

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Jane Bryce, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, Scott McKinlay, and Lareina Rising

Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Regrets Trustee Ruth Ann Dodman

Student Trustees: Aurora Bressette, William Locke and Lucia Shultz-Allison

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

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

#2021-33
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2021 be approved."
CARRIED.
Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

#2021-34
Approval of the Minutes Jan/26/2021 Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Janet Barnes,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2021."
CARRIED.

Business Arising None

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session None

#2021-35
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Scott McKinlay,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."
CARRIED.

Presentation
Great Lakes Secondary School Back Campus Project Superintendent McKay presented on the Great Lakes Secondary School (GLSS) back campus project. Bridget Ali and Paul Driedger, architects from GLOS Associates, were introduced. It was explained that this is a two-phase project. Phase one will include the demolition of the existing six-lane asphalt track and development of an eight-lane running track with a synthetic surface, the addition of shot put pads, discus pad, double ended long jump/triple jump pits, high jump, steeplechase, double pole vault areas, javelin runway, an artificial turf football and soccer field, and a practice soccer field. The athletic area will be surrounded by a six-feet high chain link fence. All track and field

areas have been designed to the World Athletics Track and Field Facilities Manual, which will allow GLSS to become a prime location for competitive sports events. Phase two will include removal of the existing bus garage and small storage buildings, and the addition of a field house, including team change rooms, washrooms, showers, a fitness room, public washrooms, storage, and a small second floor media space area for events and games. There will be a new bus garage and storage buildings and a concrete pad surrounding the field house with two large accessible bleachers which will hold an excess of 540 spectators.

Superintendent McKay hopes to have the tender package released next month and brought forth to Trustees in the Spring. Construction would be planned to begin in late Spring 2021 and expected to be completed in Fall 2021.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that some trees will need to be removed to ensure there is space for the amenities, but any trees removed will be planted on the GLSS property or on other LKDSB sites in Sarnia.

Paul Driedger confirmed that the drainage is collected from the field and drained into underground storage below the practice soccer field and connected to storm sewers.

Superintendent McKay confirmed the practice soccer field is a multi-sport functioning field.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the Board has considered potential partnerships with the City of Sarnia for use of the back campus, but community use guidelines will need to be developed. He noted that the GLSS Physical Education department has been very engaged in the design of the project.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the cost of the project, which will be brought forth to Trustees as part of the tender award report, will be funded by a combination of School Renewal funding, board reserves, and School Condition Improvement funding.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the Board has considered locked gates surrounding the track, but a decision has not yet been made.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the Board would look to salvage any wood from the property after a suggestion was made to use the wood for school projects. He reported that the GLSS auditorium is nearing completion and hoped to gain occupancy by the end of February or early March. Consideration is being made for students in construction classes to build the risers needed for the auditorium.

Director Howitt thanked Superintendent McKay and his team for keeping this project in the forefront and putting a plan in place for GLSS to be a standout facility across the region. He reminded Trustees that a practice soccer field only means it is not regulation size and it allows the school to meet curriculum needs.

Chair Campbell remarked that the project will be a good addition to GLSS and thanked Superintendent McKay, Bridget Ali, and Paul Driedger for their presentation.

Delegations	None
Questions from the Public	None
#2021-36 Tender Award – Gym Roof Recoating – Blenheim District High School Report B-21-18	<p>Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Scott McKinlay,</p> <p>“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Horizon Roofing Ltd. for the gym roof recoating at Blenheim District High School.”</p> <p>Superintendent McKay explained that newer technology is being used for the gym roof recoating, which is cheaper and very effective, although it can not be used for a complete tear off. The total project bid is \$239,033.97.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
#2021-37 Temporary Portable Classrooms (6) Procurement Report B-21-19	<p>Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Derek Robertson,</p> <p>“That the Board confirms an order with the OECM vendor, NRB Modular Solutions for the supply, delivery and installation of six portables.”</p> <p>Superintendent McKay reported that the procurement of six portables for use at a number of schools is a Capital purchase and they will provide the Board with flexibility to replace older portables. The order is being placed early to enable the supplier to acquire the materials in the current marketplace. He noted that the original cost of each unit was \$105,140, as listed in the report, but the millwork portion of the cost, \$2,980 will now be removed. This removal was following a suggestion made by CUPE 1238 President Michele LaLonge-Davey to use LKDSB staff to complete the millwork portion of the project. Allowing LKDSB staff to complete the millwork is an option in this project due to the more generous timelines. The project will be funded by Board reserves.</p> <p>Superintendent McKay confirmed the total cost of the project will now be \$626,199.93, which is a savings of just over \$18,000.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
Indigenous Committee Liaison Committee Report Report B-21-20	<p>Trustee Rising reported on the January 20, 2021 meeting of the Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC), which was held via Microsoft Teams. The locally offered Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) through Queen’s University is scheduled to start in May 2021. The draft copy of the 2020-2021 Board Action Plan was brought forth to the ILC and Superintendent Lane will reach out to the Education Representatives for input. The Board Action Plan template was released by the Ministry later in the school year than normal and there will be a quick turnaround for completion. In the meeting, Trustee Bryce suggested that every other ILC meeting be held via Microsoft Teams due to the positive attendance and to reduce driving time.</p>
Special Education Advisory Committee Report Report B-21-21	<p>Trustee Barnes reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) met on January 21, 2021 through Microsoft Teams. The election of SEAC Chair and Vice-Chair was held during the meeting with Rose Gallaway elected as Chair and Trustee Barnes elected as Vice-Chair. She commended everyone for the excellent work they are doing.</p> <p>Chair Campbell congratulated Trustee Barnes on her position of Vice-Chair and thanked her for the report.</p>

LKDSB Update on Face to Face and Learn at Home Program Report B-21-22	Director Howitt reported that students returned to face-to-face learning on February 8, 2021 and highlighted the safety precautions in place to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 in schools. He reported that in addition to masks, face shields are now required to be worn by school staff when within two metres of students or another person who is unmasked, it is now mandatory for students in Grades 1 to 12 to wear masks, and masks need to be worn both indoors and outdoors, unless they are two metres apart or participating in a vigorous activity, and confirmation of the COVID-10 School Screening assessment tool is now required for staff and secondary students.
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Update (OPSBA)	<p>Trustee Fletcher encouraged Trustees to attend the upcoming OPSBA <i>Mental Health Among Students & Adults – How Are They Doing?</i> presentation on February 11, 2021 and the Western Region Regional Meeting on February 20, 2021.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher reported on the workshops he attended at the Public Education Symposium (PES), including <i>The Way Forward: Deconstructing Systemic Racism, How to Engage Your Local Community</i>, speakers Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province of Ontario, Dr. David Williams, and the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, and <i>Students' Perspectives: Racism and a Global Pandemic</i>. He suggested that at the next Student Senate meeting students be asked what Boards of Education should be doing to deal with equity and equality. Trustee Bryce reported on the workshops she attended at the PES, including <i>Lands-Based Education and Indigenous Ways of Knowing</i> and <i>The Role of Trustee</i>. She suggested to Senior Administration that Quinn Meawasige, the speaker of the first session, would be a good presenter for the LKDSB, and said a takeaway from the second session was that it would be wise for boards to have guidelines for partaking in virtual meetings. Trustee Little reported on the workshops she attended at the PES including <i>How to Engage Your Local Community</i> and <i>The Role of Trustee</i>. She noted that the keynote speaker had inspiring things to say and that as the newest member of the Board she found the conference enlightening.</p>
Federal Safe Return to Class Fund – Funding Announcement Report B-21-23	<p>Superintendent McKay provided an overview on the funding announcement from the Ministry, which was the second phase of the Federal Safe Return to Class fund, totaling \$381 million. The funding included the same categories as the funding provided in the fall: Optimizing Air Quality and Ventilation; Health and Safety funding; Student Transportation; and IT Device Allocation. He noted that it does not include funding for salaries and wages. The total allocation for the LKDSB is \$2,236,544.</p> <p>Chair Campbell thanked Superintendent McKay for the report.</p>
Correspondence	None
New Business	None
Trustee Questions	Director Howitt confirmed that due to the timing of the release of the Thoughtexchange on the Virtual Learn at Home Schools, some respondents understood the question to be about remote learning and not the Virtual Learn at Home schools so some comments did not answer the question asked. In addition to this, most families with children in the Virtual Schools did not receive the link to the Thoughtexchange. He noted that there will be an additional survey to capture the feedback of Virtual School families that will be released soon, but

the Thoughtexchange would not be reissued. He explained that the Thoughtexchange was released to help with planning for next school year and to see if there was a desire to continue to offer the Virtual Learn at Home schools as a program of choice. He said that many respondents provided positive feedback, but there was also concern about the unwritten curriculum being missed in the Virtual School setting, like socialization and participation in extracurriculars, and whether exposure to blue light through screens was a concern for children of certain ages. He added that a similar Thoughtexchange shared with staff provided solid data.

Director Howitt confirmed that the Minister of Education responded in the media to questions asked by the general public regarding whether it was appropriate to take March Break as it could promote travelling or a breakdown of cohorts. Some have a misperception that students were not in school in January, but staff and students were not on vacation and were instead working and learning at home and are ready for a break. The Minister of Education has consulted with unions, Trustee groups, principal associations, and directors, who have consistently suggested there not be a change to the school year calendar, but the Minister stated it will be a public health decision. If March Break was canceled, there would be collective agreement implications that would need to be considered, but the Minister clarified that March Break would not be canceled but could be moved, and hoped to have a decision made by the end of the week.

Director Howitt confirmed that the Ministry revised O. Reg 463/97 to allow for virtual attendance at Board Meetings, but would confirm if the number of meetings Trustees are required to attend in a year had changed.

Director Howitt confirmed that the gymnasium at King George VI Public School, Chatham and the façade of Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School are two capital projects that the Board has not yet been successful in gaining funding for from the Ministry.

Notices of Motion	None
Announcements	The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.
Adjournment	There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board