

**AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
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**MINUTES**

**3:00 p.m. – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION**  
**3:30 p.m. – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**  
**Seaforth Education Centre**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**Resource:** Chera Longston

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Crawford

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schenk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and moved into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION 2019-06-25-87**

**(L. Geddes – C. Carmichael)**

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

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION 2019-06-25-88**

**(L. Geddes – H. Klassen)**

**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**

Item 3.4 re Business Arising from the Minutes was moved to Item 6.0 New Business

**MOTION 2019-06-25-89**

**(N. Rothwell – H. Klassen)**

**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 2019-06-25-90****(A. Sygrove - Bisutti)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 be approved as presented.

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

Transportation Rate Schedule with District 8/36 School Bus Operators for 2019/2020

**MOTION 2019-06-25-91****(R. Hunking – N. Rothwell)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the approve the adjustment to the School Bus Operator Rate Schedules for Specialized Transportation and Non-Specialized Transportation for the 2019/2020 school year as part of the larger Transportation budget.

**CARRIED****Good News**

Trustees are attending grade 8 ceremonies throughout the district. The events have been celebrations of accomplishments and awards. Trustees extended congratulations to all grade 8 students as they move on to secondary school.

Superintendent Black Kim announced the Eco Exeter is a group of grade 9 students from South Huron District High School who have started an Eco project. They have appeared now on CTV London and Global news, and have been involved in many local activities. Organizers of the project have now sent an invitation to other schools to come together on September 12<sup>th</sup> and expand the project and the eco-awareness that is happening.

Trustee Geddes reported that the Eco Squad performed their play on June 5<sup>th</sup> for families and friends at St. Marys DCVI and Mitchell District High School. The Eco Squad encourages environmental living.

**Staff Presentation**

There were no staff presentations.

**Public Delegations**

Chair Schenk welcomed the delegation from the Mitchell Rotary Club.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Item 4.4 d) re Approval of Contemplated Change Order: Accessible and Gender Neutral Washrooms at Stratford Northwestern SS was removed from Consent Items.

Consent Items**MOTION 2019-06-25-92****(C. Carmichael – H. Klassen)**

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

**CARRIED**

Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee re Special Education Budget 2018/2019 (handout, for information)

Approval of Tender: Mechanical Upgrades at Listowel District SS

Approval of Tender: Civil Upgrades at Shakespeare Public School

Approval of Tender: Electrical Alterations at Central Perth Elementary School

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Tenders Over the Summer**ACTION REPORTS**Report of the Finance Committee re Draft 2019/2020 Budget

Associate Superintendent Carter presented the draft 2019/2020 Budget and noted a key piece to be aware of is this is a compliant budget to Ministry rules but it's not a balanced budget. Staff are concerned about sustainability going forward, and expecting deeper funding cuts in 2020/2021

**MOTION 2019-06-25-93****(L. Geddes – N. Rothwell)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the Deficit Recovery Plan to accompany the 2019/2020 Budget Submission as presented.

**CARRIED****MOTION 2019-06-25-94****(L. Bisutti – R. Hunking)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the Operating Revenue and Transfers of Reserves totaling \$208,722,980 and Expense Estimates in the amount of \$208,722,980 for the period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

**CARRIED****MOTION 2019-06-25-95****(L. Bisutti – R. Hunking)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the Capital allocations and spending in the amount of \$24,562,634 for the period September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

**CARRIED**Approval of Contemplated Change Order: Accessible and Gender Neutral Washrooms at Stratford Northwestern SS

Superintendent Baird-Jackson presented the report and explained as part of the ongoing infrastructure improvements and as part of the transition plan to be funded through Ministry facility grants, renewal of mechanical systems serving the large gymnasium, cafeteria, and a series of classrooms had been identified. In addition, washrooms upgrades associated with the accommodation plan and for the 2019-2020 school year at Stratford Northwestern were to be included with the overall project, primarily because of proximity to the mechanical work area. As a result, the mechanical work will need to be deferred. This project will be funded through the School Renewal and School Condition Improvement funding.

**MOTION 2019-06-25-96****(L. Geddes – L. Bisutti)**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Avon Maitland District School Board accept the contemplated change order from Accuratus Design & Build, for alterations at Stratford Northwestern Secondary in the tax inclusive tender amount of \$367,815.00.

**CARRIED****INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS**Staff Adjustments**Retirements/Resignations**

Jerry Quance, Teacher at St. Marys DCVI effective June 30, 2019

**New Hires**

Heather Gerdes, Custodian at Goderich Public School effective June 17, 2019

OPSBA Update

The OPSBA AGM will be held July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> in Toronto.

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Chair Activity Update

Chair Schenk attended the following events throughout the month of June. June 4<sup>th</sup> Audit Committee; June 6<sup>th</sup> ETFO Awards Dinner; June 10<sup>th</sup> Boards Recognition Reception; June 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee, June 13<sup>th</sup> Alice Munro meeting; June 17<sup>th</sup> Maitland River Elementary School year end assembly; June 17<sup>th</sup> Fair Board meeting; June 19<sup>th</sup> Wellness Committee meeting with AMDSB and HPCDSB and community partners; June 20<sup>th</sup> Educational Support Staff retirement dinner; June 24<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee.

Senior Staff Updates

Superintendent Baird-Jackson provided an updated on the Stratford renovation project. Work began on June 24<sup>th</sup> with type 3 setup for asbestos abatement, fencing installed, and the staff move is going well today. Demolition equipment will be on site on Friday and ready to begin early the following week. The demolition is expected to last 4 to 5 weeks with construction to follow ie excavation, foot and framework, etc.

Superintendent Morris announced Summer School for grades 9 to 12 across the district will begin next week. Summer learning for students in grades 1 and 2 will be held in Exeter, Maitland River and Avon schools. To date there are over 100 people registered for the Summer Learning Symposium on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mitchell District High School.

New Business

Follow up from delegation received at the June 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pia Zeni, Parent, Stratford Central Secondary School delegated to the board on June 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the Stratford renovation project.

Director Walsh advised that the Stratford Steering Committee reviewed the comments, questions and suggestions from the delegation and have produced a document that clarifies their statements and assumptions. In addition to the Chair's response, a Stratford Delegation Q&A will be provided.

Don't Meth with Us Presentation

Director Walsh explained that Superintendent Baker will continue to work with the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) and the Mitchell Rotary to update the presentation and incorporate suggestions related to age appropriate language, etc. It was further noted that staff are currently aligned with the HPCDSB.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- September 10, 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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2019-06-25-97**

**(N.Rothwell – C. Carmichael)**

**RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 5:10 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