of the prize. The prize of \$1000. will be awarded as scholarship money.

Superintendent Baker extended congratulations to Adam Agar, teacher at Mitchell District High School who received a medal from The Society of Descartes Medalists. The award recognizes teachers who have made significant contributions in Math and/or Computer Science. Congratulations Adam.

Superintendent Langis announced a successful principal conference was held in Niagara Falls with a number of exceptional speakers. As a follow up one of the keynote speakers, Ken Fredeen has donated \$2500. to be awarded to a school project that presents an opportunity to develop or demonstrate inclusive leadership. A committee will be established to review the school proposals and award the donation accordingly.

Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Jesse Russell reported the students have changed the frequency of their meetings to help with reporting, planning, etc. and at this evening's meeting they discussed initiatives in individual schools to get students more engaged, and talked about school events.

Student Trustee Natalie Moore reported on the OSTA conference held in Ottawa from February 15th to 18th. Topics included mental health, Indigenous education and the Me to We event called We Walk for Water.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Broadband Modernization Project – Approval of Network Hardware/Software

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported the Ministry has been working on this major restructuring of infrastructure and has articulated the 3 key goals outlined in 1.3 of the report. The Ministry has also assembled a cross-functional team in terms of parameters. The framework was rolled out to boards in successive waves and Avon Maitland is in wave 2. The funding will provide for the implementation of the complete topology, plus some funding to cover additional bandwidth costs in terms of overlap timeframe.

MOTION 2018-02-27-388**(C. Schenk – J. Moore)**

RESOLVED THAT Avon Maitland District School Board accept the quote for the specified network hardware and software from Integra Data Systems Corp. in the amount of \$424,778.00 excluding HST.

CARRIED**INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS****DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**Expense Statements for September 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018

Associate Superintendent Carter highlighted the monthly expense statement report. Up to this fifth month of the financial cycle just over 88 million of the 200 million budget has been spent.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented staff adjustments for information.

Retirements/Resignations

Marco Balestrin	Stratford Northwestern SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Susan Barnett	Hullett Central PS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Allan Booker	Stratford Central SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Kim Booker	Stratford Northwestern 7-8	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Jim Cooke	Central Huron SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Paul Cronin	FE Madill SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Paul Gurney	Listowel District SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Andrew Jaunzemis	Listowel District SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Joanne Pinter	Mornington Central PS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
Philip Vousden	Mitchell District HS	Teacher	June 30, 2018
David Yates	Central Huron SS	Teacher	June 30, 2018

OPSBA Update

Trustee Schenk provided an update from the Board of Directors' meeting held February 23rd and 24th. OESC Executive Director Ted Doherty presented on how OESC supports school boards. The trustee

PD module on Indigenous education has been released. Updates were provided on communications and media relations, community hubs, legislature, program policy, the Equity Education Plan, the FSL labour market partnership project, and supporting students with prevalent medical conditions. The Public Education Symposium was well attended this year. The Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health is scheduled for April 12th and 13th. The April 7th Regional meeting will be hosted by Bluewater District School Board. More information will follow. OPSBA's AGM will be held in Niagara Falls from May 31st to June 3rd.

Minutes from Board Committees

The following Committee minutes were received:

- a) Joint Health & Safety Committee: November 30, 2017

Chair's Activity Update

Chair Wagler attended the February Principals Conference where the theme was 'Always Leading' and focussed on principals as leaders.

Senior Staff Update

Superintendent Black reported that an application was made through the Ministry's PRO regional/provincial grant for a project called Welcoming Low German Families in the North Perth region. On March 29th a session has been planned re Culturally Responsive Practices/Pedagogy and will be held in the Stratford Northwestern Secondary School Library.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported facilities staff will be busy over March break painting corridors in some secondary schools as well as maintaining fire alarm verifications.

Correspondence

- a) Letter from Chair Wagler dated February 20, 2018 to Stratford Arts and Culture Collective

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- March 27, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Student Advisory Committee; 7:30 p.m. Regular Session

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

- AODA: February 28, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
- SEAC: March 7, 2018 and April 4, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee: March 8, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
- PIC – Public Event re Computer Technology: March 21, 2018
- School Year Calendar: March 26, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
- SAL: March 28, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
- Foundation for Education: April 4, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-02-27-389

(C. Schenk – L. Geddes)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
March 27, 2018

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

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