



## MINUTES

**Present:** Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, R. Collver, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, C. Speers, D. Werden, Z. Garbaty (Student Trustee), I. Doxtador-Swamp (Student Trustee), A. Hauser (Student Trustee)

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

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** S. Gibson, C. VanEvery-Albert  
**Administration:** Nil

**A - 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:26 p.m.

**(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

**(c) In Camera Session**

R. Collver requested labour matter be added to the In Camera. S. Sincerbox also requested the addition of Personnel Update.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, legal and property matters at 6:27 p.m.

**Carried**

**(d) Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:20 p.m.

**(e) Memorials**

Nil



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

Presented at printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Agenda be approved.

**Carried**

(g) **In Camera Report** – Board was required to return to in camera following open session.

(h) **Presentations**

Nil

(i) **Delegation**

Nil

**B - 1 Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – June 24, 2019**

Presented at printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held June 24, 2019 be approved.

**Carried**

(b) **Special Board Meeting – July 3, 2019**

Presented as printed. D. Werden noted that he was in attendance via teleconference.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held July 3, 2019 be approved, as amended.

**Carried**



(c) **Special Board Meeting – July 16, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held July 16, 2019 be approved.

**Carried**

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

Nil

D - 1 **Director's Report**

Director's highlights:

- **Welcome Back** – excited to be starting a new school year and the implementation of Year 4 of our MYP 2016-2020 and a special welcome to our Student Trustees – Alex returning for Year #2 representing Grand Erie North and Zach representing Grand Erie South and la'teieka:nereh representing Indigenous Students, joining us this year. Also welcome to our new Superintendent L. Munro.
- **Director's Kick-Off Meeting** for the 2019-20 school year will take place tomorrow at Cobblestone Elementary School, Trustees are welcome to attend the first part of the morning for the welcome back and plenary session – 9:00 – 10:15 am
- **Our Camp SAIL – Summer Adventures in Learning** programs ran from August 6 to 23 at Agnes Hodge and Waterford Elementary Schools. All reports show that the students enjoyed this special opportunity of summer learning.
- **50 Stories in 50 Days** – During the summer, the Communication and Community Relations team kept the Board's Facebook and Twitter handles active by sharing 50 stories from 2018-19 in the 50 days prior to the start of the new school year (July 15 -Sept 2). Stories highlighted the work of students and staff from all areas of the Board and each were linked to one of the indicators in the Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*.
- **Focus on Youth Program** - The Focus on Youth program is in its fourth year. This year the program ran from July 3 – August 16 and gave 31 students the opportunity to participate in a work placement for six weeks. The students received pre-employment training June 26- 28 and at the training the students obtained their Standard First Aid Certificate and High Five Training as well as the Grand Erie's required HR onboarding. This was our most successful Focus on Youth to date, in terms of continuing employment, as approximately 68% of the students involved have gained employment, either seasonally or continuing during the upcoming school year.



- 19% of the students were not seeking employment for the fall due to acceptance to university, opportunities with the Canadian Armed Forces, other employment opportunities and not seeking part-time work at this time.
- 6 students were placed within the Facilities, 4 students were placed with the City of Brantford's Horticulture Department (a new, and successful partnership) and 20 students were placed at community agencies in roles such as camp counselor, museum personnel and clerical assistant.

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019 the Ministry of Education came to meet with our Focus on Youth team and visited a few sites to see how the board runs the program and to hear first-hand from the students and supervisors about their experiences this summer and over the four years. The face-to-face meeting allowed FOY staff to share successes and challenges.

- **Secondary school registration** activities kick off this week as schools welcome the new group of Grade 9 students and welcome back the students in Grades 10 – 12 and of course the returning grads.
- The school year begins officially next Tuesday – our last week of planning and preparation for the new school year.
- **Ministry News:**
  - **June 27<sup>th</sup> Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) re: Foundation in Mathematics Curriculum** – total dollars of \$889,000, which less money than last year (\$1,085,868) (\$196,868). B. Blancher asked L. De Vos to speak to the math hiring and Child Care piece
    - L. De Vos provided Trustees with an update regarding the 5 elementary math facilitators. S. Martins provided an update on the secondary math facilitator position.
    - L. De Vos provided Trustees with an update on the Child Care Sector noting that a meeting occurred last week with the Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM) to discuss cost recovery. L. De Vos noted that come January 2020 there will be reductions to their budget. The CMSM noted at the meeting that the partnership is beneficial to the future of our board and L. De Vos commented that we will do the best we can moving forward but there may be some hard decisions that may need to be made.
  - **July 2<sup>nd</sup> Release of new Career Studies Curriculum** – revised course was posted as of that date on the Ministry website for implementation this September – includes a more comprehensive focus on financial literacy and transferable skills.
  - **July 26<sup>th</sup> – Reciprocal Education Approach** – legislation will come into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> to change the landscape for First Nation students and families by improving access, removing barriers and strengthening parent choice for First Nation students transitioning between school systems.



- **August 21<sup>st</sup> - Release of revised Health and Phy-Ed (HPE) Curriculum Grades 1 to 8** along with a Kindergarten addendum
- **August 21<sup>st</sup>** – TPA received to cover implementation of revised Career Studies, HPE and Kindergarten Addendum to the amount \$36,000
- **August 21<sup>st</sup>** – update on the preparation for the introduction of a **math proficiency test** regulations filed on August 20<sup>th</sup>, new applicants to the Ontario College of Teachers will be required to successfully pass a math proficiency test if their application is completed on or after March 31, 2020. EQAO is being mandated to develop the test and to mark the test, 2 parts of the test – skills in math and pedagogy – candidates require a mark of 70% or higher on both parts
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – class size media release -no change to Grand Erie
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – received the TPA for Mental Health Workers in Schools
- Awaiting further information on Service Animals in Schools, Cellphones in Classrooms and plans for eLearning in Secondary Schools to begin in September 2020
- **New or Revised PPMs**
  - **PPM128** Provincial Code of Conduct – updated to include information on the use of cellphones during instructional time
  - **PPM158** School Board Policies on Concussion will establish of concussion code of conduct and annual review. In our revised policy SO28, we included a *Player Code of Conduct* in the resource guide and we will need to review the PPM requirements against this to see if there are further changes required
  - **New PPM162** – on exemption from instruction related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations which will require us to develop a procedure that allows parents to exempt their child from instruction of the sexual health education component, we will need a procedure in place by November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - **New PPM** Service Animals in Schools – and our procedure needs to be in place by January 2020
- **Trustee Learning Sessions for 2019-20** – G. Anderson provided Trustees with the dates - November 18, January 20, April 20
- **MYP Video** – Each fall, since 2016, as a way to highlight our Multi-Year Plan, we've created a series of videos. In Year 1, we focused on students; in Year 2, we featured staff; last year our focus was on Equity and this year, as we enter into the final year of the 2016-2020 plan we highlight each of the indicators.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 26, 2019 as information.

**Carried**



**E - 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items**

**(a) Approval of 2019-20 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Proposed Schedules of Agenda Items**

B. Blancher referred to the Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Proposed Schedule report.

B. Blancher referred to some minor revisions to the Bylaw, Policy and Procedure Review schedule.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2019-20 Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Meetings, as amended.

**Carried**

**(b) OPSBA Membership Fee for 2019-20**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2019-20 OPSBA Membership Fee of \$64,764.82 (\$57,314 plus HST) for payment.

**Carried**

**(c) Bylaw 34 Borrowing Bylaw Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Bylaw 34 Borrowing Bylaw Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate report.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Bylaw 34 Borrowing Bylaw Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate.

**Carried**



**E – 2 New Business – Information Items**

**(a) Major Construction Update**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Major Construction Project Report which provided a final status update for the 2018-19 Major Constructions projects which included Mapleview Elementary School Construction and New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School. R. Wyszynski also provided an update on the planned Child Care Renovation at Hagersville Secondary School and the Child Care Addition at Central Public School.

C.A. Sloat asked about the condition of our kindergarten classrooms as she is concerned about using Full Time Kindergarten funding for other purposes? B. Blancher responded that we did an inventory and believes our current classrooms are in good shape. R. Wyszynski added that our facilities team conducts annual assessments of our classrooms and buildings to ensure no concerns exist.

J. Richardson asked for an update on where we are with Grandview school. R. Wyszynski responded that we are still in the process of collecting information from preferred agencies as per regulation 444/98. There are three organizations that have yet to respond. When they do, we will have fulfilled the regulatory requirements and will need Ministry approval to proceed to put the school on the market.

C.A. Sloat asked about an update on the new elevator at Pauline Johnson and if all the major projects that occurred at schools over the summer are now complete? R. Wyszynski responded that the new elevator is progressing well, but there have been some minor delays due to the lack of skilled trades. R. Wyszynski stated the elevator is anticipated to be functional by the end of the September. R. Wyszynski provided a high-level summary of the summer projects noting most are complete or on track.

B. Doyle asked for an update on Caledonia Centennial Public School. R. Wyszynski responded the masonry work is on track to be completed.

J. Richardson asked about the masonry work at Dunnville Secondary. R. Wyszynski responded that during the work some structural deficiencies were identified. R. Wyszynski stated this has delayed the project and unfortunately it will not be completed before the startup of school.



Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

**Carried**

**(b) School Council Report**

B. Blancher referred to the School Council Report noting that 39 Grand Erie school councils submitted a brief report of their 2018-19 activities. B. Blancher noted Appendix A provides three examples what each school did to encourage parent engagement at their schools.

R. Collver asked, are you concerned with the lack of compliance and do we have any recourse? B. Blancher responded yes we are concerned and further stated it is the school council chairs' responsibility to complete but we do know that some of the reports were completed by principal and we don't have any recourse.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the School Council Report for 2018-19 as information.

**Carried**

**F - 1 Other Business**

**(a) Summary of Accounts – June 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of June 2019 in the amount of \$8,808,257.48 as information.

**Carried**





**(b) Summary of Accounts – July 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$10,219,652.67 as information.

**Carried**

**(c) Joint Use Agreement Task Force Minutes (Draft) – April 30, 2019**

Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat asked about the \$5 user fee? R. Wyszynski responded that this applies to the Catholic Board, does not apply to Grand Erie.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Use Agreement Task Force Minutes (Draft) - April 30, 2019 as information.

**Carried**

**(d) Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Special Board of Directors Minutes (Draft) – August 14, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Special Board of Directors Joint Use Agreement Minutes (Draft) - August 14, 2019 as information.

**Carried**



(e) **OPSBA Report**

C.A. Sloat referred to the report.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA Report as information.

**Carried**

G - 1 **Correspondence**

Nil

*Return to In Camera Session*

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, legal and property matters at 8:08 p.m.

**Carried**

*Board returned to public session at 9:21 p.m.*

(j) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Director's Operational goals for 2019-20.

**Carried**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendation to add to the Replacement/Casual Principal and Vice Principal List, effective August 27, 2019.

**Carried**



Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approves B-1-f.

**Carried**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approves in principle the Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the Board, The City of Brantford and Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

**Carried**

#### **H - 1 Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Chair, G. Anderson