

PRESENT:**Trustees:**

Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Lareina Rising

Staff:

Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Student Trustees:

Lexi Graham and Rihana Kukkadi

Regrets:

Trustee Derek Robertson and Student Trustee Autumn Bressette

Excused:

Trustee Scott McKinlay

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.

She welcomed incoming Student Trustee Byren Newcombe and incoming Director of Education Howitt.

#2019-67

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Dave Douglas,

"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2019 be approved."

CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

#2019-68

Approval of the Minutes April 23, 2019

Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Janet Barnes,

"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2019."

CARRIED.

Business Arising

None

#2019-69

Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded Janet Barnes,

"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."

CARRIED.

Presentations:

None

Delegations:

None

Questions from the Public

None

#2019-70

LKDSB Policy and Regulations on Employees Holding Appointed or Elected Public Offices
Report B-19-47Director Costello advised that the Board policy and regulations on *Employees Holding Appointed or Elected Public Offices* have been reviewed as part of the Board's 4 year cyclical review. Changes are not recommended.

Moved by Lareina Rising, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

"That the Board approve the review of the policy and regulations on *Employees Holding Appointed or Elected Public Offices*."

CARRIED.

LKDSB Policy and
Regulations on Access to
Schools
Report B-19-48

#2019-71
Policy and Regulations on
Access to Schools

#2019-72
Tender Award Roof
Replacement, Window and
Door Upgrades at Hillcrest
Public School
Report B-19-48

OPSBA Report

Director Costello advised that the policy and regulations on *Access to Schools and Board Property have been reviewed as part of the Board's cyclical review*. The policy statement has been revised to reflect the Board's philosophy in a concise manner. Changes are not recommended for the regulations. Director Costello referenced the Education Act, Sec 265 (m), which gives principals the power, where they determine that the presence of the visitor would be detrimental to the physical or mental wellbeing of a particular student or students generally, to refuse admission to a visitor. He referenced the corresponding LKDSB Administrative Procedures *Access to Pupils* that outlines the steps principals follow to refuse an individual admission to school property. He explained the two types of trespass letters that can be issued and the review process.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Greg Agar,

"That the Board approve the revised policy and the review of the regulations on *Access to Schools*."

CARRIED.

Superintendent McKay reported on the tender opening for the roof replacement, window and door upgrades at Hillcrest Public School. The School Condition Improvement funding will be used to cover the \$838,092.45 cost of the project

Moved by Brittany Jenkins, seconded by Greg Agar,

"That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Maaten Construction Limited for roof replacement, window and door upgrades at Hillcrest Public School."

CARRIED.

Trustee Fletcher referred to the information he shared with Trustees from the May 3 and 4, 2019 OPSBA Directors' Meeting. He shared an additional summary electronically with Trustees and encouraged Trustees to read the publications posted on the OPSBA website. He commented on the importance of student voice and noted that Director Costello has always supported student voice as well as the LKDSB Student Senate. He noted the need to keep in mind what is best for our students. Superintendent McKay confirmed that the Ministry just announced that they will be taking \$1,300 from school board budgets for each international education student. For the LKDSB this will total approximately \$146,000. The international education students pay tuition fees to attend LKDSB schools. Trustee Fletcher referenced the impact budget cuts may have on the Mental Health Coalition. He shared that the OPSBA budget is in good shape with a \$260,000 surplus. OPSBA staff are recommending a rebate to school boards. Some OPSBA Directors thought the funding should stay with OPSBA to assist with their advocacy initiatives. A motion on this topic will come to the OPSBA AGM in July.

Chair Bryce asked Trustees to contact her if they were not receiving updates from OPSBA. As Chair, she has been receiving letters from other school boards about the funding changes and their impact on students. The letters are written to the Minister on behalf of the school board. She explained that she has used Director Costello's statements when speaking with the media to confirm that the LKDSB's number one priority is programs and options for students in schools. These challenging times and funding changes will have a direct impact on the ability of school boards to offer programs for students, particularly in rural schools

#2019-73

Chair to send letter to
Minister regarding funding
concerns

with declining enrolment. She questioned if the Board would support sending a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the LKDSB concerns.

Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman

"That the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the LKDSB's concerns regarding the funding reductions and the negative impact on student success."

Director Costello advised that Administration will be submitting a report as well as the Council of Directors of Education (CODE). May 31, 2019 is the deadline for submissions.

CARRIED.

Special Education
Advisory Committee
Report
Report B-19-50

Trustee Barnes reported on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting held on April 18, 2019 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School. SEAC members heard presentations from representatives on the LKDSB Student Enrichment program and School Multi-Disciplinary Teams. SEAC members continued to review sections of the Special Education Plan. SEAC members were informed of the planned program reviews - *Learning Disability Program* and the *Alternative Learning and Lifeskills Program*.

Superintendent Barrese extended an invitation to Trustees to attend the SEAC Meeting on June 6, 2019. It will be held at the Clubhouse at Baldoon in Wallaceburg. It will be a celebration of student success. Students will be presenting information on what they have worked on throughout the year.

Student Senate Report

Student Trustee Graham reported on the Student Senate Meeting held on May 6, 2019. She advised that mental health was one of their priorities this year. At the meeting, each Senator explained the different approaches taken at each school to encourage students to complete the School Climate Survey. The Student Senate also wrote a letter to send to the local MPPs about the need for better funding for mental health services targeted towards adolescents in the LKDSB and across the province. She advised that the Senators were asked to complete a survey to gather input on the future of the Student Senate. Draft recommendations and next steps will be shared with the Student Senate, Director Costello and incoming Student Trustees.

Student Trustee Kukkadi advised that Student Senators were asked to complete a survey for the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) about eLearning. They were also asked to take it back to their schools for completion by students who have and have not taken e-Learning courses. OSTA has released a vision document *The Students' Vision for Education* dated May 6, 2019, which contains recommendations to improve the publicly funded education system. Student Trustee Kukkadi confirmed that she is currently taking a kinesiology course through e-Learning. Student Trustee Graham advised that she tried to take an e-Learning course in Grade 10 but realized she did not learn that way. However, last year in Grade 11, she did complete a Grade 12 e-Learning course. Both Student Trustees confirmed that their schools do not have a hub.

Director Costello complemented the Students Trustees and the Student Senators for their work. They are examples of the student leadership in our schools. The Senate is moving away from feeling that they must complete projects and towards trying to influence change locally and provincially. He proposed a possible meeting/workshop with Trustees about what is important in school learning environments.

Elementary Teacher/Board Communications Committee Report B-19-51	Trustee Dodman stated that the Elementary Teacher/Board Communications Committee met on April 23, 2019. Members discussed the completion of report cards, absence reporting, inclement weather procedures, school parking lots and student support.
Parent Involvement Committee Report	Director Costello reported on the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting held on May 13, 2019. Superintendent McKay attended to provide budget information. PIC members are concerned about the loss of revenue and suggested that their concerns be submitted to the Ministry as well. PIC is sponsoring two parent evenings on Wednesday, May 22 (Sarnia-Lambton schools @ AMSS) and Thursday, May 23 (Chatham-Kent schools @ CKSS) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening events are focused on strategies to help support students develop and foster healthy relationships. The keynote speaker is Marianne Vardalos from URSTRONG .
	Trustee Rising advised that she attended the PIC meeting and was really impressed with the level of questions asked during the budget presentation to help them understand the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and messaging from MPPs. She noted that Director Costello and Superintendent McKay did a really great job explaining the complicated situation.
Annual Costing of the Electronic Access Control – 12 locations Report B-19-52	Superintendent McKay advised that the LKDSB is in the final phase of implementing the electronic access control to all exterior doors, as initiated in accordance with the Ministry “Safe Welcome Initiative”, May 2013. For the 2018/2019 school year, 53 sets of exterior doors at 12 schools are scheduled for installation of keyfob access. This will complete access control on all major exterior doors at these 12 locations. The total project budget is \$358,082.04.
2019/2020 Budget Update	Superintendent McKay advised that Administration is still waiting for the technical papers to be released by the Ministry. The technical papers contain about 150 lists and explanations for the changes to GSN and how the changes will work. Usually the Ministry releases the technical papers then opens up EFIS to school boards to complete their budgets. This year, they opened EFIS on May 7, 2019 without the technical papers. He explained that the technical papers are needed to understand how to apply the new attrition funding piece. The attrition funding is to address the teacher redundancies school boards are facing. He confirmed that Administration still plans to meet the June 11 deadline to present the budget to the Trustees for approval. Superintendent McKay confirmed that attrition funding is a new concept for school boards. The Ministry could have phased in the secondary class size change from 22 to 28 over four years through the Pupil Foundation Grant but they chose to move to 28 for September 2019. The new attrition funding is supposed to be a bridge to allow school boards to bring back some of the laid off teachers. The attrition funding is shown on a different line and is expected to decrease each year for four years. He advised that the term attrition funding has been used in other sectors, but not like this.
New Business	Trustee Fletcher commented on the work of OSTA. He noted that the incoming Student Trustees do not take office until August 1 and that the OSTA AGM is on May 26. He noted that some incoming student trustees from other school boards attend the OSTA AGM. Student Trustees Graham and Kukkadi confirmed that they are not able to attend the OSTA AGM. They spoke to the value of attending OSTA events. It was noted that the LKDSB regulations cover current Student Trustees, not incoming Student Trustees. It was suggested that the Board allow at least one of the incoming Student Trustees to attend the OSTA AGM to assist with transition.

Student Trustee Graham commented that she felt that attending the OSTA AGM as an incoming Student Trustee would have benefited the transition process to the role. There are opportunities for incoming Student Trustees to sit on OSTA Committees that are only available at the AGM. Valuable early networking connections could be established.

Director Costello confirmed that the term of office for Student Trustees runs from August 1 to July 31. Student Trustees are provided with a \$3,000 professional development budget. If the incoming Student Trustees were to attend the OSTA AGM, they would have to have a chaperone and signed consent from a parent/guardian to attend. He confirmed that if the Board approved their attendance, Administration could secure the funding. Superintendent McKay confirmed that there is sufficient funding in the Trustee professional development budget to cover this cost. Director Costello noted that if the Board approved their attendance it would create a precedent going forward.

Incoming Director Howitt advised that he was not aware that the incoming Student Trustees from the Greater Essex County District School Board attend the OSTA AGM and expressed his support for individuals attending events that assist with transitions.

Student Trustee Graham explained that other school boards allow the incoming Student Trustees to use the leftover budgets of the outgoing Student Trustees to cover the cost of attending the OSTA AGM. Superintendent McKay commented that the Trustee professional development budget could be reviewed on a year by year basis to ensure the funding would be available for the incoming student trustees to attend. Director Costello advised that the estimated cost for each student to attend is \$1,500 to \$2,000 (registration, accommodation, travel, meals). Director Costello confirmed that the cost of attending the OSTA AGM would not be taken out of the \$3,000 professional development budget the Student Trustees will receive for the 2019/2020 school year. This would be additional funding provided to the incoming Student Trustees.

#2019-74

Incoming Student Trustees
able to attend OSTA AGM

Moved by Lareina Rising, second by Ruth Ann Dodman,

"That the Board allow the incoming Student Trustees to attend the OSTA Annual General Meeting in the school year prior to the start of their term of office on August 1."

The incoming Student Trustees would be required to obtain signed consent from their parent/guardian to be able to attend the OSTA AGM.

CARRIED.

Executive Assistant Johnston will communicate with the incoming Student Trustees.

Trustee Questions

In response to Trustee Barnes' question, Superintendent McKay advised that Great Lakes Secondary School has the only gymnasium/auditorium that is rated A1 by the provincial building and fire code for school performances. All the rest of the gyms/auditoriums are rated A2. Trustee Barnes confirmed that she did not have any safety concerns it was just a general question.

Student Trustee Graham referred to the secondary program workshop presented prior to the Board Meeting and commented on the technology component and the use of iPads from a student's perspective. She acknowledged that she can see the positive aspects in classrooms. She noted that in the day to day lives with teachers and students, she has seen struggles. She shared that her

younger brothers have their own iPads, but they prefer to use paper and pen or a laptop. She noted that it is not always the most effective teaching strategy for some students. She commented on how easy it is to become distracted using electronic devices because of the other applications available on the device. She thinks it is a great initiative, but she thinks it could use some tweaking.

Director Costello expressed appreciation for Student Trustee Graham's comments. He commented on the number of Technology Enriched Learning Plan (TELP) surveys done to collect data from staff, students and parents. He advised that Superintendent Sherman is issuing a memo this week indicating the changes to the TELP model for September 2019. TELP has been successful but the mindset is changing and there is a shift towards laptops. Students who do not use the LKDSB issued iPads will be encouraged to turn them in so the device can be redeployed. Director Costello advised that incoming Director Howitt oversees information technology initiatives in his current position. Director Costello commented that he feels good about what TELP accomplished and the change in direction.

In response to Trustee Barnes' question about access to the survey results completed by the Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) Grade 7 and 8 students regarding the proposed bell time changes, Superintendent Sherman advised that it was a grassroots movement to go to single bell times for Grade 7 to 12 students at WDSS. Currently the Grade 7 and 8 students arrive later and leave later than the Grade 9 to 12 students. An information session was held on May 13, 2019 to share information and gather input on the proposed change. Current Grade 6 students and their families were invited to attend the session as well. The change would result in increased program opportunities for students and staff with the school being more integrated and increased opportunities for student voice. The idea was suggested by the School Council. Administration has consulted with the Transportation Manager and the change could be implemented for September 2019. Superintendent Sherman shared the survey summary data. Data showed that 85% of the students supported the change and thought it would provide more program opportunities and 74% of the students thought it would provide more school involvement.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Sarnia Education Centre.

Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School (AMSS) is celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 1, 2019 from 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Trustees are welcome to attend.

Adjournment:
8:31 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board