

PRESENT:

- Trustees:** Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Derek Robertson
- 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
- Student Trustees:** Simon Harris and Byren Newcombe
- Regrets:** Trustee Lareina Rising and Student Trustee Aurora Bressette
- 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 read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
Chair Bryce welcomed Student Trustees Harris and Newcombe, Superintendent Mancini and Director Howitt.
Chair Bryce read an in Memoriam for Student Kathy Banman and Student Kyle Benedict.
- #2019-99**
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Derek Robertson , seconded by Jack Fletcher
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2019 be approved."
CARRIED.
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None
- #2019-100**
Approval of the Minutes June 25, 2019 Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Derek Robertson,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2019."
CARRIED.
- Business Arising** None
- Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session** Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Derek Robertson,
"That the Board excuse Trustee McKinlay from attending Board Meetings from August 27, to November 1, 2019."
CARRIED.
- #2019-101**
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Brittany Jenkins,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."
CARRIED.
- Presentations:**
Director of Education's Snap Shots of Excellence Director Howitt commented on the incredibly warm welcome he had received from everyone in the LKDSB. He commented on his visits to some of the schools and noted that many education workers work all summer. They are deep cleaning the buildings, carrying out information technology projects and working on renovations over the summer. He presented the Director's Snap Shots of Excellence which demonstrated the incredible work done to ready the facilities for the start of the school year. Projects included Tecumseh Public School, McNaughton Avenue Public School, resurfacing of the Chatham Regional Education Centre parking lot, Queen Elizabeth II Public School Chatham, Cathcart Boulevard Public School, Colonel Cameron Public School, Great Lakes

Secondary School, High Park Public School, Lansdowne Public School, Indian Creek Road Public School, Errol Road Public School, North Lambton Secondary School, Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Blenheim District High School, Wallaceburg District Secondary School, H. W. Burgess Public School, Queen Elizabeth II Public School Sarnia, Northern Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Hillcrest Public School, A. A. Wright Public School and gaga ball game pits installed at various schools.

Director Howitt stated that the new theatre at GLSS should be ready for December. The cafeteria is ready for students for the first day of school, but the kitchen is still under construction. The gymnasium, weight room and post-secondary quality greenhouse are ready as well as the library, welding bays and offices. He thanked all the dedicated staff.

Director Howitt shared pictures of the summer learning experiences, international education opportunities for students and staff, educators in Taiwan, and Commander Hadfield, who attended King George VI Public School in Sarnia, dedicating his Canadian Walk of Fame star to the school. Director Howitt advised that the LKDSB Summer Institute would be taking place at Lambton Kent Composite School (LKCS) on August 28, 2019 for educators from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Bryce expressed appreciation to all employees for the hard work done over the summer to refresh and improve the learning environments for students.

Delegations:

None

Questions from the Public

None

LKDSB Policy and Regulations on *Advertising on School Board Property* Report B-19-77

Director Howitt advised that the policy and regulations on *Advertising on School Board Property* have been reviewed. He stated that feedback from schools indicated that there was a need to provide further clarification to protect instructional time for students. Public Relations Office Hughes reviewed the documents. She clarified that the focus was on sharing information that has direct educational benefit for students and is offered during the instructional day. Exceptions would continue as outlined in the corresponding LKDSB administrative procedure.

#2019-102

Policy and regulations on *Advertising on School Board Property* revised

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Board approve the revised policy and regulations on *Advertising on School Board Property*.”

CARRIED.

#2019-103

LKDSB Policy and Regulations on *Attendance Support Program* Report B-19-78

Director Howitt advised that the policy and regulations on *Attendance Support Program* have been reviewed as part of the Board's cyclical review.

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Brittany Jenkins,

“That the Board approve the revised policy and regulations on *Attendance Support Program*.”

Superintendent Girardi confirmed that significant changes were not made to the documents. LKDSB policies no longer include introductory statements, so the statement was removed from the policy. The regulation was updated to reflect current terminology and suggestions from the LKDSB lawyers. He advised that there is a communication plan in place leading up to the October 1, 2019 implementation date to ensure staff are prepared.

CARRIED.

Disposition of Surplus
Real Property – 275
Wellington Street, Sarnia
(former Sarnia Collegiate
Institute and Technical
School SCITS)
Report B-19-79

Superintendent McKay referred to the motion passed by the Board at the May 10, 2016 Board Meeting that approved 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 the closure of the SCITS site as of July 1, 2017. He advised that the consolidation of the two schools at the newly renovated Murphy Road site has occurred. He explained that the Board is now in a position to proceed with disposition of this surplus property, in accordance with the Ministry of Education Ontario Regulation 444/98. Administration will be issuing letters to the required public sector bodies under the Ministry's process. If no party expresses interest in purchasing the property, Administration will seek approval from the Ministry to put the property on the open market for sale. Superintendent McKay confirmed that the 275 Wellington Street property can still be used for community use and that the Board will ensure that the facility is safe, secure and maintained.

#2019-104
Disposition of Surplus
Property 275 Wellington
Street, Sarnia approved

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Janet Barnes,

“That the Board declare the property at 275 Wellington Street, Sarnia (former Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School) surplus to the Board's needs and dispose of the said property in accordance with the Ministry Regulation 444/98.”

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the tier one group has 90 days to respond to the LKDSB once they receive a letter. Administration will be issuing the letters within the next couple of days.

CARRIED.

Ontario Public School
Boards' Association
(OPSBA) Update
Report B-19-80

Trustee Fletcher provided a summary on the Joint 2019 Conference of Canadian School Board Association Congress and OPSBA held on July 3 to 6, 2019. He advised that he has detailed notes that he can provide if Trustees are interested. He referred to the common areas of focus and concern across the country. He noted the fortunate position that the LKDSB is in with good healthy relationships with staff focused on improving student learning opportunities. Chair Bryce thanked Trustee Fletcher for attending on behalf of the LKDSB.

International Education
Update
Report B-19-81

Superintendent Lane commented on the International Education workshop held on August 27 prior to the Board Meeting. She provided an update on the LKDSB's International Education Program. The program is touching more students at more schools through its innovative projects, inbound and outbound experiences for students and through partnerships with the community. Last year the Board had over 200 students from 23 countries attend LKDSB schools. The students attended 13 schools. The International Education staff are working with post-secondary institutions to create opportunities for the students. She commented on the outbound opportunities for LKDSB students and staff. Superintendent Lane commended the International Education department staff for all the work they do to make the program a success. Chair Bryce commented on the excellent workshop provided.

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent McKay provided a summary of the capital projects that took place over the summer. Director Howitt's Snap Shots of Excellence presentation included pictures of the projects. Superintendent McKay stated that work at Great Lakes Secondary School (GLSS) is ongoing. The existing school is open to staff and students. Rooms in the addition will be opened as they become available. The auditorium should be completed by the end of December.

Superintendent McKay advised that the Ministry opened up the Capital Priorities funding at the end of August. Administration will be submitting an application for the King George VI Public School Chatham gymnasium. They will be reaching out to the school for updated letters of support to be submitted with the application to the Ministry. Administration also plans to submit an application for a gymnasium addition at Northern Collegiate Institute and Vocational School.

Superintendent McKay advised that Warwick Township is undertaking construction of a major new arena, ball diamond and soccer pitch adjacent to East Lambton Elementary School. Administration is working with the Township to revamp the outdoor space at the school.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that the elevator at GLSS is fully operational. Superintendent McKay confirmed that students and staff are not allowed in any areas under construction. The construction areas are properly fenced off and barricades are in place. Safety and security are taken very seriously.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that Administration is waiting for approval from the Ministry for the Chatham Kent Secondary School project. Administration continues to push the Ministry's Capital Analyst for approval to bump out a wall 10 feet. The Ministry deemed it an addition to the school. It does not qualify for Capital Project Funding. Administration has met with the local MPP about the project. Administration is ready to tender the project once approval is received.

Chair Bryce commented on the excitement around the opening of GLSS and thanked everyone involved for the work done.

Superintendent McKay confirmed that only one contractor can be on the GLSS site at one time. The contractor is responsible for any issue or accident. The Ministry of Labour requires one responsible party. The site would need to be turned into two separate sites to bring in a second contractor. It is not a recommended course of action.

Trustee Questions

In response to Student Trustee Harris's question about the recent Ministry announcement about secondary class size, Director Howitt explained that the announcement did not change the staffing levels at the LKDSB. Administration staffed the schools based on the local collective agreement class size requirement of 22:1. There has been no change.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Chatham Education Centre.

Adjournment:
8:05 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board