

# AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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## MINUTES

5:00 p.m. – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION,

6:30 p.m. – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

and

7:30 p.m. – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 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 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 5:00 p.m.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION 2019-04-09-36**

**(L. Geddes – A. Sygrove)**

**RESOLVED THAT** this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

**MOTION 2019-04-09-37**

**(N. Rothwell – A. Sygrove)**

**RESOLVED THAT** this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION 2019-04-09-38**

**(R. Hunking – H. Klassen)**

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

**CARRIED**

### Presentations

#### Accelerated Growth in Literacy and Numeracy

Superintendent Black introduced Learning Services Coordinator Judy Campbell who led trustees through a presentation on re-culturing the role of the Resource Teachers to include a focus on math and language subjects in the elementary panel.

Superintendent Morris and System Principal April Smith highlighted the Director's Work Plan relating to the Numeracy and Literacy Goals. The presentation included an update on the targeted resources and PD to support teachers' teaching and learning.

**Reports/Items for Discussion****Board Policy Review**

Trustees reviewed Board Policy #13 re Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. There were no further edits other than formatting. To ensure consistency with the policy and administrative procedure Senior Administration will do a further review, and then forward the policy to the Board's legal counsel for final edits if necessary.

**RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION****MOTION 2019-04-09-39****(C. Carmichael – A. Sygrove)****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****MOTION 2019-04-09-40****(L. Bisutti – H. Klassen)****RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

*No trustee made a declaration of pecuniary interest.*

**Approval of Minutes****MOTION 2019-04-09-41****(A. Sygrove – L. Geddes)****RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 be approved as presented.**CARRIED****Business Arising from the Minutes of March 26, 2019**

At the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting Trustees discussed writing a letter to the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education that reflects the boards' concerns on the government's vision and plan, *Education That Works for You*.

**MOTION 2019-04-09-42****(L. Geddes – C. Carmichael)****RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the government's plan, *Education That Works for You*.**CARRIED**

**Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, Report to Board Public Session**  
Excellence in Public Education Nomination

**MOTION 2019-04-09-43**

**(R. Hunking – J. Moore)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board support the nominee as listed in the report.

**CARRIED**

**Good News**

Trustee Geddes attended Downie Central Public School to see the “Stream of Dreams”. Students at Downie painted recyclable fish that they will display on the fence at the front of the school.

Superintendent Baker noted through the Experiential Learning funding, the school worked with the Conservation authorities to coincide with this project.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> Trustee Carmichael attended the launch of the Safe Spaces Huron which is a new program spearheaded by Rural Response for Healthy Children. The program began in Swift Current, Saskatchewan partly through the initiatives of Sheldon Kennedy, former NHL player. The project certifies adults in the communities to help to open discussion with youth. Students from Goderich District CI were in attendance at the launch, along with Minister of Education Lisa Thompson. On April 4<sup>th</sup> Goderich Public School held a math and technology evening. Grades 4 to 6 students and families participated in a variety of activities. On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Goderich Public School council is hosting a joint school council workshop for the three area school councils.

Trustee Rothwell announced Corey Conners, a former Listowel District Secondary Student recently won the Valero Texas Open, and will now be participating to the Masters.

Superintendent Morris announced that on April 3<sup>rd</sup> students across the district participated in the Huron Perth Science Fair. Four students from Avon Maitland will now participate in the Canada Wide Science Fair to be held in Fredericton, NB from May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> Chair Schenk attended the FE Madill Fun Tech Day with students from grades 6 to 8 interacting with technology, robotics, the food areas, etc. On April 6<sup>th</sup> FE Madill drama class presented Lake and the Stars.

Trustees viewed a recent video of Mikayla Ainsley, student from Hullett Central PS who was recognized by the United Nations, in New York in February 2019 for her essay entitled ‘Kindness Matters’.

**Student Trustee Update**

Student trustee Natalie Moore reported that the student senators were reviewing their work about re-visioning schools and how to positively promote changes in Avon Maitland schools.

**Staff Presentation**

There were no staff presentations.

**Public Delegations**

There were no delegations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

### Consent Items

Trustee Geddes asked that item 6.3 a) re Notice of Motion Board Policy #5 Code of Conduct, be removed for discussion from Consent Items.

**MOTION 2019-04-09-44**

**(J. Moore – L. Geddes)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Consent Items be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

### Approval of Tender: Re-Roofing at Bluewater Coast Elementary School, Central Huron Secondary School, Goderich District Collegiate Institute and South Huron District High School

Resolved that, the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Bluewater Coast Elementary School in the contract amount of \$176,477.75; Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for re-roofing at Central Huron Secondary School in the contract amount of \$188,710.00; Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Goderich District Collegiate Institute in the contract amount of \$419,778.05; and, Keller Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for re-roofing at South Huron District High School in the contract amount of \$387,590.00.

### Approval of Tender: Re-Roofing at Brookside Public School, Hullett Central Public School and F.E. Madill Secondary School

Resolved that, Avon Maitland District School Board accept the tender from Smith Peat Roofing & Sheet Metal Limited for re-roofing at Brookside Public School in the contract amount of \$495,488.05; Atlas-Apex Roofing for re-roofing at Hullett Central Public School in the contract amount of \$248,231.62; and, Keller Roofing for re-roofing at F.E. Madill Secondary School in the contract amount of \$470,594.15.

## INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

### Notice of Motion re Board Policy #5 Code of Conduct

Trustees Geddes asked for follow up in Section 9 of the Policy regarding the provision for people to seek professional assistance. Associate Superintendent Carter will review the policy and provide feedback before the Board approves the policy.

### Staff Adjustments

#### **Retirements and Resignations**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Location</b>      | <b>Position</b> | <b>Effective</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ross MacSorley   | Listowel Eastdale PS | Principal       | June 30, 2019    |
| Russell Watson   | South Huron DHS      | Teacher         | March 31, 2019   |
| Alexander Hoyles | St. Marys DCVI       | Custodian       | June 28, 2019    |

#### **New Hires**

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Position</b>     | <b>Effective</b> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Lindsey Martchenko | Education Centre | Executive Assistant | April 11, 2019   |

### OPSBA Update

Trustee Klassen reported the next OPSBA Board of Directors meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Geddes, Rothwell and Klassen attended OPSBA's Labour Relations Symposium held in Toronto. Trustees were reminded of the upcoming Regional OPSBA meeting to be held at Mornington Central Public School on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Vice-Chair Hunking attended the OSPBA Advocacy Day at Queen's Park on April 8<sup>th</sup>. OPSBA President Cathy Abraham and Executive Director Rusty Hicks met with provincial stakeholders, both MPPs and political staff. OPSBA Executive Council members and OPSBA Senior Staff were also present. OPSBA serves more than 1.3 million elementary and secondary students.

### Board Minutes

Joint Health & Safety Committee: February 14, 2019

SEAC: March 6, 2019

Student Advisory Committee: September 28, 2018, October 23, 2018, November 27, 2018, and February 26, 2019

### Chair Activity Update

Chair Schenk highlighted a number of meetings and events that she has attended including a recent meeting with Federation leaders, the Ambassador competition in Belgrave, agenda planning meeting, Maitland River Elementary School council meeting, and a meeting with Education Minister Lisa Thompson, Director Walsh and Superintendent Baird-Jackson. On April 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Schenk attended ETFO's Bits and Bytes and on April 8<sup>th</sup> also attended a well-being meeting including many communities, and parents and Avon Maitland schools.

### Senior Staff Updates

Associate Superintendent Carter highlighted Ministry SB: 02 April 3<sup>rd</sup> memo re Key Planning Details for Attrition Protection. For reference, all Ministry memos are available on the Ministry website.

<https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Memos.htm>

Associate Superintendent Carter also commented on the recent announcement from the Ontario government regarding a provincial centralized procurement initiative. The announcement states the government's intention for efficiencies and central procurement practices across the broader public sector organizations.

### Correspondence

- a) Letter dated March 26, 2019 from Peel District School Board
  - b) Letter dated April 1, 2019 from Hasting Prince Edward County District School Board
- Two additional letters of correspondence were received:
- c) Letter dated April 8, 2019 from Durham District School Board
  - d) Letter dated April 9, 2019 from Halton District School Board

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Carmichael acknowledged the leadership demonstrated by Student Trustee Natalie Moore.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Future Board Meetings** (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- 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)

- PIC: April 24, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
- Audit Committee: April 30, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
- Municipal and Community Partners: May 28, 2019 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Community Partners 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- HPSTS: April 30, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. at Huron-Perth CDSB, Dublin

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2019-04-09-45**

**(A. Sygrove – N. Rothwell)**

**RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario  
April 23, 2019

Colleen Schenk  
Chair of the Board

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