

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Elizabeth Hudie, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Tom McGregor, Scott McKinlay, Lareina Rising (via teleconference)

Student Trustee Elisabeth Guthrie and Evan Rogers

Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Helen Lane, Taf Lounsbury, Mark Sherman and Phil Warner, Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Regrets: Trustees Bob Murphy and Shannon Sasseville

Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order: Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with an Honour Song from Dallas Sinapole and Animikeence Joseph Plain and an Opening Prayer from Aamjiwnaang Elder Wilson Plain. Elder Wilson Plain presented Nicholas Plain's History from 1827 to 1951.

LKDSB Chair Jane Bryce read the Traditional Territorial Preamble/Acknowledgement.

We acknowledge that the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi known as the Anishinaabeg and the Delaware known as Lunaapeew inhabited these lands at the time of the written treaties, these being: Treaty #2; Treaty #7; Treaty #29.

We also acknowledge the earlier Indigenous people that travelled these lands prior to 1790 in the time of the Wampum treaties.

It is through their connection with the spirit of the land, water and air that we recognize their unique culture, traditions, and values. It is their belief that they are part of the land that sustains all life, and it is the sacred responsibility of all people to ensure that the environment remains protected.

Finally, we acknowledge that their inherent languages preclude any English/French meaning.

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.

These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

Today these responsibilities and obligations extend to all Peoples.

Chair Bryce presented the guests with a gift.

Chair Bryce introduced the Student Trustees for the 2017/2018 School Year – Elisabeth Guthrie and Evan Rogers.

#2017-133
Approval of the Agenda
Aug/29/2017

Moved by Scott McKinlay seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,

“That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of August 29, 2017 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No declarations of conflict of interest were issued.

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- #2017-134
Approval of Minutes
June/27/2017
- Moved Randy Campbell, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
“That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of
June 27, 2017.”
- CARRIED.
- #2017-135
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board
- Moved by Elizabeth Hudie, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the
Board.”
- CARRIED.
- Policy and Regulations on
LKDSB Board Committees
Report B-17-124
- Director Costello explained that in 2015, Trustees agreed that there was a need to develop regulations for the LKDSB Board Committees. Section 8 of the Board’s Procedural By-laws outlines the current Board Committees and the Legislated Board Committees. The policy has been revised to reflect the changes made to the committee section of the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws. Board regulations are to be developed for each committee unless the committee is governed by legislation, collective agreements, other LKDSB regulations or Ministry directives. The LKDSB Board Agenda Review Committee, Indigenous Liaison Committee and Negotiations Committee need to develop formal Terms of Reference. The Board Agenda Review Committee is referenced in the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws but the Committee’s responsibilities are not documented. The Education Services Agreements with Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation each contain a clause about the formation and purpose of the Indigenous Liaison Committee (Native Advisory Committee) but there are not corresponding Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference would also need to include the Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Delaware Nation. During negotiations with the local unions, Trustees are selected to serve on the Negotiations Committee and the Board approves the parameters. This process needs to be documented. Administration identified a need to develop a general LKDSB Board Committee regulation to provide general information about how the committees should function and outline the components of the terms of reference.
- #2017-136
Policy and Regulations on
LKDSB Board Committees
approved.
- Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Elizabeth Hudie,
“That the Board approve the revised policy and new regulation on *LKDSB Board Committees*.”
- Director Costello explained that under the direction of the Committee Chair, each of the committees will develop Terms of Reference and bring back to the Board for approval as a LKDSB Regulation to accompany the policy.
Trustee Rising advised that the Ministry has indicated that they will be prescribing terms of reference for Indigenous Liaison Committees to provide some direction. To reflect this, it was agreed that #1 of the Regulations would be revised to include a reference to direction provided by the Ministry in addition to legislation.
- CARRIED.
- Tender Award –
– Great Lakes Secondary
School
Report B-17-125
- Superintendent McKay reported on the tender opening for the addition and renovation, phase 2, at Great Lakes Secondary School. He explained that due to budget over runs, a tender based bid only is being recommended for approval and that bidding was very tight based on the tender variations submitted. Superintendent McKay outlined the project costs and associated funding. The project was expected to come in around \$19 million but is now expected to cost

\$23.4 million. The LKDSB received a \$10.3 million capital investment from the Ministry. The LKDSB will provide \$13.1 million in School Condition Improvement funds for the second phase of the project. The total project is estimated to cost \$24.5 million (including the Phase 1 demolition). Superintendent McKay explained that market conditions at time of tender can greatly affect the costs of tendered work. He advised that the architect indicated that it is becoming difficult to procure skilled trades people and the costs of materials is rising. This has been confirmed by others throughout the province. Of the 23 general contracting firm's prequalified by the LKDSB to bid on the project only 7 firms attended the mandatory site meeting and only 5 firms submitted bids. Superintendent McKay advised that Administration did discuss the possibility of changing the scope of the project with the architect but decided against the option. Changes would impact program features in the school and require the Board to retender the project. This would not guarantee cost reductions and delay the September 2018 move in date. Construction at the GLSS permanent site is expected to begin this fall. The permanent site for GLSS will house a new auditorium, Indigenous community room, updated classrooms and accessibility improvements.

#2017-137
Tender GLSS, Phase 2
Approved

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Dave Douglas,

"That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Jasper Construction Corp. for the addition and renovation (Phase 2) at Great Lakes Secondary School."

Superintendent McKay confirmed that there would be approximately \$7.5M in capital funding available for other projects for the 2017/2018 school year. He confirmed that the approval of the tender would not have any impact on the proposal for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 School in Forest. Superintendent McKay explained that the architect is confident that the project will be finished for September 2018 because the demolition part of the project will be completed September 15. Jasper Construction Corp. will be able to mobilize on site thereafter. Administration will be working closely with the architect and contractor to make sure the project stays on schedule.

Financial Report
2016/2017 School Year
Expenditures
Report B-17-126

Superintendent McKay provided a summary of expenditures for the period covering September 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. This period represents about 75% of operating expenses that occur over 12 months, and approximately 80 - 85% of the salary and benefit portion of the instructional operating expenses that occur over a 10 to 12-month period. For this reporting period, the expenditures are tracing well against the budget. The expenditures under the Salaries and Wages and Benefits categories comprise the largest budget components for LKDSB. While variances do exist in the separate salary and wage areas, the overall salary and wage and benefits categories are anticipated to be on budget for the year.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter of response from the Chair of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board regarding the possibility of exploring joint builds, July 25, 2017. A copy of the Chair's letter to the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will be shared with Trustees. In response to Trustee Fletcher's question, Director Costello confirmed that the LKDSB would be exploring the possibility of sharing existing buildings as well as possible new co-builds.

The Board received a letter from the Ontario Public School Boards'

Association – Year End Summary, July 25, 2017.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at the Chatham Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment
8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Bryce declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board