

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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MINUTES

7:30 p.m. – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Seaforth Education Centre

PRESENT:

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

Absent: Colin Carmichael

Senior Staff: Director Lisa Walsh, Superintendents 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 6:30 p.m. and moved into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2019-09-24-106

(L. Geddes – L. Bisutti)

RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.
CARRIED

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

MOTION 2019-09-24-107

(H. Klassen – 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."

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Student Senator's Declaration of Office/Oath of Allegiance

Chair Schenk welcomed the 2019/2020 student trustees and student senators. The students together recited the Declaration of Oath of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2019-09-24-108

(A. Sygrove – L. Geddes)

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 2019-09-24-109****(H. Klassen – N. Rothwell)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes of September 10, 2019**

Vice-Chair Hunking asked the question of next steps regarding the revisions of Board Policies #9 and #10, and suggested that the Board strike an Ad Hoc Policy Committee to review in detail the two policies.

MOTION 2019-09-24-110**(J. Moore – H. Klassen)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board establish an Ad Hoc Policy Committee to review Policy #9 and #10. The Committee will consist of Trustees Geddes and Rothwell, Vice-Chair Hunking and Chair Schenk.

CARRIED

It was noted that all trustees are welcome to attend the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

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

Trustee Sygrove noted that on September 12th he attended the Eco Exeter symposium at South Huron involving students from a number of Avon Maitland secondary schools. The students attended four workshops followed by a wrap up from Blue Bayfield. As follow-up each attending class will develop their own eco plan and return to South Huron in November to share.

Trustee Bisutti reported the recent upgrades to the playground and yard at Shakespeare Public School. She also attended Shakespeare's Parent Council meeting wherein they discussed how they will continue to beautify the work that was completed over the summer.

Vice-Chair Hunking acknowledged North Woods Elementary Schools' dedication of a new flower garden in memory of custodian Alan Baker who passed away in June 2019.

Superintendent Baker announced Avon Maitland sent 210 students from 21 schools, both elementary and secondary, to the September 19th Me to We day in Toronto. Superintendent Baker read a quote from Central Huron Secondary School students on their experience.

Student Trustee Kristin Vleeming reported the student senators met earlier this evening and discussed their budget and project for the 2019/2020 school year. Student Trustee Emma Badley highlighted activities and initiatives that are happening at the secondary schools across the district.

Staff Presentations**Student Identity Data Base**

Superintendent Black acknowledged Amy Kipfer and Josh McClinchey, as equity leads, for their work in the Student Identity Data Base collection.

Superintendent Black highlighted the data and reported that staff will continue to explore intersections of the data within the current resources.

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

Consent Items**MOTION 2019-09-10-111****(A. Sygrove – N. Rothwell)****RESOLVED THAT** the Consent Items be received as presented.**CARRIED****RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

The following report was received as Consent Item

- a) Approval of Board Policy #3 re Director of Education and Secretary of the Board Job Description

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

The following reports were received as Consent Items:

- a) Notice of Motion re Board Policy #4 re Delegation of Authority
b) Staff Adjustments

OSPBA Update

Trustee Klassen reported the first meeting of the Board of Directors will be held September 27th and 28th. It is expected that Education Minister Stephen Lecce will be attending. A fulsome report will be sent to trustees following the meeting.

The fall Western Regional meeting will be hosted by Thames Valley District School Board on November 2nd.

Minutes from Board Committees for Information

- a) SEAC – June 24, 2019

Chair's Activities

Chair Schenk reported the following activities: September 11th attended the Foundation Gala planning meeting, followed by the Foundation for Education meeting; on September 13th and 16th followed up with MPP Randy Pettapiece's office; on September 16th attended FE Madill school council meeting, followed by school fair meeting; on September 18th attended the Howick Central Public School parent council meeting and on September 23rd attended Maitland River Elementary School parent council meeting.

Senior Staff Update

Associate Superintendent Carter reported the Audit Committee had met earlier this evening and received an update on the Ministry enrolment compliance audit that took place in 2018. In spring/summer 2018 the Ministry conducted an enrolment audit of the 2016/2017 Day School Enrolment and English as a Secondary Language. The audit included recommendation for action by staff and schools. The Ministry did a follow up review in June 2019 and have agreed with the board's action, and have now closed the file.

Superintendent Morris noted as a reminder that public release of EQAO will be on September 25th. A press release for Avon Maitland will provide information for the public of the district results.qq

New Business

There were no items for new business.

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.
- HPSTS – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 3:30 p.m. in Dublin at HPCDSB
- SEAC – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
- PIC – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
- AODA – October 16, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2019-09-24-112

(L. Bisutti – H. Klassen)

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
October 8, 2019

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

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