
Present:
Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Elizabeth Hudie, Tom McGregor, Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising, Shannon Sasseville

Student Trustee Cole Anderson and Brittany McLaren

Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Dave Doey, Mike Gilfoyle, Gary Girardi, Taf Lounsbury and Phil Warner

Regrets: Superintendent of Education Joy Badder

Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order: Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Bryce welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked AMSS for hosting the Board Meeting. She explained that this is a constituted Board Meeting of the LKDSB and that applause or jeering would not be permitted. She explained that Trustees applaud staff, students or community members when they receive awards of recognition and for student performances. Delegations are not a performance. She quoted the Section 3.20 from the LKDSB Procedural By-laws:
All persons attending meetings of the Board shall show respect for others in their language and conduct. Any person who interrupts or disrupts a meeting of the Board shall be expelled from the meeting in accordance with the Education Act, ss 207 (3). Audio or video recording devices may not be used at any meeting of the Board or its committees without the prior permission of the Chair of the Board or the Director of Education.

#2016-82
Approval of the Agenda
May/10/2016 Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Randy Campbell,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of May 10, 2016 be approved as amended removing item 9.b.)"
CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No declarations of conflict of interest were issued.

#2016-83
Approval of Minutes
Apr/26/2016 Moved by Elizabeth Hudie, seconded Tom McGregor,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2016."
CARRIED.

#2016-84
Approval of Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Apr/26/2016 Moved by Lareina Rising, seconded Dave Douglas,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 26, 2016."
CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes Director Costello referred to page 16 of the Special Board Minutes regarding Scholarships. Superintendent Girardi advised that he consulted with all the secondary school principals regarding scholarships awarded for the 2014/2015 school year. The actual amount awarded for SCITS was \$47,230. Some of the scholarships listed on the SCITS scholarship site are actually available to students across the Board, not just SCITS. The total amount distributed Board wide in 2014/2015 for the secondary schools was approximately \$394,000 for all the schools. Superintendent Girardi commented on the past practice of community members moving scholarships to other schools when a school has closed so the students from the particular area still benefit.

#2016-85
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

“That the Action of the Regular Board in Private Session be the Action of
the Board.”

CARRIED.

Delegations:

Chair Bryce referred to the LKDSB Procedural By-laws Section 3.14 regarding Delegations. A person or group giving four days written notice shall have ten minutes to address the Board. She stated that Superintendent Warner would be timing the delegations. She confirmed that the speakers are willing to entertain questions from Trustees following their delegation.

Elizabeth Wood McDonald
regarding the
Consolidation of SCSS and
SCITS

Elizabeth Wood McDonald advised that she was a long term resident of Sarnia. She shared a picture of Walkerville Collegiate Institute in Windsor which was built in 1922 and commented on the programs offered at the school. She shared a picture of W.C. Kennedy Collegiate in Windsor which was built in 1929 and talked about the programs offered at the school. She commented on the maintenance of the buildings over the years by the Greater Essex County District School Board. She advised that SCITS is steeped in tradition and loyalty. She commented on the building code requirements, asbestos and dead end corridors referred to in the Final Staff Report. She commented on the need to amalgamate the student bodies and to save one million dollars a year in operating costs. She referred to the schools' operating costs. She encouraged Trustees to keep SCITS open and close SCSS.

Maurice Carson regarding
the Consolidation of SCSS
and SCITS

Maurice Carson spoke to the engineering structure reports, the responsibility of the Trustees and renewal needs. He commented that the quality of education should be the first priority and that Trustees should not be influenced by a vision that was not guaranteed.

Valerie Riess regarding
Wyoming/South Plympton
Public Schools

Valerie Riess advised that she is a parent. She commented on the level of financial analysis provided for the basis of the ARC and to support this decision making process. She commented that there is no bottom line of the capital cost items. She commented on the architects estimates of larger costs at South Plympton and questioned the details of the costs. She advised that she could see the merits of both schools and agreed that consolidation made sense. She encouraged Trustees to consider information from a different perspective.

Questions from the Public

Chair Bryce referred to the LKDSB Procedural By-laws Section 3.16 and 3:17, In addition to the foregoing, persons or groups may pose questions to the Board in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) the questioner shall submit the question either orally or in writing to the Chair of the Board;
- b) the Chair or his/her designate shall answer the questions if the information is immediately available or send a written reply following the meeting; and
- c) the questioner may ask a follow-up question for clarification. The Board may limit the number of questioners as it sees fit.

Chair Bryce requested that the individuals state their name and provide their email address so an answer could be provided if a follow-up reply was needed.

In response to Jennifer George's question about scholarship information provided, Superintendent Girardi confirmed that the total value available to SCITS students was higher than the amount awarded because a number of awards on the website are open to students from other Sarnia Lambton or Board schools. Last year SCITS was the third highest total in scholarships and bursaries of the 13 secondary schools in the LKDSB. He confirmed that Administration had contacted

one scholarship provider who suggested that there was opportunity for further discussion on moving their scholarship should a school close.

In response to Susan Mackenzie's question about the presence of off duty officers, Chair Bryce confirmed that they have been present at other Board Meetings and that Trustees were not expecting any issues.

In response to Gavin Hall's question about how many Trustees had read the Save SCITS report, Chair Bryce indicated that all Trustees had a copy with them.

#2016-86
Appointment of Student
Trustees for 2016/2017
School year
Report B-16-52

Director Costello advised that the Student Senate met on April 25, 2016 to elect one Student Trustee from the north part of the district and one from the south part to serve on the Board for the 2016/2017 school year. Chair Bryce and Trustee Sasseville were in attendance.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Bob Murphy,

"That the Board approve the election of Ayla Jacobs and Keaton Jennings as the Student Trustees for the 2016/2017 School Year."

Trustee Sasseville and Chair Bryce commented on the applicants' formality, preparation, level of professionalism and the quality of their presentations.

Trustee Fletcher thanked the current Student Trustees for their contributions to the Board.

CARRIED.

Trustees congratulated Keaton Jennings on his election.

Addendum to the Final
Staff Report on the
Consolidation of St. Clair
Secondary School (SCSS)
and Sarnia Collegiate
Institute & Technical
School (SCITS) and the
Revision of the City of
Sarnia Secondary School
Boundaries
Report B-16-52

Director Costello presented the Addendum to the Final Staff Report. The Final Staff Report on the Consolidation of St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS) and the Revision of the City of Sarnia Secondary School Boundaries was presented to Trustees on April 12 2016. The Addendum to the Final Staff Report provides Trustees with a final summary of the community consultation process and presents final recommendations for Trustees' decisions. The funding formula is designed by the Ministry of Education to empower school boards to deal with the phenomenon of declining enrollment. He advised that the Ministry has been clear in its direction to school boards regarding their duty to consolidate schools where necessary and that same Ministry has created pools of taxpayer monies to allow for grants to renovate and rebuild schools. The funding is to modernize school buildings and to make them more energy efficient for the next generation. He noted that school boards across Ontario are facing similar decisions. He referred to the opportunity to divest the LKDSB of one school building which will cost taxpayers millions of dollars to maintain over the long term. He noted that neither SCITS, nor SCSS is a young building, but the data which has been provided repeatedly by experts has demonstrated that SCITS is costlier to maintain. He commented that he has stated repeatedly that SCITS has been a fine educational institution, complete with strong programs, strong students and strong staff. It is a school with a rich legacy and this recommendation does not demean that in any way. He commented on the numerous emails received on the topic and noted that depending on what side of the issue you are on, it is easy to see yourself as part of a majority. He advised that Senior Administration, which is objective regarding this decision, has received many supportive comments and emails from Sarnia citizens who have stated that they have no interest in speaking at a Public Meeting or delegating to the Board, but are supportive of the recommendation and see the clear logic within it. He advised that the same data and the logic which flows from it have been provided to Trustees and the public consistently. He encouraged Trustees to keep the best interests of the students at the heart of the decision.

Director Costello referred to the summary of each delegation made to the Trustees at the Board Meetings. He noted that throughout the Pupil Accommodation Review process, the majority of ARC and community members recognize the advantages of consolidating SCITS and SCSS; however, there has been disagreement over the most appropriate site for the consolidation. Senior Administration has followed both the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and LKDSB Regulation No: R-AD-106. Administration has been objective in its analysis of both schools and remains confident in its original recommendations for the following reasons:

He referred to the program opportunities for students. Due to enrolment decline, both SCITS and SCSS have experienced a significant reduction in the number of program options available to students as well as a decline in the co-curricular opportunities. While some students attend both SCITS and SCSS to participate in programs not offered elsewhere in the City of Sarnia, the number of students leaving SCSS and SCITS catchment areas exceeds the number of students attending SCITS and SCSS from outside their catchment area. He commented on the thought that there is a critical mass of secondary students that enables the provision of a broader breadth of programs to the students. Approximately 1100 students allows for courses to be offered and run as well as a strong co-curricular program. He commented that fewer students mean fewer teachers and fewer class sections available for students. He outlined what a consolidated SCITS/SCSS school would provide including increased opportunities for multiple sections of the same course allowing for more flexibility for student timetables in the school. There would be a lower percentage of student scheduling conflicts and an increased breadth of senior courses resulting in a greater likelihood that specialized courses can be offered every year and in each semester. Larger student populations would generate more staff expertise and diversity in terms of qualifications and experience. This in turn provides increased course options and co-curricular opportunities. There would also be an increased number of opportunities to offer more specialized program pathways for students. Director Costello stated that he believes program is the number one driving reason for the recommendation.

Director Costello commented on the heritage component of SCITS. He referred to comments made by Education Minister Sandals and explained that while the focus is often on buildings, the purpose is not to maintain the building; the purpose is actually to educate the students. The decision comes down to what provides the best programming for the students. He noted that the LKDSB's prime purpose is the delivery of programs to our students and that the SCITS building has generated a lot of conversation. He commented that buildings are part of the conversation for school boards but are the prime consideration and mandate of the Sarnia Heritage Committee. He referred to the Sarnia Heritage Committee (SHC), position paper, which states that it is looking for a clear and unequivocal commitment from the LKDSB towards the heritage value and conservation of SCITS. The SHC has requested an additional tour to further assess the SCITS building to determine what specific features in the building to recommend for designation. The SHC will present their recommendations to Sarnia City Council. City Council will have the final decision regarding the designation. The City of Sarnia Council has the authority under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act to designate a property without the consent of the property owner. Any alteration likely to result in the loss, damage, alteration or removal of one or more designated heritage attributes requires not only a building permit but approval from the City of Sarnia Heritage Advisory Committee before the work can begin. He noted that the Greater Essex County District School Board Senior Administration reports that they experienced significant costs and time delays when renovating their heritage

designated school site. The SHC representatives acknowledged that the SCITS building would maintain its designated heritage status if it was sold, consolidated or repurposed.

Director Costello commented on the community impact. He commented that the purchases made by students at local businesses contributes positively to those businesses but are not significant enough to support an entire downtown core of a midsized city. The LKDSB and its schools are committed to maintaining positive working relationships with each of their communities. The prime mandate of the LKDSB is programs for students. If SCITS were to close, it is Administration's hope that the building can be repurposed successfully.

Director Costello advised that SCITS was built in 1922 and SCSS was built in 1961. The data provided by a number of LKDSB staff and Ministry consultants/experts supports the fact that a 94 year old building will cost more to maintain than a 55 year old building. During the accommodation review process and at the request of the ARC members, Administration arranged for a number of consultants to complete a specific SCITS/SCSS comparison. He referred to the capital costs chart for SCITS and SCSS. When assessing both schools from a capital cost stand point SCITS capital costs are \$18,990,154 greater than the comparative capital costs at SCSS. When assessing both schools from an operating cost stand point SCITS operational costs are \$186,834 greater than the comparative operating costs at SCSS. Director Costello reminded Trustees that Senior Administration has stated from the outset, that independent of any grant request or approval from the Ministry of Education, the recommendation would be the same. The schools are approximately half full and are 2.7 km apart. He reconfirmed that the Ministry Grants can only be spent on the site which is named in the application.

Director Costello stated that one of the prevailing themes that has emerged from both the public and ARC working meetings is the allegation that factual data provided by Administration is either inaccurate or has been manipulated to suit Administration's recommendations. While Administration acknowledges that there will be a number of people who will disagree with recommendations, it is important that there is confidence in the data used to drive decisions. Director Costello wrote to each of the consultants and has confirmed with each of the consultants involved with this accommodation review that their data is accurate and that Administration is making the recommendation to close the school that is most expensive to maintain over the long term. The consultants: Sazan Bimo, Senior Project Manager, Accruent, VFA, Inc.-Asset Replacement Value (ARV) and FCI Calculation, Mark Beaulieu, Architect, JP Thomson Architects Ltd., Geoff Dale, Principal-Robert E. Dale Limited, Consulting Engineers, Keith Hill, Project Manager, Senior Environmental Technologist, EXP Services Inc., Christopher Rahm, Associate, Senior EHS Consultant, Golder Associates Ltd., who were named in the *Final Staff Report*, have individually confirmed that their data is accurate and that SCITS is the costlier building to maintain over the long term. One consultant chose not to get into comparing costs as he felt it was not his role. He advised that he received an unsolicited response from Geoff Dale in response to the report prepared by SCITS supporters to clarify the erroneous interpretation of his data by this group. Director Costello read out Geoff Dale's response.

Director Costello outlined the composition of the Transition Committee which would be formed if the Board approves the consolidation of the Secondary Schools. The Committee would be formed as soon as possible to address the transition of students and staff.

Director Costello explained that subcommittees are developed as needed and may have members who are not on the Transition Committee. The Transition

Committee would be responsible for such things as school orientation/ transition, memorabilia, resources and equipment, special events (including graduation and awards), extra-curricular activities, mascot and logo. He advised that this process has been very successful with the transition processes in Wallaceburg and Ridgetown.

Director Costello explained that the practice of the Board has been to establish a Naming Committee when schools are consolidated. In accordance with Board Regulations R-AD-105, the Director of Education establishes an ad hoc committee to recommend a name to the Board. He outlined the membership and advised that if the recommendation to consolidate was passed, he would communicate to Principals and School Council Chairs information regarding the selection process for Naming Committee Members as soon as possible and use the LKDSB website to facilitate community representation.

Administration is recommending that the Naming Committee be established as of June 1, 2016. As per Board By-laws, Ad Hoc committees exist for a period of three months. Administration is recommending that the three month term for the Naming Committee exclude July and August. Director Costello indicated that the Committee could decide to meet over the summer and bring a recommendation to the Board for approval in August or September.

Administration is recommending that the Naming Committee meet before June 30, 2016 in order to establish criteria for the new consolidated school name and a process to gather input from appropriate stakeholders. The Committee will be asked to report back to Board at the August 30, 2016 Board Meeting with this information. The Naming Committee will be asked to submit a final report containing a recommended name for the consolidate school to the Board for approval at the end of October 2016.

Director Costello shared an analogy by the well-known and successful investor Warren Buffett stock market - voting machine vs. weighing machine analogy and likened it to the accommodation review process. Many people have an opinion regarding which school is best suited to be the consolidated site for these two schools to be merged as one. He advised that he is aware that social media sites have strong presence online, complete with a large number of "Likes" attached to a point of view regarding this decision. This is relatively easy to do and requires no personal accountability on the part of the person taking a point of view over the internet.

Director Costello commented on the number of visits to the LKDSB website to see and hopefully download the Initial Staff Report regarding SCITS/SCSS which was filed in November 2015 as well as the Final Staff Report on this matter. . He referred to online sites related to this Accommodation Review which have many visits and "Likes". He suggested that it was easier for someone interested in this review to listen to friends speculate about this consolidation or go to a social media site and click on the screen that one "Likes" the site or sign a petition anonymously, than it is to actually do some homework and read a 42 page report that is objective and full of detail. He commented that similar to the Buffet analogy, this decision is not about what is most popular online or who yells the loudest; it is about what is best over the long term for our students across the entire LKDSB. Director Costello stated that Senior Administration has great respect for both SCITS and SCSS communities. Both schools have a rich legacy of success across the arts, academics and athletics. It is the hope of administration that the consolidated school will forge a new future in an improved building while celebrating the legacy of both schools.

#2016-87
Consolidated School
Approved for SCSS Site.
SCITS to Close July 1,
2017

Moved by Dave Douglas, seconded by Bob Murphy,

“That the Board approve the consolidation of St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School (SCITS) temporarily at the SCITS site effective September 2016 and permanently at the SCSS site effective September 2017 and close the SCITS site as of July 1, 2017.”

Trustee Douglas commented that it was a sad day for SCITS and he outlined his past association with SCITS involving his family members. He commented that bricks and mortar do not drive student achievement. He advised that as a LKDSB Trustee he must do what is best for his constituents, the students, and advised that he would be supporting the Motion.

Trustee Murphy advised that it was a tough decision for the community and Trustees. He commented on his experience as an ARC member when D.A. Gordon Public School in Wallaceburg was closed, a school he had attended. He stated that the recommendation was objective and the right decision for the LKDSB at this point in time. He commended Director Costello and Senior Administration on their diligence, credibility and perseverance.

Trustee Hudie thanked Administration for the time and effort put into generating the multiple year plan. She stated that she does not question the data. She referred to student success being a priority and that it is enhanced when it is a shared focus with students, staff, families, community and First Nation Partners. She referred to the engagement of community members in the accommodation process and thanked them for their ideas. She noted that all parties agreed on the need to consolidate students and that it was not feasible to maintain two south Sarnia schools which offer excellent opportunities for students. She referred to the financial impact on the Board and suggested the possibility of developing community partnerships involving the pool. She commented on SCITS's architecture and commented that SCSS would likely be easier to sell. She advised that she was not convinced that the grant will be coming for the auditorium. She supported a reduced grant application that would enable the consolidation at SCITS enhancement of the school. She advised that she was not prepared to support the Motion.

Trustee Rising thanked all of the public for their interest in the process and expressed appreciation for their engagement. She commented on her personal connection with SCITS as a graduate. She commented on the information she reviewed and the divisive process. She noted the importance of bringing the two student bodies together. She advised that the Aamjiwnaang First Nation did not put forth a position for either site. She agreed that consolidation would be best for the students for choice of programs. She commented on the heritage perspective of SCITS noting that the school and the community roots should be showcased for years to come. She advised that she believes the numbers put forth but she is just not sure of the need to address the asbestos and accessibility needs immediately. She commented that if the grant is not approved, as it is not guaranteed, she feels it would result in a loss of programs which would be detrimental. She acknowledged the electorate and impact on the community. She encouraged Trustees to not support the Motion.

Trustee McGregor stated that he supported the Motion. He acknowledged the difficult process for all parties. He commented that no one wants to close a secondary school with the rich history of SCITS but that it is the responsibility of

Trustees to make decisions in the best interest of all students in the system. He commented on the need to combine the students and the need to select a site. He commented that the school board is not in the economic development business. He acknowledged that SCITS is a beautiful building and hoped that it could be repurposed for the community. He expressed his confidence in the data provided by Administration. He noted that there is room to expand at the SCSS site and improve the facility. He commented that the primary responsibility for the Board is student achieve and effective stewardship.

Student Trustee Cole Anderson requested that a Recorded Vote be taken to permit Student Trustees to participate in a Non-Binding vote.

Vice Chair McKinlay commented that he has spent numerous hours listening to presentations and reading letters and opinions shared. As a Trustee, he is elected to represent all the 22,000 students in the LKDSB and that it is the responsibility of the Board to provide education in a safe learning environment. He advised that he took exception to the comments from SCITS supporters that the Trustees do not care and advised that he has been a Trustee for 15 years and it is his responsibility to do what he feels it is correct. He noted that the accommodation review process belongs to the Ministry and that the Board is required to follow the Ministry's process which is why Director Costello made one recommendation. He advised that provincial funding is at the root of the conversation which created the need to bring an eight phase proposal forward. He referred to the fact that the FCI has been looked at in many ways. Initially 10 year data was provided and then 5 year data. The FCI figures are impacted by where you start the five year calculation. He feels the Ministry needs to provide clarity on where to start. He likened the FCI figures to EQAO testing. They both provide an idea of where we are at a point in time. He commented on the potential heritage designation for SCITS. Vice-Chair McKinlay commented that he hopes the building can be repurposed but he does not believe it is the mandate of the Board to maintain a heritage building. Funding is not provided and it will cost more money to maintain it as a heritage building. He referred to Minister Sandals' comments that she is the Minister of Education not the Minister of Schools. He clarified that the ARC members requested the additional information on asbestos. He stated that he understand asbestos is safe unless working with it and commented on the potential additional costs for work to be done over the next few years at SCITS. The costs are higher at SCITS and this cannot be overlooked. The structural engineer was asked to review the building in response to a request by the ARC members. He commented that the professionals who prepared the reports requested by the ARC members do not care what school is closed. They have no vested interest but every report was challenged as well as the integrity of the professionals. Director Costello contacted the professionals who provided that data to confirm their reports and confirmation was received. Vice-Chair McKinlay commented on the \$7.6M needed to address the dead end corridors at SCITS. He acknowledged that they may not be required to be fixed immediately but he advised that as a Trustee who is looking at putting 1100 students in the school it is a concern. He stated that it is the right thing to do to address the issues about the accessibility of the fire escapes in the building. He commented on what he felt was the assassination of the character of the Director of Education. He advised that in the fall of 2014 the Board of the day extended his contract for additional 5 years. Vice-Chair McKinlay commented on the tremendous leadership provided by Director Costello for the continuous improvement of the LKDSB students. He clarified that the comments he made are his opinion only. Vice-Chair McKinlay expressed support for the recommendation of Director Costello.

Trustee Sasseville thanked the community for the passion and information they shared with Trustees and their patience with Trustees as Trustees worked through the process. She spoke to the fact that unfortunately, the schools are not located in a growing community. She noted that it has been difficult for Administration to have their integrity questioned and thanked Administration for their work. She noted that there are opportunities and challenges at both schools. She reiterated that she was not from Sarnia but she had read, listened and tried to understand both schools. She walked the school halls as a person with a physical disability. She commented that for her, it was a heart versus a head decision. She looked for a reason to vote with her heart but in the end she is faced with what decision is in the best interest of students today, tomorrow and the next ten years. She commented that regrettably she cannot ignore the fact that costs at SCITS will be higher now and going forward. She advised that she would likely vote to support the recommendation.

Trustee Fletcher stated that he supported Trustee Sasseville's comments regarding it being a heart and mind decision. He referred to Trustee McKinlay's comments regarding the health and safety of the students being his priority.

Trustee Campbell stated that the LKDSB is in the business of educating students not in the business of maintaining heritage buildings. Student safety and providing educational programs for students is the priority. He suggested someone else should preserve the building.

Trustee Dodman commented on her review of the documents received from the community. She reflected on why she became a Trustee and her desire to ensure that children get the best education possible. She commented that the decision tonight needs to benefit students into the future and not just today. She advised that she supported the recommendation.

Trustee Rising clarified that as much as she believes in the school and its spirit and that the students will all have amazing program, her comments were not a slight on either school. It comes down to where the Board thinks the best options are for students. She clarified that that her decision is not a slight on the Director or Senior Administration. She advised that she supports the Director.

A Recorded Vote was requested. Chair Bryce commented on the Student Trustee's right to have a non-binding vote recorded in the Minutes.

Non-Binding Vote

Student Trustee Cole Anderson	No	
Student Trustee Brittany McLaren		Yes

Binding Vote

Bob Murphy		Yes
Lareina Rising	No	
Dave Douglas		Yes
Ruth Ann Dodman		Yes
Randy Campbell		Yes
Liz Hudie	No	
Scott McKinlay		Yes
Jane Bryce		Yes
Jack Fletcher		Yes
Shannon Sasseville		Yes
Tom McGregor		Yes

CARRIED.

#2015-88
Revised Boundaries for the Consolidated School and NCIVS approved

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded Tom McGregor,

“That the Board approve the revised boundaries for the consolidated St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia and Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS) School and the Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School (NCIVS) effective July 1, 2016 for implementation September 2016.”

Director Costello explained that the rationale was outlined in the Final Staff Report on page 35. Trustee Rising acknowledged the rationale provided for the proposed boundary but advised that she would prefer a more mixed population at both the consolidated school and NCIVS. Director Costello advised that all secondary schools are governed by the same open access rule. Unless the Board declared a school closed to transfer due to space, students can apply to attend an out of area secondary school and if there is room in the school and courses requested the Principal will admit them. They would have to provide their own transportation. He commented that there are a significant number of the Point Edward students already choosing to attend NCIVS. Superintendent Girardi commented on the choices currently being made by students now and that the proposed boundary change matches what parents are deciding for their students.

CARRIED.

#2105-89
Grandfathering with Transportation

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,

“That the Board approve “grandfathering” with transportation from September 2016 to June 2020, for students currently in Grades 8 to 12 affected by the boundary changes as outlined in the Proposed Boundary Package, effective July 1, 2016 for implementation in September 2016. No special conditions will be applied for siblings to attend the same school.”

CARRIED.

#2015-90
Sarnia South Secondary Schools ARC dissolved.

Moved by Bob Murphy, seconded by Dave Douglas,

“That the Board dissolve the Sarnia South Secondary Schools Accommodation Review Committee.”

On behalf of the Board, Chair Bryce expressed appreciation to the ARC members for their contributions to the accommodation review process.

CARRIED.

#2015-91
Ad Hoc Naming Committee Formed for the Consolidated School

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Randy Campbell,

“That the Board approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Naming Committee effective June 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 to recommend to the Board a name for the consolidated St. Clair Secondary School and Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School and provide a progress report to the Board at the August 30, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. The Board will appoint of two Trustees to serve on the Naming Committee.”

CARRIED.

#2016-92
Tender Report Chatham-Kent Secondary School Renovations, Gym Floor, Bleachers, RTU and Parking Lot
Report B-16-53

Superintendent McKay reported on the tender opening for renovations, gym floor bleachers, RTU and parking lot at Chatham-Kent Secondary School.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Bob Murphy,

“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder TCI Titan Group.”

CARRIED.

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Update Report B-16-54
- Trustee Hudie reported on the SEAC Meeting held on April 14, 2016 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School. Information was provided on the number of students identified as having autism and the number of potential students. SEAC members were provided with a presentation on “*Supporting Assistive Technology Users and Learning Disability Learners in Secondary Schools*”. The review of the Special Education Report amendments continued. A letter (dated April 13, 2016) from Minister Sandals to parents of applicants to Provincial and Demonstration Schools was shared with SEAC. The Association Representatives on SEAC provided updates
- Native Advisory Committee Update Report B-16-55
- Trustee Rising reported on the Native Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 20, 2016 at the Chatham Education Centre. The Delaware Nation announced that a re-structuring of their education department is underway following changes in staff. The Aamjiwnaang First Nation shared that a new shuttle service is in place for students attending Lambton College, and that transition workshops are underway for students entering grade nine in September. In addition, an evaluation of Aamjiwnaang’s Junior Kindergarten program has been completed. An area of focus will be supporting students who are transitioning into LKDSB schools. Walpole Island First Nation reported that the implementation of their balanced school year plan will be delayed a year until the fall of 2017. NAC members were advised that the request to have the grade eleven NBE 3C course made mandatory could not be allowed under Ministry policy. An update on the school consolidation process was shared. The annual student symposium is being held on May 12, 2016 at SCITS. Preliminary information about funding for FNMI work was provided and an update on secondary school course offerings for next year. NAC members supported the revised LKDSB policy and regulations on Voluntary Self-Identification for Students for presentation to Trustees for approval.
- Student Senate Update
- Student Trustee Anderson reported on the final Student Senate Meeting held on April 25, 2016. The main focus of the meeting was on electing the Student Trustees for the 2016/2017 school year. Ayla Jacobs from Chatham-Kent Secondary School and Keaton Jennings from St. Clair Secondary School were elected by the members of Student Senate.
- New Business
#2015-93
Trustees Supported Two Grant Application for Funding for Consolidated School
- Moved by Trustee Fletcher, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,
- “That the Trustees of the LKDSB support the Director of Education in submitting two grant applications for funding to the Ministry, one proposal for funding to enhance the learning environment of St. Clair Secondary School and another proposal for funding to build a new school.”
- Trustee Fletcher commented that he felt that the best solution going forward was the construction of a new school. SCSS is not as old as SCITS but will need further work into the future. He advised that building makes most sense fiscally and will serve the students of our community well into the future.
- Trustee Sasseville advised that she had toured both schools and she was concerned with the age of both. She supported submitting two proposals. Trustee Dodman supported submitting an application for a new school and commented on amenities at other new schools. In response to Trustee Campbell’s question, Director Costello confirmed that SCITS would be used while a new school was built. Director Costello reiterated his comments that approval to build a new school would be a long shot and that it would likely take 2 years to complete. Director Costello confirmed that the new school would be a Grade 9 to 12 secondary school and that the Board would still be submitting the application for a \$14M to upgrade SCSS.

CARRIED.

Trustee Question Period	In response to Student Trustee McLaren's question about the consequences of bullying, Superintendent Doey explained that bullying is a suspendable offence and that consequences increase for repeat incidents. Student behaviour is reviewed as part of the process. It is usually a progressive discipline approach depending on the situation. Students are held accountable for their behaviour.
Announcements	The May 24, 2016 Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Sarnia Education Centre, 7:00 p.m.
Adjournment 9:50 p.m.	There being no further business, Chair Bryce declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board