

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

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

PRESENT:

Trustees: Laura Bisutti, Colin Carmichael, Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Herb Klassen, Julie Moore, Nancy Rothwell, Colleen Schenk, Al Sygrove

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

Resource: Sarah Stright

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schenk called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2019-03-26-28

(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2019-03-26-29

(L. Geddes – C. Carmichael)

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

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2019-03-26-30

(A. Sygrove – N. Rothwell)

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

CARRIED

Presentations

Well-Being, and Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Superintendent Baker and Dr. Anne Robinson presented an overview of the progress and supports in place for well-being in Avon Maitland.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson highlighted the Ministry's direction on safe and welcoming school environments and talked about what Avon Maitland has implemented.

Reports/Items for Discussion**Board Policy #5 Board Members' Code of Conduct**

Recent changes to *Ontario Regulation 246/18: Member of Schools Boards – Code of Conduct* were filed to require all school boards to adopt a code of conduct for trustees no later than May 14, 2019, and the policy must be made public. Trustees discussed the revisions to the Board's current policy. No further edits were required. A Notice of Motion will be brought forward on April 9th.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**MOTION 2019-03-26-31****(L. Geddes – N. Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** this Board reconvene into Regular Session.**CARRIED**

Chair Schenk 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:

Vice-Chair Hunking asked for discussion on a draft board statement in New Business.

MOTION 2019-03-26-32**(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)****RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting be approved as amended.**CARRIED****Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Trustee Geddes declared a pecuniary interest on item 5.4 re Approval of Tender: Central Huron Secondary School Mechanical Phase 2 and Cafeteria Upgrades.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2019-03-26-33****(L. Bisutti – H. Klassen)****RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Business Arising from the Minutes of February 26, 2019**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public Session

Vice-Chair Hunking reported there was no business from Closed Session.

Good News

Trustee Geddes acknowledged Mitchell District High School's participation in the World Down Syndrome day on March 21st. Many Avon Maitland schools also took part in the day by wearing funky socks and holding special events. Also Tuesday, April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day and schools will be participating in the Raise the Flag for Autism.

Trustee Klassen reported on March 29th and 30th Action4Inclusion will be celebrating 10 years of student leadership. Students from FE Madill, St. Marys DCVI, and Stratford Northwestern will be attending the summit in Toronto.

Trustee Carmichael announced that Goderich District CI has been awarded the H.O.P.E. (Helping Out People with Epilepsy) award from Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario. GDCI students and staff will be recognized for their support in integrating a student with epilepsy into the school.

Superintendent Morris reported twenty-four teachers are participating in the Math AQ Part 1, taught by Teaching Learning Coordinator Don Pottruff.

Superintendent Baker announced that on March 2nd more than 75 students and parents explored various aspects of engineering at the National Engineering Month Exploration Day. Michael Mooney who organized the day hopes to bring engineering awareness to elementary schools.

Avon Maitland will be holding three Indigenous Student Pathway workshops for approximately 65 self-identified Indigenous students. On March 21st and 25th students in grades 9-12 participated in either Goderich or Stratford to learn traditional teachers from Indigenous educators.

Trustee Rothwell announced that many schools have been able to use their PRO (Parent Reaching Out) grants to fund various projects/events within their schools. Listowel Eastdale PS recently offered a math night where over 260 students and parents attended the interactive evening.

Trustee Klassen recognized the Screaming Avocado Culinary Club dinner held on March 25th dinner. The Club consists of students from Stratford Northwestern and Stratford Central. There are two more dinners planned between now and the end of June.

Student Trustee Update

Student trustees Moore and Vleeming reported the student senators continue to work towards creating a tangible goal that students can work towards in their schools. Student trustee Vleeming and the student senators from Stratford Northwestern and Stratford Central are discussing a student event in May to help prepare all students for the upcoming transition year.

The Ontario West Regionals of the National Theatre School of Canada will be held April 8th to the 13th in Barrie. Good luck to Avon Maitland schools who are participating.

Staff Presentation

There were no staff presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Consent Items

Trustee Geddes recused herself from voting.

MOTION 2019-03-26-34

(R. Hunking – L. Bisutti)

RESOLVED THAT the Consent Items be received as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of Tender: Phase 2 – Mechanical (Boiler Replacement) and Cafeteria Upgrades at Central Huron Secondary School

Avon Maitland District School Board accepted the tender from JMR Electric Limited for phase 2 of the boiler replacement at Central Huron Secondary School in the amount of \$1,175,200.00.

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Expense Statements for September 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019

The expense statements were received.

Staff Adjustments

Retirements and Resignations

Name	Location	Position	Effective
Barbara Alken	Avon PS	Principal	March 31, 2019
Suzanne Gervais	Downie Central PS	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Susan Gardiner-Marklevitz	Ed Centre	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Dale Greenwood	Goderich District CI	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Janet Connors	Listowel District SS	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Gregory Higgins	Listowel District SS	Custodian	February 21, 2019
Marilyn Purcell	Listowel District SS	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Geraldine Nelson	North Perth Westfield	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Heather Schein	North Perth Westfield	Teacher	June 30, 2019
Brenda Pincombe	South Perth CPS	Teacher	June 30, 2019

New Hires

Name	Location	Position	Effective
Ivanie Tomasulo	Ed Centre-Central (French)	Teacher	March 18, 2019
Taylor Park	North Perth Westfield ES	BES-Chief	April 1, 2019

OPSBA Update

Trustee Klassen reported the next meeting will be in two weeks and a report will be brought forward to the April 9th board meeting.

Vice-Chair Hunking announced the OPSBA Regional meeting is scheduled for April 13th and will be held at Mornington Central Public School. April 8th is the OSPBA Advocacy Day in Toronto. This is an open forum for MPPs and staff to discuss education issues.

Board Minutes

Joint Health & Safety Committee: November 29, 2018

Chair Activity Update

Chair Schenk provided an update on her activities. Chair Schenk has actively attended well-being presentations, promoting well-being committees, attended the IEAC (Indigenous Education Advisory Committee), as well as school council presentations and meetings.

Senior Staff Updates

Superintendent Black advised trustees that due to a low uptake in the Student Identification Survey, the survey will be reissued to parents of K to 6 students during the week of March 25th. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey and return by April 4th. The Ministry has extended the Identify Based Data Collection funding from the end of March to the end of June.

Superintendent Black also reported Learning Services has provided social thinking PD for staff with interventions on how to help serve students to a higher degree in establishing life-long skills.

Superintendent Baker highlighted the transition work for Stratford schools. The FAQ page on board website under the tab Stratford continues to be updated. Staff have prepared the release of transition activities update to students and families in Stratford and the feeder school families. A transition memo, which focused on what the process will be regarding moving, was released on Friday. Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported there have been a number of questions from students, staff and community in regard to parking, traffic, cross-walks, etc. Administration has met with various departments from the city and have addressed these items.

Superintendent Morris stated a draft proposal for the 2019/2020 School Year Calendar will be up for public consultation for the first two weeks of April. Families are encouraged to review. A motion to approve the calendar will be brought to the April 23rd board meeting.

Superintendent Morris gave an update 'Phoenix Pride' and on the projects happening at Central Huron SS. A new website has been launched, new Instagram, Twitter and Facebook sites are up. Updates also include facility enhancements, new signage, a refresh of the Library, a new Agriculture SHSM, and three grade 8 days have been held.

Director Walsh provided an extensive summary of the March 15th Ministry of Education B Memo 08 'New Vision for Education'.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Hunking drafted a statement reflecting thoughts on the proposed changes to education. Trustees agreed to defer discussion until the April 9th board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- April 9, 2019 – 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
- April 23, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:30 p.m. Regular Session; **NOTE** the April 23, 2019 meeting will be held at Mornington Central Public School
- May 7, 2019 – 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
- May 28, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m. Regular Session
- June 11, 2019 – 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
- June 25, 2019 – 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)

- SEAC: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
- OPSBA Regional: April 13, 2019 at Mornington Central PS
- Audit Committee: April 30, 2019
- Municipal and Community Partners: May 28, 2019
- PIC: April 24th – 5:30 p.m.

MOTION 2019-03-26-35

(N. Rothwell – L. Bisutti)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date approved

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

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