

PRESENT:

- Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes (via teleconference), Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Lareina Rising, Derek Robertson
- Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes
- Student Trustees: Aurora Bressette and Byren Newcombe
- Excused: Trustee Scott McKinlay
- Regrets: Trustee Dave Douglas, Student Trustee Simon Harris and Superintendent Ben Hazzard
- Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer
- Call to Order: Director Howitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained that as per the LKDSB Procedural By-laws and the Education Act, the Director presides over the meeting until a Chair of the Board is elected. Director Howitt read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Director Howitt explained that, on August 1, 2019, he joined a dedicated staff of nearly 3000 employees who, regardless of their role, put the nearly 22,000 students first. Everyone works hard to address the needs of the students and focus on their best outcomes. He noted that this has been very evident in his school visits. He has nearly completed his goal of visiting all 62 schools and 2 alternative and continuing education sites before the holiday break. He commented that this goal will be accomplished on December 13, 2019. He noted that throughout these visits he has been warmly welcomed by students, staff and volunteers who are all eager to tell him that he is visiting the best school in the province. It is a great feeling to know we have such broad support in our schools. He commented that equally, the Trustees provide strong governance on behalf of the students and the entire Senior Administrative team looks forward to operationalizing our Vision of "Our Students Shaping our World" and our Mission of "Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day." He noted the important work before everyone in the coming year to refresh our Strategic Plan and its priorities. He informed Trustees that this work will begin on Friday, March 6, 2020 and that more details will be shared with Trustees soon. Director Howitt stated that he takes great pride in being the Director of Education for the Lambton Kent District School Board. The Trustees, staff, Indigenous partners and communities all support students. He is looking forward to another year of incredible success for the LKDSB students.

Musical Performance Director Howitt welcomed the members of the Sir John Moore Community School Choir, staff, parents/guardians and community members to the Board Meeting. He advised that the members of the Sir John Moore Choir will be performing a few musical selections including O'Canada under the direction of Mme Curts and Mlle Millar. He introduced Principal Smith as well.

Invocation Superintendent Lane delivered the invocation.

#2020-1 Appointment of Student Trustee Scrutineers Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman, "That the Board appoint Student Trustees Bressette and Newcombe to serve as Scrutineers for the Annual Organization Meeting."

CARRIED.

Director Howitt invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for the term December 3, 2019 to December 1, 2020.

#2020-2
Nominations for Election of
the Chair of the Board

Moved by Janet Barnes,

"That Jane Bryce be nominated to serve as Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

Moved by Greg Agar,

That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

Trustees Bryce and Fletcher allowed their names to stand.

#2020-3
Nominations Closed for
Election of Chair of the
Board

Moved by Randy Campbell , seconded by Brittany Jenkins

"That the nominations for Chair of the Board be closed."

CARRIED.

Trustee Fletcher addressed the Board and outlined the reasons he felt he should be elected to the position of Chair of the Board.

Trustee Bryce addressed the Board and outlined the reasons she felt she should be elected to the position of Chair of the Board.

Election of Chair

Trustee Bryce was elected to the position of Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Chair position.

Address by the Chair

Chair Bryce addressed the Board and shared an inspirational message. She expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone in the room for their commitment to public education. She thanked everyone for their dedication to and pride in our system, in our schools and most of all in our students. She reflected on the accomplishments of the Board over the past 11 months. She noted that the Director's Entry Plan is almost complete and stated that everyone is looking forward to coming together to work as a team to improve the strategic plan that will carry the Board forward into the next decade. She commented that the Board was still waiting for the moratorium on pupil accommodation review to be lifted. She commented that the job of Trustees is to deliver meaningful learning and timely services to the LKDSB students. She noted the need for the Ministry to give school boards the supports and tools they need to accomplish their goals of providing quality education. Trustees are locally elected for the good of the whole, governing today and holding in trust the future leaders. She thanked Trustees for their involvement, vision and being ready to shape the future of the LKDSB.

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board for the term December 3, 2019 to December 1, 2020.

#2020-4
Nominations for Vice-Chair
of the Board

Moved by Greg Agar,

"That Randy Campbell be nominated to serve as Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

Trustee Campbell allowed his name to stand.

Moved by Trustee Jenkins.

"That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

	Trustee Fletcher declined the nomination.	
#2020-5 Nominations Closed for Election of Vice-Chair of the Board	Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Lareina Rising, "That the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed."	CARRIED
	Trustee Campbell allowed his name to stand.	
Election of Vice-Chair	Trustee Campbell was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Vice-Chair position.	
Address by Vice-Chair	Vice-Chair Campbell thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chair. He commented that one of the purposes of the Trustee position is to reflect the needs of community and the district of the Board. He noted that this is going to be very apparent in the coming term with the declining student population in some areas and the aging school facilities. He commented that this can be accomplished, as in the past, with all Trustees working together and keeping an open mind and coming up with a solution that will be beneficial to both students and their communities. He referenced the LKDSB Motto <i>Student Achievement / Community Success</i> and commented that he is looking forward to the coming year.	
	Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the LKDSB.	
#2020-6 Nomination for OPSBA Delegate	Moved by Greg Agar, "That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."	
#2020-7 Nomination Closed for OPSBA Delegate	Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Greg Agar, "That the nominations for the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."	CARRIED.
	Trustee Fletcher allowed his name to stand.	
OPSBA Delegate	Trustee Fletcher was acclaimed as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Trustee Fletcher commented that he has served as the LKDSB OPSBA delegate for two or three terms and noted the importance of the role. Going forward, he encouraged all Trustees to review the OPSBA material he will be sharing.	
	Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate for the LKDSB.	
#2020-8 Nominations for Election of OPSBA Alternate	Moved by Lareina Rising, "That Ruth Ann Dodman be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."	
	Trustee Dodman allowed her name to stand for alternate.	
#2020-9 Nominations for OPSBA Alternate be closed	Moved by Lareina Rising, seconded by Greg Agar, "That the nominations for the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."	CARRIED.

Election of OPSBA
Alternate

Trustee Dodman was acclaimed to the position of LKDSB Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Trustee Dodman commented that she is looking forward to challenge of hosting a regional OPSBA meeting.

#2020-10
Appointment of Signing
Officers of the Board
Report B-20-01

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Derek Robertson,

"That for the term December 19, 2019 to December 1, 2020 the Board appoint John Howitt, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, and Brian McKay, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer of the Board, as the official signing officers of the Board."

CARRIED.

#2020-11
Appointment of Legal
Counsel for the Board
Report B-20-01

Moved Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

"That for the term December 3, 2019 to December 1, 2020, the Board appoint the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley; (b) Harrison Pensa as its official legal firms to conduct business."

CARRIED.

#2020-12
Appointment of Auditors
for the Board
Report B-20-01

Moved by Brittany Jenkins, seconded by Derek Robertson,

"That for the term December 3, 2019 to December 1, 2020, the Board appoint the auditing firm of Bailey Kearney Ferguson LLP as its official auditor."

CARRIED.

Chair Bryce explained that the Striking Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past-Chair, Chair, Vice-Chair and Director of Education. At present, the Board does not have a Past Chair. According to the Board By-laws, the Board is required to appoint a Trustee to the Striking Committee.

#2020-13
Trustee Robertson
Appointed to the Striking
Committee

Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Greg Agar,

"That the Board appoint Trustee Robertson to serve on the Striking Committee."

CARRIED.

The Striking Committee retired to meet and confirm Trustees' Board Committee appointments for the upcoming year.

Report of the Striking
Committee
Report B-20-02

Director Howitt explained that as per Ontario Reg 464/97: Special Education Advisory Committees, all members of Special Education Advisory Committees are appointed for a four-year term. At the January 15, 2019 LKDSB Board Meeting, the Board appointed the community members as well as the Trustee members (Barnes and Robertson) and alternate (Trustee Fletcher) to serve on the LKDSB Special Education Advisory Committee. Members are required to serve a four-year term like the Audit Committee. There are provisions for the Board to appoint a member if someone steps down before the four-year term is over. Trustees Barnes, Robertson and Fletcher confirmed they understood the four-year commitment. Trustees agreed with Trustees Barnes, Robertson and Fletcher serving the four-year term.

#2020-14
Trustees appointed for a
four-year term to SEAC

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Brittany Jenkins,

"That the Board understands and confirms that as per Ontario Reg 464/97: Special Education Advisory Committees, Trustees Barnes and Robertson were appointed as members and Trustee Fletcher as an alternate, to the LKDSB Special Education Advisory Committee for a four-year term, effective January 15, 2019."

CARRIED.

Chair Bryce presented the report of the Striking Committee. Trustees were provided with copies of the LKDSB Trustee Board Committee Assignments. All committees are required to elect a Chair for the Committee at the first meeting.

#2020-15
Committee Structure
Approved

Moved by Lareina Rising, seconded by Greg Agar,

“That the Board approve the Striking Committee Report on the Trustee Board Committee Assignments for the period from December 3, 2019 to December 1, 2020 as outlined in Report B-20-02.”

Chair Bryce confirmed that alternates can attend Committee Meetings but unless they are replacing the Trustee committee member, they cannot make motions or speak at the table.

CARRIED.

#2020-16
Ballots to be Destroyed

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Greg Agar,

“That all ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board