



## Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2023

Education Centre Boardroom

### MINUTES

**Present:** Chair S. Gibson, Vice-Chair B. Doyle Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore (MS Teams), 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 (MS Teams), R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

**Other:** General Legal Counsel J. Bell (MS Teams)

**A - 1 Opening (6:36 pm)**

**(a) Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

**(c) In-Camera Session (6:39 pm)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

**Carried**

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

Chair Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**(e) Call to Order**

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

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

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

Items G-1-e and G-1-f (Borrowing By-laws) were moved before Item C-1-c – Governance Committee Report.

**(g) Memorials - Nil**

**(h) In-Camera Report - Nil**

**(i) Presentations – Nil**



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(j) **Delegations – Nil**

**B - 1 Approval of Minutes**

(a) September 25, 2023 (Regular Board)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated September 25, 2023, be approved.

**Carried**

(b) October 16, 2023 (Special Board Meeting)

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting dated October 16, 2023, be approved.

**Carried**

**C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports**

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

(i) Trustee Honoraria Policy (BU-04)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Trustee Honoraria Policy (BU-04) be approved.

**Carried**

(ii) Trustee Honoraria

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2023, to November 14, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

(b) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated October 16, 2023**

Presented as information.

(c) **Governance Committee Meeting Report dated October 19, 2023**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the amendments to the General Working By-law, General Governance Policy and Borrowing By-law be approved.

**Carried**

The following friendly amendments were made to the General Working By-law:

- Section 2.4 (a) – add: Nominations can also be requested on the floor, and if accepted by the person so nominated, shall stand.



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- Section 2.4 (b) – remove: The nomination shall be deemed closed when the Director has confirmed nominations for each position.

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

#### E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- The October 3, 2023 Professional Development Day focused on School Improvement Planning, math learning and mental health and well-being
- A Student Trustee video was shared
- Grand Erie hosted a Retirement Event to celebrate all retirees across the district
- Staff was recently recognized for five (5) and 25 years of service
- Boundary Transition update was provided
- A Secondary Transitions promotional campaign to support high school registrations is currently under way
- Student Learning Support Days are an opportunity for any secondary student to get caught up on schoolwork or redo assignments to improve marks
- Pauline Johnson Collegiate Institute teacher and football coach John Macdonald was honoured by the Ticats at a football game as an Alumnus of Distinction.
- Orange Shirt Day was held across the district. Truth and reconciliation was incorporated into activities, staff and students shared learning about the impact and trauma of residential schools, and responsibilities in action towards reconciliation

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

##### (a) **OSTA-AECO Conference**

Presented as printed.

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

##### (a) **Annual Learning and Operation Plan 2022-23**

Presented as printed.

##### (b) **Annual Learning and Operating Plan 2023-24**

Presented as printed.

##### (c) **Strategic Communications Plan Update**

Presented as printed.

##### (d) **Elementary Class Size Report**

Presented as printed.

##### (e) **Borrowing By-law Bridge Financing – Caledonia Elementary School**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt





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THAT the Board approve Borrowing By-law Bridge Financing – Caledonia Elementary School.

**Carried**

(f) **Borrowing By-law Bridge Financing – Southwest Brantford Elementary School**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board approve Borrowing By-law Bridge Financing – Southwest Brantford Elementary School.

**Carried**

H - 1 **Other Business**

- (a) Governance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2023
- (b) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 25, 2023
- (c) Indigenous Education advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2023
- (d) Six Nations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2023
- (e) Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 7, 2023

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert advised that there are several upcoming OPSBA meetings, including Central West, Indigenous Trustees Council meeting, OPSBA Director's meeting in Toronto, and an Advocacy meeting with Members of Parliament.

J - 1 **Correspondence**

- (a) Durham District School Board dated September 26, 2023

K - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Whiton

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Carried**

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto