



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair: S. Gibson, 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 (MS Teams), L. Munro, D. Smouter, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken
- Guest:** Planning Supervisor, Nathan Hercanuck (MS Teams)
- Regrets:** Vice-Chair B. Doyle

- A - 1 **Opening (6:30 pm)**
- (a) **Roll Call**
Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.
- (b) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
Trustee Whiton and Trustee Anderson declared a conflict of interest with respect to an in-camera agenda item.
- (c) **In-Camera Session (6:31 pm)**
Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: L. Whiton
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 7:17 p.m. and welcomed the new student trustees to the meeting.
- (f) **Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the agenda be approved.
Carried
- (g) **Memorials - Nil**
- (h) **In-Camera Report**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: J. Bradford



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THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Grand Erie Occasional Teacher Local for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

Carried

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Grand Erie Elementary Teachers Federation for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

Carried

Moved by: R. Colver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, District 23 Teachers Bargaining Unit for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

Carried

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, District 23 Occasional Teachers Bargaining Unit for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

Carried

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, District 23 Professional Student Services Personnel for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

Carried

(i) **Student Showcase – Project Search**

Director Roberto introduced the staff and students of Project Search, a school-to-work training program for students with disabilities. Each student shared their experience including how they develop competitive, transferrable skills to take with them after graduation.

(j) **Delegations – Nil**



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B - 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) January 29, 2024 (Regular Board)

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated January 29, 2024, be approved.

Carried

(b) February 12, 2024 (Special Board Meeting)

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting dated February 12, 2024, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

(a) Finance Committee Meeting Report dated February 12, 2024

Presented as printed.

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT a working committee is established to review the K-3 program offering and consolidation of French Immersion to River Heights Public School effective September 2024, and that a recommendation is forwarded to a Regular Board meeting for approval no later than March 2024.

Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the amended Grade 7-8 school boundaries for Graham Bell-Victoria Public School, and Grandview Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Board approve the Elgin Avenue Public School renovation scope and related tender documents.

Carried

Superintendent Wyszynski provided background information regarding the Elgin Avenue Public School renovation/addition.

- Data points

In developing the LTAP the board reviewed data from numerous sources related to Municipal official plans, servicing plans, development charges studies, and growth strategies.



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- Consolidation Project (Scope, business plan, future growth)
The planned expenditures at Elgin Public School will address required facility renewal (which has been deferred since the project's onset in 2017), the essential expansion of Early Years Services, and the provision of additional pupil places.
- West Lynn Student Growth
There was an increase in enrolment at West Lynn this year above projections. The board will respond to growth accordingly and short-term projections indicate Elgin Public School can support the entire growth slated for both its boundary as well as the existing West Lynn boundary.

In response to a question, it was noted that there will be approximately six to seven portables to accommodate the growth at West Lynn Public School during the renovation at Elgin Avenue Public School.

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

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan
- Student Trustee Elections
- Learning from the Land video
- Learning from the Land course bundle
- Visual Arts
- Community Involvement
- Meet the Leader
- 100th Day of School
- Michael Jacques
- Secondary Sports
- School Events
- Job Fair

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

(a) **OSTA-AECO Education Action Conference**

Presented as printed.

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

(a) **Student Trustee Selection 2024-25**

Presented as printed.

(b) **French Immersion Program Consolidation – Caledonia Centennial Public School and River Heights Public School**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Sault



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THAT the K-3 French Immersion Program at Caledonia Centennial Central Public School be consolidated with Grades 4-8 at River Heights Public School effective September 2024.

Carried

H - 1 Other Business

(a) **Student Senate Meeting Minutes dated November 23, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Six Nations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 14, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 11, 2024**

Presented as printed.

I - 1 OPSBA Report

Trustee VanEvery-Albert advised that the OPSBA Central West meeting will be held on April 6, 2024, at the Woodland Cultural Centre. The Indigenous Trustees Council will come together in July in Toronto and the Labour Relations Symposium will be held on April 25-26, 2024.

J - 1 Correspondence

(a) **Rainy River District School Board dated February 13, 2024**

Presented as printed.

K - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto

