



MINUTES

Present: C.A. Sloat, Board Chair, G. Anderson, R. Collver, D. Dean, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, D. Sowers, T. Waldschmidt, M. Brown (Student Trustee), E. Creed (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, S. Sincerbox; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil.

Administration: M. McDonald

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C.A. Sloat at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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

Carried

Open Session reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

(d) Welcome to Open Session



The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, C.A. Sloat, at 7:24 p.m.

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

Item G-1-c Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee - Membership was added to the agenda.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Board approve the License Agreement for the Waterford Public School playground between the Board and Norfolk County.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board approve the term extensions subject to final budget approval and Ministry funding.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Board approve the Term Appointment for Junior Division Teacher Consultant subject to final budget approval.

Carried

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Term Appointment for Elementary Program Coordinator subject to final budget approval.

Carried



Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Board approve the Term Appointment for Program Coordinator, Special Education subject to final budget approval.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Richardson
THAT the Board approve the Term Appointment for Teacher Consultant, Special Education subject to final budget approval.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Harris
THAT Item E-1-f be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorial**
Nil.

(h) **Presentation – Canada’s Outstanding Principal Award – Grant McKinnell**

Grant McKinnell, Principal at Major Ballachey Public School, was honoured by the Learning Partnership as one of Canada’s Outstanding Principals. He was among forty Principals chosen for this recognition from across the country. Grant is known for consistently demonstrating an unwavering commitment to students, staff and community.

(i) **Delegations**
Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – February 23, 2015**

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held February 23, 2015 be approved.

Carried



(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 1 – March 2, 2015**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting, held March 2, 2015, be approved.

Carried

(c) **Special Board Meeting – March 2, 2015**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held March 2, 2015, be approved.

Carried

(d) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 – March 9, 2015**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting, held March 9, 2015, be approved.

Carried

(e) **Special Board Meeting – March 9, 2015**

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held March 9, 2015, be approved.

Carried

C – 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

(a) **Gradual Entry to Kindergarten**

B. Blancher reviewed background information, and options (presented in November 2013), summary of responses, and additional information.



Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report on Gradual Entry to Kindergarten-Background as information.

Carried

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: A. Felsky

That the Grand Erie District School Board designate the first three days of school annually as Gradual Entry To Kindergarten Days, to be implemented as seen fit by Executive Council.

Carried

D – 1 Director's Report

The Director highlighted:

- Grand Erie's Dave Eelkema is this year's recipient of the Chamber of Commerce President's award, presented on March 25, 2015 at the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant. This award is presented to a Chamber of Commerce member who has shown exceptional dedication and provided outstanding support to Chamber programming. He was recognized for his contributions to the School of Business Portal, a Chamber initiative that streamlines the process of connecting high school students to businesses that offer co-op and volunteer placements
- Eight students from Caledonia Centennial, Fairview Avenue and North Park Collegiate participated in the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF) from March 25-28, 2015. BASEF is a free science fair competition that sees students from grades 7 to 12 from Hamilton, Halton Region and Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk counties
- Grand Erie will engage followers on Twitter and Facebook with #Character8, an inspiring campaign that will run throughout the eight school days between March 30 and April 20, 2015
- The Coronation Public School Renovation Project has received Ministry approval to go to tender



- Grade 8 students at Woodman-Cainsville School won first and second place at the annual Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Race. This is the third year in a row that the school has won the race against 24 other schools across Ontario
- GEPIC Funds may be granted to School Councils who propose a project which supports parent involvement in an area of the Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan: Achievement, Environment, and Engagement
- The Ministry has advised the Board that they will be releasing the Board's graduation rates at some time this week

J. Gunn provided an update of major highlights from the 2015-16 GSN release:

- Base Top up funding for facilities operations and renewal is being eliminated over 3 years and replaced with enhanced top up for schools that are isolated from other schools of the board
- Beginning in 2015-16 the Ministry will be reducing the Declining Enrolment Adjustment grant to encourage boards to adjust more quickly to declining enrolment
- The 2015-16 School Condition Improvement funding will increase by almost \$3 Million over the 2014-15 allocation
- Special Education funding continues in the 2nd year of a 4 years phase-in of the new High Needs Amount funding model

Presentation – Strong Start

B. Blancher introduced Ruth Mills, a retired elementary principal of Grand Erie who is currently the Program Co-ordinator for Strong Start– *Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk*.

Strong Start began as a community project in 2001 to help ensure that children learn to read. The program is supported by financial donations from corporation, individuals, community groups, service clubs and charitable foundations. Strong Start's goals include assisting young children in learning some initial reading skills, building community by encouraging those who live and work in the community to be involved and providing a meaningful volunteer opportunity.

R. Collver referred to correspondence sent to Minister Sandals in October 2014 requesting support for more Parent Family Literacy Centres (PFLC), and inquired if any response has been received. J. Forbeck confirmed nothing has been received but will follow up.



Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 30, 2015 as information.
Carried

E – 1 Student Trustee Report

E. Creed reported that she had the opportunity to visit Europe with Valley Heights on March Break, and was pleased to see what a great experience and influence these trips have on students.

M. Brown reported that she attended the Board Council Conference for the Ontario Student Trustee Association from February 27-March 1, 2015.

The focus was on two main areas: Public Board Council Initiatives (Mental Health and Innovative Classroom Groups), Committee Work (First Nations, Métis and Inuit Committee).

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: D. Sowers
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustee's Report of March 30, 2015 as information.
Carried

F – 1 Committee Report

(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – March 9, 2015

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: D. Dean
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Report dated March 2, 2015 as follows:

1. Director's Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 2, 2015 as information.



2. **BL4 Board and Committees of the Board Meeting Agendas**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 4 - "Board and Committees of the Board Meeting Agendas", as amended.
3. **BL16 Suspension, Revision or Repeal of any Bylaw, Policy or Administrative Procedure**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 16 - "Suspension, Revision or Repeal of any Bylaw, Policy or Administrative Procedure".
4. **BL31 Borrowing Bylaw - Bridge Financing Coronation School Renovation Project**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 31 – "Borrowing Bylaw - Bridge Financing Coronation School Renovation Project".
5. **HR4 Health and Safety – Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Guidelines**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Guidelines as amended for signature by Board signing officers.
6. **HR5 Harassment/Objectionable Behavior**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy HR5 - "Harassment/Objectionable Behaviour" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by June 5, 2015.
7. **SO13 Safe Schools: Access to School Premises**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO13 — "Access to School Premises" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by June 5, 2015.
8. **SO28 Student Concussion and Head Injury**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO28 – "Student Concussion and Head Injury", as amended.
9. **SO120 Student and Visitor Injuries/Accidents**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure #SO120 – "Student and Visitor Injuries/Accidents" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by June 5, 2015.
10. **FT103 Temporary Closure of Board Buildings**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure FT103 – "Temporary Closure of Board Buildings" as information, as amended.



11. **FT110 Recorded Surveillance: Board Buildings & School Transportation Vehicles**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure FT110 – “Recorded Surveillance: Board Buildings & School Transportation Vehicles” as information.
12. **HR103 Duties and Expectations of Teachers**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR103 – “Duties and Expectations of Teachers” as information.
13. **HR105 Term Appointments – Central Support Staff**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR105 – “Term Appointments – Central Support Staff” as information.
14. **HR117 Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR117 – “Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions” as information.
15. **P101 Educational Programs in Government Approved Care, Custodial and Correctional Facilities**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer back to administration for further consideration and review and be scheduled at the Committee of the Whole No.1 meeting on April 13, 2015.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 – February 9, 2015**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Report dated March 9, 2015 as follows:

1. In Camera Report

- (i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Agreement for Joint use of Facilities between the Board and Haldimand County.
- (ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Agreement for the Waterford District High School Evacuation Centre between the Board and Norfolk County.



2. **Implementation Plan for Haldimand Secondary School Accommodation Review Recommendations**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the implementation plan design to begin to address the Haldimand Secondary School ARC recommendations.
3. **Gradual Entry to Kindergarten**
THAT Senior Administration bring a background report to the Regular Board Meeting on March 30, 2015.
4. **Director's Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 9, 2015 as information.
5. **Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) – Annual Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk – Annual Report as information.
6. **Board Approved Transportation Review**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in this report for the 2015-16 School Year.
7. **Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2015-2016**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the locations and number of self-contained classrooms for 2015-16, as outlined, pending budget deliberations.
8. **Compensatory Education**
 - (i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2014/2015 Compensatory Education report and the 2015/2016 draft Compensatory Education Plan for information.
 - (ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the designation for high and moderate needs Compensatory Schools for 2014/15.
 - (iii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the direction for staffing and resource enhancements for compensatory education schools for 2015/2016, subject to final budget approval.



9. **Facility Renewal Plan 2014-2015**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Facility Renewal Plan for 2014-15.

10. **Coronation Public School Renovation Project – Approval to Tender**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the proposed Coronation Public School Renovation and Addition Project for completion of design, tender and site plan approval application. Final budget to be approved prior to award of construction contract.

11. **Contract Award – Office Supplies**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award of the contract for Office Supplies to Office Max-Grand & Toy for the term expiring August 31, 2018.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) **Major Construction Update**

Nil.

(b) **Schedule of Budget Review Meetings**

J. Gunn presented the following dates for budget meetings, to be held 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

1. May 6, 2015
2. May 13, 2015
3. May 20, 2015
4. May 27, 2015

Carried



Regular Board Meeting

March 30, 2015

Education Centre, Board Room

(c) Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee – Membership

J. Forbeck presented the appointment of Mark Gibson, Cayuga Chamber of Commerce member to the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee for approval.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve appointing Mark Gibson, President of the Cayuga Chamber of Commerce as a member of the Haldimand East Elementary School Accommodation Review Committee.

Carried

H – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts — February 2015

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of February 2015, in the amount of \$9,304,327.12 as information.

Carried

(b) Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes - February 19, 2015

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – February 19, 2015” as information.

Carried



(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 5, 2015**

S. Sincerbox clarified that Consent for Services during School Hours will be addressed and included in SO108. That administrative procedure pertains to partnership agreements.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 5, 2015” as information.

Carried

(d) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes – February 17, 2015**

J. Forbeck clarified that NPAAMB is Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 17, 2015” as information.

Carried

(e) **Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – January 8, 2015**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – January 8, 2015” as information.

Carried

(f) **Student Transportation Services for Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Committee Minutes – February 24, 2015**

J. Gunn highlighted Item #7 Policy and Procedures Review. The policies and procedures are posted on the trustee portal for review. Any comments to be sent to J. Gunn or P. Kuckyt by May 12, 2015.

Moved by: J. Harris



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Education Centre, Board Room

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Student Transportation Services for Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Committee Minutes – February 24, 2015" as information.

Carried

I – 1 Correspondence

(a) Haldimand County

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 8:41 p.m.

Carried

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat