

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 17, 2018

Festival Room, Seaforth Education Centre

62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON

PRESENT:

Trustees: Doug Pratley, Al Sygrove, Randy Wagler

Teleconference: Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore, Colleen Schenk

Absent: Nancy Rothwell

Senior Staff: Superintendent Janet Baird-Jackson, and Lisa Walsh, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board (via teleconference)

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

The purpose of the Special Board meeting is to consider one item which is a motion that has been brought forward by Trustee Geddes re the Ontario Health & Physical Education Curriculum.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagler called the Special Board meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

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

Selection of Vice-Chair

MOTION 2018-08-17-452

(A. Sygrove – C. Schenk)

RESOLVED THAT Trustee Pratley be selected as Vice-Chair for the August 27, 2018 Special Board meeting.

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2018-08-17-453

(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

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Ontario Health & Physical Education Curriculum

Chair Wagler opened the discussion with regard to the motion as proposed by Trustee Geddes.

Trustee Geddes shared her intent of the proposed motion. Following the Ministry announcement about repealing parts of the Health & Physical Education curriculum, ETFO and OSSTF have made their declaration via letter requesting a unified stance of the 2015 Health & Physical Education curriculum until such time as the Ministry of Education completes a new, fully-vetted and evidence based curriculum. On August 10, 2018 OPSBA wrote Minister Lisa Thompson to address concerns regarding the status of the Health & Physical Education curriculum. Trustees discussed the proposed motion in detail.

Director Walsh reported boards are waiting for more information and in the meantime the government is planning a broad consultation not only on this topic but also on a number of other different topics for this fall and into early winter.

MOTION 2018-08-17-454

(L. Geddes – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT Whereas it is unreasonable and unfair to expect individual teachers to determine how to modify the Health & Physical Education 2015 (revised) curriculum to include topics necessary to students' well-being and not included in the Government's currently proposed curriculum potentially leaving teachers open to sanction and discipline;
Be it resolved that the Avon Maitland District School Board support OPSBA's position, as outlined in their letter dated August 10, 2018 to the Minister of Education, to teach the Health & Physical Education 2015 (revised) curriculum until such time as the Ministry of Education puts forth a fully vetted and evidence-based Health and Physical Education curriculum.
Furthermore, be it resolved that the Board Chair forward this motion on to OPSBA, School Board Chairs, and copy the Minister of Education and OSSTF and ETFO Locals.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- September 11, 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 Session
- September 25, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 7:30 Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-08-18-455

(D. Pratley – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
September 11, 2018

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

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