



## Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023

Education Centre Boardroom

### MINUTES

**Present:**

Chair S. Gibson, Vice-Chair B. Doyle Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Sault, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, E. Whiton; Student Trustees: M. Baker (MS Teams), K. Gayowsky, A. Skye

**Administration:**

Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Graham, L. Munro, D. Smouter, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroek, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

**Guests:**

Chief Stacey Laforme of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Patrice Barnes, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education

**A - 1 Opening (6:30 pm)**

**(a) Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

**(c) In-Camera Session (6:31 pm)**

Moved by: G. Anderson  
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt  
THAT the Board move In-Camera.

**Carried**

**(d) Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Chair Gibson welcomed Chief Stacey Laforme of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Patrice Barnes, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education to the meeting. Chief Laforme opened. Chair Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**(e) Call to Order**

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. and at 8:35 p.m. upon reconvening.

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

Moved by: G. Anderson  
Seconded by: Waldschmidt  
THAT the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**(g) Appointment of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Trustee**

Moved by: J. Bradford  
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert  
THAT the Board appoint Tammy Sault as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Trustee for the term September 25, 2023 to November 23, 2026.

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(h) **Presentation**

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**

Director Roberto presented Harper Hyslop of River Heights Public School with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for her outstanding contribution to her school community through fundraising. Harper is also the recipient of the Young Leader of the Year award from the Caledonia Chamber of Commerce.

(i) **Memorials**

(i) **Sheryl Cartwright**

The memorial of Sheryl Cartwright was read by Chair Gibson.

(ii) **Greg de Waard**

The memorial of Greg de Waard was read by Trustee Doyle.

(iii) **Avery Warwick**

The memorial of Avery Warwick was read by Trustee Waldschmidt.

(iv) **Lucas Crump**

The memorial of Lucas Crump was read by Trustee Bradford.

(j) **In-Camera Report (8:35 pm)**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board confirm that the Director's Performance Appraisal has been completed.

**Carried**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT Item D-1-a be approved.

**Carried**

(k) **Delegations – Nil**

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **June 26, 2023 (Regular Board)**

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated June 26, 2023, be approved.

**Carried**

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Finance Committee Meeting Report dated September 11, 2023**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT effective September 26, 2023, new K-8 registrations at Caledonia Centennial Public School be directed to J.L. Mitchener Public School be approved.

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(b) **Audit Committee Meeting Report dated September 14, 2023**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Internal Audit 2023-24 Plan Report be approved.

**Carried**

D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings – Nil**

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- #GrandReturn - First Day of School.
- September 15, 2023 was a system-wide Professional Development Day, focused on major initiatives and the roll out of the Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan.
- Michael Jaques led a session with the Specialized Services team.
- Eight schools were recognized by Eco Schools, a national organization promoting environmentally friendly and sustainable practices in schools.
- Days of Significance for the month of September were highlighted.

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report - Nil**

G - 1 **New Business - Action / Information Items**

(a) **Appointment of Non-Board Audit Committee Member**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Atit Thakker as Non-Board Audit Committee member for a three-year term ending October 31, 2026.

**Carried**

(b) **Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions 2023-24**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions 2023-24 to the Ministry of Education.

**Carried**

(c) **Major Construction Project Report**

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In response to a question, it was noted that the Elgin Avenue Public School construction is currently in the design phase. An update will be brought to the Finance Committee meeting in February 2024.

(d) **Summer Learning Report**



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H - 1 **Other Business** – Presented as printed.

- (a) Audit Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2023
- (b) Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 15, 2023

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

(a) **Canadian School Boards Association and Alberta School Boards Association Congress 2023**

Presented as printed.

J - 1 **Correspondence** – Presented as printed.

- (a) Simcoe County District School Board dated June 23, 2023
- (b) Waterloo Region District School Board dated June 27, 2023
- (c) Avon Maitland District School Board dated June 30, 2023
- (d) Upper Grand District School Board dated September 8, 2023
- (e) Thames Valley District School Board dated September 8, 2023
- (f) Thames Valley District School Board dated September 8, 2023

K - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**Carried**

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto