

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

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

7:30 p.m. – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Seaforth Education Centre

PRESENT:

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

Absent: Julie Moore

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 5:05 p.m. and moved into Committee of the Whole, Open Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, OPEN SESSION

MOTION 2019-09-10-98

(H. Klassen – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Open Session at 5:05 p.m.
CARRIED

Board Policies

Board Policy #3 re Director of Education and Secretary of the Board Job Description

Revisions to Policy #3 are based on the categories within the *Education Act*. Additional edits were noted and the revised Policy will be brought to the September 24th board meeting for approval.

MOTION 2019-09-10-99

(L. Bisutti – N. Rothwell)

RESOLVED THAT accept the notice of motion re Board Policy #3 re Director of Education and Secretary of the Board Job Description be brought forward to the September 24, 2019 Board meeting for approval.

CARRIED

Board Policy #4 re Delegation of Authority

Trustees reviewed Policy #4 and considered further edits. The revised Policy will be brought forward to the September 24th Board meeting with a Notice of Motion.

Board Policy #10 re Committees of the Board

Trustees reviewed Policy #10 and asked for interpretation of the Audit Committee membership within the *Education Act* regarding Audit Committee membership. The Policy will be brought forward to the September 24th Board meeting for clarification, and with a Notice of Motion.

Board Policy #9 re Governance Bylaws

Trustees agreed Policy #9 requires further clarification of the governance bylaws. Staff will review the Policy in accordance with the *Education Act*.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION**MOTION 2019-09-10-100****(C. Carmichael – R. Hunking)**

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

CARRIED**RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION****MOTION 2019-09-10-101****(N. Rothwell – L. Geddes)**

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

Trustees asked for further discussion of Board Policy #9 in New Business. Item 6.3 b) was removed from Consent Items

MOTION 2019-09-10-102**(C. Carmichael – R. Hunking)**

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

CARRIED

Chair Schenk welcomed everyone back for the 2019/2020 school year.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No trustee made a declaration of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2019-09-10-103****(H. Klassen – L. Bisutti)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes of June 25, 2019**

Trustees requested a copy of the letter to the delegation at the June 25, 2019 be included in the next agenda on September 24th.

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

Vice-Chair Hunking advised there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

Good News

Superintendent Black announced Fiona Valiquette has been nominated and selected to receive the Coaching to Inclusion “Champion of Inclusion Award”. This award recognizes and celebrates educators who demonstrate leadership and implement quality inclusive education. Fiona will receive this recognition at the upcoming November conference.

Associate Superintendent Carter announced a \$25,000. donation for a student scholarship has been received from the Larry Bannerman Foundation. This donation will be distributed in the 2019/2020 school year to a student from each of the secondary schools and the Centre for Employment and Learning. The Board expressed appreciation to the Larry Bannerman Foundation for this generous donation.

Trustee Bisutti attended the Open House at Stratford Secondary and Elementary School on August 28th, and it was a successful kick off to the 2019/2020 school year.

Superintendent Morris further commented that the opening week of the transition for the students was overall positive from both staff and students’ perspectives. Staff continue to work diligently to accommodate concerns/issues.

Superintendent Langis advised that the Payroll Department lead by Payroll Manager Mark Norman, has recently received recognition from ISYS (the board’s payroll system) for successfully implementing Avon Maitland’s new payroll system. The letter further acknowledges how the Payroll Team was instrumental in supporting the other boards across Ontario.

Superintendent Baker reported 42 students from a middle school near Shanghai, China attended the ‘Capture Canada Summer Camp’. The students learned English and experienced Stratford and surrounding areas in Huron and Perth counties, as well as Niagara Falls and Toronto.

Staff Presentations

There were no staff presentations.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

There were no Committee, Chair or Director’s Action Reports.

Consent Items**MOTION 2019-09-10-104****(L. Bisutti – A. Sygrove)****RESOLVED THAT** the Consent Items be received as presented.**CARRIED****INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

The following reports were received as Consent Items:

- a) AMDSB Special Education Plan
- b) OPSBA Membership Fee
- c) Tenders Over the Summer – Facilities Projects
- d) Staff Adjustments

Updated Capital Plan

Superintendent Baird-Jackson noted the updated capital plan has pulled together documentation that has been shared with trustees through various reports including the Annual Preliminary Accommodation Review report, enrolment projections report, tender reports and at various partners’ meetings.

From these reports and presentations, staff brought forward highlights of the data now in the Capital Plan document. The Capital Plan is intended as a living database which is updated over time as work is completed and new information becomes available. Work is completed in priority order ie health & safety, building and fire code, infrastructure, etc.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson explained the Ministry's July 2019 B17 memo re 2019/2020 Capital Priorities Program is focused on the capital portion of right sizing buildings.

OSPBA Update

Trustee Klassen along with Vice-Chair Hunking attended the OPSBA's AGM and Canadian School Boards Association meeting in July. At the AGM elections were held and Vice-Chair Hunking was elected Vice-President for the third time.

Vice-Chair Hunking asked trustees if they were interested in assisting the OPSBA PES Committee planning to please contact OPSBA.

Chair's Activities

Chair Schenk updated trustees on activities through July and August. On August 1st attended the Alice Munro meeting, August 7th attended interviews for the Transportation Manager, August 26th attended the District Leaders' Day in Brussels, August 27th attended the meeting with MPP Randy Pettapiece, and on September 9th attended the Trustee PD Workshop in Stratford.

Senior Staff Update

Superintendent Morris highlighted the staff Summer Learning workshops held at Mitchell district High School during the third week of August.

An infographic was distributed highlighting what summer school courses were offered, and how many students took the courses.

There was also a summer learning program for students in grades 1 and 2, and a diagnostic and summative report was included.

Staff are reviewing the released Health and Physical Ed curriculum document, the Careers document and the new curriculum in Math.

Superintendent Black expressed appreciation to the teachers and support staff that planned and implemented the Learning Services Summer Learning workshops.

The Ministry PPM 163 re School Board Policies on Service Animals has been received.

The Autism After Schools funding has been released. Superintendent Black will follow up with the SEAC on September 11th.

Superintendent Langis announced that the LifeSpeak program was launched last week. This is a full total wellbeing platform for employees and families to access any information on physical and mental wellbeing.

Superintendent Baird-Jackson reported at this time a number of the facility projects have been concluded. Work is ongoing at Central Huron Secondary School and South Huron District High School. Construction is well underway at Stratford Central.

Superintendent Baker commented that the Minister of Education announced changes to PPM 128 re the Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct which takes effect November 4th. The intended language reminds everyone the need to provide an effective learning environment.

New Business

Policy #9 re Governance Bylaws

Trustees discussed the policy and talked about various changes to the schedule of board meetings, and the structure of the board meeting agenda. Staff will research other boards' governance bylaws and will bring forward further recommendations/suggestions.

Superintendent Janet Baird-Jackson's Retirement

At this time Chair Schenk expressed appreciation to Superintendent Janet Baird-Jackson who has announced her retirement, after a remarkable twenty-eight year career as Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services.

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

- October 8, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 7:00 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, 7:30 Regular Session
- October 22, 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)

- Audit Committee – Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
- Student Senators and Trustees – Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Health & Safety Committee – Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.
- SAL – Friday, September 27, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.
- HPSTF – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.
- SEAC – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
- PIC – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION 2019-09-10-105****(L. Bisutti – N.Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 9:25 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