

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION and REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 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: Director Lisa Walsh, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Kim Black, Paul Langis, Jane Morris, and Associate Superintendent Cheri Carter

Student Trustee: Natalie Moore and Kristin Vleeming

Resource: Dani Rathwell, Communications Manager

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2018-11-27-498

(L. Geddes – D. Pratley)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2018-11-27-499

(A. Kent – A. Sygrove)

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

CARRIED

Chair Wagler extended a special welcome to newly elected trustees Laura Bisutti, Colin Carmichael and Herb Klassen.

Budget Process

Associate Superintendent Carter outlined the Finance Departments' improvement plan for student achievement and well-being. The Plan aligns with the Director's Work Plan that was presented to trustees at the October 23, 2018 board meeting. The Finance Committee meeting scheduled in January will also entail budget orientation.

Progress Report re Inclusion

Superintendent Black explained the board's work on inclusion and inclusive education. The Learning Service department plan was shared and a number of strategies were highlighted.

Introductory Orientation

Chair Wagler presented an introductory session for the new board to review initial logistics for expectations of trustees, and the Code of Conduct declaration.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**MOTION 2018-11-27-500****(N. Rothwell – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT this Board reconvene into Regular Session.

CARRIED

Chair Wagler recited the Opening Statement:

“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe 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.”

Approval of Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

6.1 c) PIC Update – Trustee Rothwell

6.8 a) Letter dated November 26, 2018 Bluewater District School Board re resolution to expedite the review of regulations regarding seatbelts on school buses and highway coaches.

MOTION 2018-11-27-501**(L. Geddes – A. Kent)**

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

CARRIED**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No trustee made a declaration of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2018-11-27-502****(C. Schenk – A. Sygrove)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2018 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

Use of Mechanical and Electrical Engineer

MOTION 2018-11-27-503**(R. Hunking – C. Schenk)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board extend the current arrangements for mechanical and electrical engineering services for the three consultants for the 2018/2019 construction year.

CARRIED

Director's Summative Review**MOTION 2018-11-27-504****(R. Hunking – A. Kent)****RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the Summative Evaluation of Dr. Lisa Walsh for 2017/2018.**CARRIED****Good News**

Superintendent Baker announced on November 24, 2018 over 130 students participated in a FunTech program coordinated by the Technical Training Group and hosted at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School. Staff and volunteer students offered students between ages 7 to 14 a number of workshops focused on skilled trades. The workshops introduced students to areas of technology, tools and equipment.

On Monday, November 26, 2018 over 120 students from Avon Maitland schools and the Specialist High Skills Majors attended the Youth Leadership Day. The day was designed to engage students in mapping their career opportunities by exploring what's available throughout the county and identifying the various career pathways in agriculture and manufacturing.

Manager of Communications and Public Relations Dani Rathwell announced that as part of the bullying awareness and prevention week, focus has been on promoting anti-bullying information on the board website, and other social media platforms. Many schools have created their anti-bullying initiatives. Resources for students, parents and educators to better understand different forms of bullying are available through the board and schools.

Superintendent Morris highlighted the CATYO event where over 950 students and families registered for next years' kindergarten program.

Vice-Chair Hunking extended farewell to fellow trustees Alyson Kent, Doug Pratley and Chair Randy Wagler. Vice-Chair Hunking expressed appreciation to the retiring trustees and acknowledged their dedication and long-serving commitment to the students of Avon Maitland District School Board. Trustee Kent has served 8 years, Trustee Pratley 11 years and Chair Wagler 18 years.

Chair Wagler acknowledged it has been an honour, not as individual trustees but as a whole. Trustees provide supporting foundation so that staff can do the great things they do every day. Chair Wagler stated "I am proud of what we have, I have never ever regretted being a trustee. While not every decision is easy or fun I have tried to always keep our students in mind – improving education for every student. It has been an honour to serve my community and the broader community as well."

Student / Staff Presentation

There were no presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Approval of Board Policies #8 re and #9 re Governance By-Laws

Director Walsh presented the final versions of Policies #8 and 9. No further edits were received.

MOTION 2018-11-27-505

(L. Geddes – C. Schenk)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the revisions to Policy #8 re Role of the Board Vice-Chair, and Policy #9 re Board Governance By-Laws.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: iPad Equipment Repair Parts

Associate Superintendent Carter highlighted the report.

MOTION 2018-11-27-506

(A. Kent – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board award the one-year, fixed price contract to supply iPad Original Equipment Parts to triPhone Cellular of Chatham, Ontario at a maximum value of \$167,839 for a one-year period.

CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee's Report to Board on 2017/2018 Activities

Audit Chair Sygrove noted the Audit Committee report was received earlier in Closed Session. The report outlines the Committee's membership, the number of meetings held, the work with the Internal and External Auditors, and a summary of the work performed. The summarized Audit Committee Annual Report is required to be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Ad Hoc Committee re Community Input

The Ad Hoc Committee re Community Input was appointed in February 2018 and members were Vice-Chair Hunking, and Trustees Moore and Rothwell. The Ad Committee reviewed a number of policies and researched information regarding public participation and input consultation. Trustees agreed to receive the report for input and to continue discussion on public participation. Trustees asked that administration look into scheduling a board meeting, on occasion, in one of the communities of the board.

MOTION 2018-11-27-507

(R. Hunking – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee re Community Input effective November 27, 2018.

CARRIED

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Update

Trustee Rothwell reported there has been a public announcement on the Board website to recruit members, and a notice sent through School Messenger for applications for the PIC. Trustee Rothwell encouraged trustees to promote the PIC through their school councils and their communities for membership.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

October 31st Enrolment Report

Associate Superintendent Carter reported in order to confirm the enrolment actuals for the year-end reporting cycle, the Ministry has designated two official count dates – October 31st and March 31st. Elementary enrolment increased from the original estimates. Secondary enrolment has decreased from the original estimates. Overall the board is currently service 10,194 elementary students and 5,241 secondary students for a total of 15,435 students.

Trustee Expenses and Attendance

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the annual report for information. The report breaks down trustee roles that draw more expenses ie Chair, Vice-Chair and OPSBA Director or Alternate.

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the staff adjustments for information:

Retirements and Resignations:

Alice Yuill, Secretary at Listowel District SS effective November 15, 2018

Anne Reynen, Teacher at Howick Central PS effective June 30, 2019

New Hires

Paige Lightfoot, Educational Assistant at Avon PS effective November 20, 2018

Denise Castelmezzano, Educational Assistant at Goderich District CI effective November 12, 2018

Tom Williamson, Custodian at Listowel District SS effective November 12, 2018

Andrea Nethercott, Custodian at Mitchell District HS effective November 12, 2018

Justine Dow, Educational Assistant at Stratford Central SS effective November 19, 2018

OPSBA Update

Trustee Schenk reported the next OPSBA Director's meeting is scheduled for December 6th and 7th. The Ministry is requesting input on budget consultation and OPSBA will be collecting input from boards. Please send your feedback to Associate Superintendent Carter and a combined submission will be drafted based on the feedback.

Trustee Patley attended the Policy Development Work Team on November 16th.

Vice-Chair Hunking reported OPSBA has been in discussion and consultation about OSTA in getting their student voice.

Senior Staff Update

Superintendent Morris announced December 7th is a Ministry required PA day dedicated to focus on fundamental mathematics.

The week of December 3rd to 9th the Hour of Code and Computer Science Education week will be held.

Manager of Communications and Public Relations Dani Rathwell announced further information regarding the Stratford transition year for the Stratford renovation project will be released next week.

Board Committee Minutes (for information)

a) Audit Committee: September 25, 2018

b) HPSTS: October 16, 2018

Correspondence:

a) Bluewater DSB dated November 26th – for information – not an item of consent – it was a laydown.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- December 4, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Inaugural Board Meeting

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

- Huron Perth Student Transportation Services – Teleconference: December 11, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
- SAL: Monday, December 17, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2018-11-27-508

(C. Schenk – A. Kent)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
December 4, 2018

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board

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