



Inaugural Board Meeting

December 10, 2018

Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, R. Collver, E. Dixon, S. Gibson, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, C. Speers, C. VanEvery-Albert, D. Werden, A. Hauser (Student Trustee), J. Hsiao (Student Trustee),

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, D. Martins, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – L. Howells

Regrets:

Trustees: B. Doyle, A. St. Pierre (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:15 p.m.

(e) Memorials

Nil



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(f) **Chair's Inaugural Address**

G. Anderson presented his Inaugural Address.

(g) **Reading of Trustee Code of Ethics**

In accordance with Bylaw 28, trustees read the Trustee Code of Ethics.

(h) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**

Presented as printed. G-1-c Consolidated Financial Statement will be moved up after B-1-c.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Agenda be approved.

Carried

(i) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Elementary Principals' pool dated December 10, 2018.

Carried

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Elementary Vice-Principals' pool dated December 10, 2018.

Carried

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Secondary Principals' pool dated December 10, 2018.

Carried



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Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Secondary Vice-Principals' pool dated December 10, 2018.

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve C-1-g.

Carried

(j) **Presentations**

Nil

(k) **Delegation**

Nil

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – November 26, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held November 26, 2018 be approved.

Carried

(b) **Board Nominations Meeting – December 3, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Board Nomination Meeting, held December 3, 2018 be approved

Carried



(c) **Board Organizational Meeting – December 3, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Minutes of the Board Organizational Meeting, held December 3, 2018 be approved.

Carried

G-1-c Consolidated Financial Statements – August 31, 2018

R. Wyszynski invited Dianne Latta, Senior Partner of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh to review the Auditor's report. Dianne Latta provided an overview.

C. Speers asked if we have a surplus where would the funds be used? R. Wyszynski responded that we are currently on a Multi-Year Financial Recovery Plan and all our surplus will be going to build our operating reserve.

C.A. Sloat commented and shared her appreciation for Millard's professionalism.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Auditor's Report for the year ended August 31, 2018 as recommended by the Grand Erie District School Board Audit Committee.

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board direct the Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign the Consolidated Financial Statements dated August 31, 2018 on behalf of the Board; and

THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements dated August 31, 2018 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education as required by the Education Act.

Carried



C - 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings

(a) Revisions to 2018-19 School Year Calendar - Secondary

W. Baker referred to the Revisions to the 2018-19 Secondary School Year Calendar providing background around a letter that was received expressing concern that June 21, 2019 – National Indigenous Peoples Day – was designated as an exam day for secondary students. W. Baker further commented that after discussions with Executive Council, the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee, the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and OSSTF, it is recommended the June 21 be re-designated as an instructional day and June 20 as an exam day. W. Baker noted the School Calendar Committee has been consulted and approved these potential revisions and is seeking Trustee approval.

D. Werden asked if this needs to get the Ministry approval. W. Baker responded that we have already received the Ministry's approval.

C. VanEvery-Albert asked if this day will be included going forward. W. Baker responded that June 21 may fall on the weekend in some years but we are considering including on a go forward basis.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revised 2018-19 Secondary School Year Calendar.

Carried

D - 1 Director's Report

Director's highlights:

- Survey from the Chiefs of Ontario – on December 7th, Directors received a memo from Murray Maracle, Education Director of the Chiefs of Ontario regarding the First Nations Lifelong Learning Table Research. With the memo was a survey that boards are being asked to completed on 3 topics:
 - Community and Student Well-Being Within First Nations Communities and School Boards in Ontario
 - Data Sovereignty – Sharing of Information between First Nations Communities and School Boards in Ontario
 - Trauma Informed Schools and Teaching Practices Within First Nations Communities and School Boards in Ontario

Survey links were provided for each topic and the Chiefs of Ontario would like to engage Directors of Education, Indigenous Ed Leads, Native Trustees and Indigenous



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Education Advisory Committees in responding to the surveys. The Deadline is January 25, 2019. Survey has been shared.

- Presented the Draft Director's Annual Report noting it is a fully online document. Stories included in this report are based on the six indicators of the Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community. The report is based on the 2017-18 school year.

C.A. Sloat commented that she does miss having a hard copy of the Director's Annual Report. C.A. Sloat asked for clarity on the Data Sovereignty portion of the survey and what does that mean. B. Blancher responded that we have not looked at the survey as the original link did not work but believe this reflects what agreements we have in place with First Nations to share data. B. Blancher further commented that we do have this written into the Education Services Agreements and we are sharing the data.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Draft Director's Annual Report 2017-18 as information.

Carried

Director's highlights: (continued)

- Tonight is our last Board meeting for this calendar year. We start up again with our Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on January 14, 2019.
- Christmas Break is Tuesday, December 25, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of December 10, 2018 as information.

Carried

E - 1 Student Trustees' Report

Nil



F - 1 Committee Report

(a) Striking Committee Report

G. Anderson presented the report as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018 Trustee Statutory and Standing Committee Representation.

Carried

G - 1 New Business

(a) Audit Committee Minutes – December 4, 2018

R. Collver presented the Draft Audit Committee Minutes. R. Collver noted some minor edits.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board received the Draft Audit Committee Minutes – December 4, 2018 as information, as amended.

Carried

(b) Audit Committee Annual Report

R. Collver presented the report on behalf of the Audit Committee. R. Collver noted that the Audit Committee will need to determine if the audit attendance is for the school year or fiscal year. D. Werden commented that the Audit Committee runs December to November. R. Wyszynski further responded you are correct but we need to determine if this report reflects the calendar or school year.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018 Audit Committee Annual report and for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

(c) Consolidated Financial Statements – August 31, 2018– was reviewed earlier in the agenda.



(d) **Signing Officers**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT

1. signing authorities for the Grand Erie District School Board, relative to General and Trust Accounts/Legal Documents/Contracts/Bank Loans shall be one of the Chair of the Board or the Vice Chair of the Board, together with one of the Director of Education & Secretary or the Superintendent of Business & Treasurer;
2. facsimile signatures of the Board Chair and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer shall be used for signing General Account cheques produced by the Board's financial accounting system.

Carried

(e) **Borrowing Authority**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board authorize the Signing Authorities of the Board to obtain loans at any one time up to a maximum of \$35,000,000 to cover current payrolls and general account payments, if required.

Carried

(f) **Review of Borrowing Bylaws Not on Board's Review Schedule**

R. Wyszynski explained these bylaws are not in the four-year cycle of review, as they each have specific maturity dates.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Review of Borrowing Bylaws Not on Board's Review Schedule report as information.

Carried



(g) **Revised Budget Estimates**

R. Wyszynski referred to the 2018-19 Revised Budget Estimates report that are due for submission to the Ministry of Education on December 15, 2018.

R. Wyszynski highlighted the revisions to the original 2018-19 budget approved in June.

C. Speers asked for clarity on the count dates. R. Wyszynski responded that we have two formal counts dates to the Ministry – October 31 and March 31.

C. VanEvery-Albert asked about the Education Services Agreement (ESA) and how many do we have? B. Blancher responded that we have three ESA's – Indigenous Services Canada for Six Nations of the Grand River, Mississaugas of the New Credit and a Reverse ESA with Six Nations Polytech- STEAM Academy. R. Wyszynski added that it also includes the international students' tuition agreements.

C.A. Sloat asked about the Education Program Other (EPO) and how we can keep an eye on what we get and don't get? R. Wyszynski responded that updates to the amounts can be presented as in year changes during quarterly dashboard updates. Currently there is no mechanism to report new EPOs as they are announced.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018-19 Revised Budget Estimates for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

(h) **Schedule of Pre-Budget Consultation and Budget Review Meetings**

Presented at printed.

C.A. Sloat noted that the April 25, 2019 proposed date currently conflicts with Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting. L. Thompson responded that we will bring this to December 13, SEAC meeting to request if the April 25, 2019 meeting date can be changed.

R. Wyszynski responded with the new government there are concerns about when the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) will be announced. A significant delay or drastic changes to the funding formula could result in changes to the suggested dates.



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R. Collver asked for R. Wyszynski to explain to the Trustees, how the pre-budget dates work out. R. Wyszynski provided a high level explanation. R. Collver further added it is also an opportunity for Trustees to bring their wish list.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings as follows:

1. Wednesday, February 20, 2019
2. Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Budget Review Meetings as follows:

1. Thursday, April 25, 2019
2. Wednesday, May 22, 2019
3. Monday, June 3, 2019.

Carried

(i) **Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School – Construction of Elevator Project Committee**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School – Elevator report.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board Policy FT1 Major Construction Projects be temporarily suspended with respect to striking a Project Committee for the Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational school elevator installation.

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts – November 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of November 2018 in the amount of \$13,081,150.42 as information.

Carried



(b) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – November 15, 2018**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver requested clarification regarding item 7.6 and do we have a health and safety department. R. Wyszynski responded that it represents the Division Manager of Operations and Health and Safety and Health and Safety Officer.

D. Werden asked why Walsh PS did not complete their October Safety Audit? R. Wyszynski responded and confirmed that all inspections were completed in October and that was an error.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – November 15, 2018 as information.

Carried

(c) **Native Advisory Committee (Draft)– November 13, 2018**

Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat asked about the Nations and NewStart Alternative Ed site and whose vision is this to be a community-based learning centre. D. Martins responded that this a similar to a Grand Erie community learning centre on the reserve and will serve Six Nations and other Indigenous Students. Community resources will be in place to support students enrolled in the Alternative Education program to meet with success.

C.A. Sloat commented that there used to be a long standing Military Co-op program and believed it was successful. D. Martins responded that the program ran out of McKinnon Park and it eventually was removed due to the lack of demand and that the staffing component became too difficult.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 13, 2018 as information.

Carried



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I - 1 Correspondence

- (a) Canadian Cancer Society – November 19, 2018

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.

Carried

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson