



MINUTES

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

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

Teleconference: J. Richardson

Regrets:

Trustees: D. Sowers, A. Martindale (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil.

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: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, C.A. Sloat, at 7:20 p.m.



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

Property Item E-1-a was added to the IC agenda.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Nil.

(g) **Memorial – Penny Green, Facility Services**

The memorial statement was read by J. Richardson.

J. Gunn spoke to Penny's dedication that went above and beyond to provide service to students and staff. Facility Services dedicated an award in Penny's name and this year's recipient is Sharon Marr who has been an employee of the Board for 27 years.

J. Richardson left the meeting.

(h) **Presentations**

Nil.

(i) **Delegations**

Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 2015**

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held June 22, 2015 be approved.

Carried



(b) **Special Board Meeting – July 13 2015**

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held July 13, 2015 be approved.

Carried

(c) **Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – August 24, 2015**

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held August 24, 2015 be approved.

Carried

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

Nil.

D – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- The school year will officially begin on Tuesday September 8, 2015
- Professional Development days are scheduled for:
 - Teachers/Educational Assistants on Thursday September 3, 2015
 - Clerical Staff on Monday August 31, 2015
 - Information Technology on September 1, 2015

D. Abbey provided an update on School Communications and School Messenger, a Parent/communication/notification system that delivers large volumes of messages through multiple channels. Staff members will also be able to receive messages from the system. It is expected that all schools/offices will be set up by the end of September.

The original budgeted amount was \$40,000 and the product with training is well under, no further expenses are anticipated.

B. Blancher was pleased to share the 2015-16 School Year Kick-Off video with the trustees. It will be presented to Administrators and system leaders at the Director's meeting on September 1, 2015.



B. Blancher acknowledged S. McKillop, Manager of Communications for his hard work and involvement with the video.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 31 2015 as information.

Carried

E – 1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole – August 24, 2015**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Report dated August 24, 2015 as follows:

1. **In Camera Report**

- i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Permitted Use Agreement for the Pauline Johnson Collegiate-Kiwanis Field between the Board, the Kiwanis Club of Brantford and the Corporation of the City of Brantford
- ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that 5.2 Acres at the rear of the Education Centre Property be declared surplus to the Board's future accommodation needs in accordance with S.194(3)(a) of the Education Act
- iii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that 5.2 Acres at the rear of the Education Centre Property be offered to preferred agencies at fair market value in compliance with Ontario Regulation 444/98
- iv. THAT Item D-1-a be approved
- v. THAT the Board approve the Director's Operational Goals for 2015-2016

2. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 24, 2015 as information.

3. **Revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

- i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve reintroducing the 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule



4. **Approval of Next Year's CW1, CW2 and Board Schedules of Agenda Items**
 - i. **Committee of the Whole No.1**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2015-2016 Committee of the Whole No. 1 meetings
 - ii. **Committee of the Whole No. 2**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2015-2016 Committee of the Whole No. 2 meetings, as amended
 - iii. **Regular Board**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule For the 2015-2016 Regular Board meetings

5. **Approval of the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Composition**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Identification, Placement and Review Committee structure and jurisdiction as set out in the IPRC Terms of Reference included in Bylaw 8.

6. **Annual Operating Plans – School Year 2015/16**
THAT the Grand Erie District receive the Annual Operating Plans of Senior Administration for the school year 2015/16 as information.

F – 1 New Business

(a) Major Construction Update

J. Gunn reported that Lakewood Daycare Retrofit will be ready for occupancy on September 15, 2015 and is on budget.

The demolition is fully complete for the Coronation Redevelopment and it is expected that the main structure will be water tight before winter to allow for finishing trades to continue with progress uninterrupted during the cold/wet season. The project remains on schedule and on budget.

The artificial turf has been installed at Pauline Johnson. D. Dean relayed an invitation to trustees from Neil Stamer (representative on the Kiwanis Field Committee) for a tour of the new facility on September 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

J. Gunn confirmed that the extensive work in the parking lot of Walpole North should be completed by September 8, 2015.



J. Gunn further explained the work at the rear of Coronation is to accommodate the classroom addition and the Port-A-Pac that will be coming from Ecole Fairview. He referred to the challenges with projects when there are many staff changes with the City of Brantford.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information.

Carried

(b) **OPSBA Membership for 2015-2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2015-16 OPSBA Membership Fee of \$54,229 plus HST for payment.

Carried

(c) **2013-2014 Energy Consumption/Conservation Report**

J. Gunn referred to the report and briefly reviewed background, report data and variables, and energy demand and conservation.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2013-2014 Energy Consumption/Conservation Report as information.

Carried

G – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts - June 2015**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris



THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of June 2015 in the amount of \$8,544,417.52 as information.

Carried

(b) **Summary of Accounts – July 2015**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of July 2015 in the amount of \$11,848,070.28 as information.

Carried

H – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **Brantford Police Services**

(b) **Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario**

B. Blancher explained that as of September 1, 2015, the Ombudsman of Ontario will have jurisdiction over school boards which means that the Ombudsman's office can begin to accept, resolve and investigate complaints about school boards under the *Public Sector and MPP Accountability Act, 2014*. School boards should have a policy and/or formal process that addresses a complaint. A report will be presented at the Committee of the Whole No. 2 meeting on September 21, 2015 to approve the formal process Grand Erie currently has.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

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

Carried

I – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat