Present:

Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann

Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Elizabeth Hudie, Tom McGregor, Bob

Murphy, Shannon Sasseville

Student Trustee

Cole Anderson and Brittany McLaren

Staff:

Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Joy Badder, Dave Doey, Mike Gilfoyle, Gary Girardi, Taf Lounsbury and Phil Warner, System Coordinator Student

Achievement Secondary Mark Sherman

Regrets:

Trustee Lareina Rising

Recording Secretary:

Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order:

Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced Mark Sherman. As of August 1, 2016, he will be the Superintendent of Education-Program: Student Success/Secondary. He is replacing Superintendent Gilfoyle who is retiring July 31, 2016. On behalf of the Trustees, Chair Bryce thanked

Superintendent Gilfoyle for his services to students of the LKDSB.

#2016-120

Approval of the Agenda

June/28/2016

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Tom McGregor,

"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting Public Session of June

28, 2016 be approved."

CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No declarations of conflict of interest were issued.

#2016-121

Approval of Minutes June/14/2016

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Randy Campbell,

"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June

14, 2016."

CARRIED.

#2016-122 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.

Presentations Recognition of the 2015/2016 Student **Trustees**

On behalf of the Trustees and Senior Administration, Chair Bryce thanked Student Trustees Brittany McLaren and Cole Anderson for their contributions at the Board Table. She congratulated the students on the scholarships that they received to help with their post-secondary education costs. Student Trustee McLaren will be attending Queen's University and Student Trustee Anderson will be attending the University of Western Ontario. They both will be studying kinesiology. Chair Bryce presented them with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Secondary Student Art Sarnia Lambton

Trustee Hudie commented on her positive experience participating in the selection of secondary student art for Sarnia Lambton. She explained that art shows were held at the Gallery in the Grove and the Lawrence House. She thanked the students for allowing their pieces to be leased by the Board for one year. Northern student Joseph laccino advised that his painting was called Blue Tree. He explained that he was inspired by nature. Northern student Michelle Yao advised that her charcoal work was a self-portrait. Northern students Jacoba Plommer and Anita Voropajev were unable to attend but their pieces of art were displayed. Jacoba Plommer's painting was called Homage to Georgia and Anita Voropajev's was a charcoal piece. Director Costello commented on the enthusiastic demonstration of student achievement. He thanked the students, parents and staff for attending.

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:

- 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
- 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.

Susan MacKenzie asked when the school consolidation capital application for funding would be made available to the public. Superintendent McKay advised that it was a Capital Priorities Grant application that Administration submitted to the Ministry electronically. Information will be made available when the Ministry announces the awards. Director Costello explained that the application is generated electronically and submitted on line. Superintendent McKay explained that Administration posts everything right onto the Ministry website. The site is password protected. To the best of Administration's knowledge the Ministry does not share the information. Chair Bryce confirmed that Trustees do not see the application as it is submitted on-line.

Report from the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidated Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School (SCITS) and St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) Report B-16-87 Trustee Murphy reported on the June 20, 2016 Meeting of the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Consolidated Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School (SCITS) and St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS). There was good attendance at the Meeting. The School Council representative for SCITS has had to step down so a replacement is being arranged. Committee members reviewed the LKDSB Regulations which contain some criteria for names. Trustee Murphy explained that the Committee Members felt that the new name should stay away from the names of the existing schools in their entirety. They did not support the new name reflecting SCSS or SCITS short forms either.

Trustee Murphy explained the two phase process for input from all stakeholder groups. Phase one involves the option of submitting a suggestion electronically. Under the ARC – Sarnia South Secondary School section of the LKDSB website, an electronic form will be available for stakeholders to submit proposed names for the renamed school with accompanying rationale. The option of printing off the form and submitting a hardcopy by mail or drop off will also be available. Hard copies may be placed in drop boxes at SCITS, SCSS and both LKDSB Board Offices. Electronic submission and hard copy submissions will be accepted from July 6 to July 27, 2016.

He explained that Phase 2 involves the Committee Members developing a short list of names between 4 to 5 to post on the LKDSB website for further stakeholder input. This phase will be open between August 3 and 17. Committee members will then meet on August 18, 2016 to review the data and come up with a recommendation by August 23 to be included on the August 30, 2016 Board Agenda. Committee Members wanted to move the process along through the summer so a name could be in place for September to allow the Transition Committee to proceed with selecting a mascot and logo for the consolidated school.

Chair Bryce congratulated Trustees Murphy and Douglas for serving on the Committee and the Committee Members' willingness to work over the summer for the benefit of the students. Trustee Murphy clarified that the Committee Members agreed that it will not be a voting process to select the name and the outcome would not be bound by any hierarchy of process. The idea behind posting a shortlist was for people to provide input who may not have originally submitted a name.

Special Education Advisory Committee Report (SEAC) Report B-16-88 Trustee Hudie reported on the SEAC meeting held on June 16, 2016 at Wallaceburg District Secondary School. An overview of the initiatives that the Special Education Department and its Itinerant Teams were involved in during the 2015/2016 school year was provided as well as some of the initiatives planned for the 2016/2017 school year. The 2016/2017 Special Education funding has been reduced by approximately \$500,000 and student needs are on the increase. As a result, the Special Education Team has been working to build staff capacity and offer differentiated supports to schools. It was noted that a Transitional Pool of Educational Assistants was created to respond to student needs. The projected Special Education staffing complement for 201/2017 was shared. The Association Representatives on SEAC provided updates. Trustee Hudie noted that the Ministry made a recent announcement that students formerly not entitled to funding for Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) will now receive the services they need.

Consolidated St. Clair Secondary School and Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School Transition Process Update Superintendent Girardi advised that the SCSS/SCITS Transition Committee met on June 22. They were advised that the School Administration will be comprised of Principal Paul Wiersma and Vice-Principals Caroline White and Jeremy Gower. Building services staff are moving items from SCSS to the SCITS site. Year-end wrap up meetings are taking place as well as planning for September. Both principals continue to meet with IT building services staff to ensure a smooth start up for September. He shared the plans for Grade 9 registration/orientation on August 29, 2016. He advised that the record of action from the Transition Committee meetings is posted on the LKDSB website. Transition Sub-committees are being formed. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 at the Consolidated School site.

Superintendent Girardi explained that Administration is in the process of gathering the names of individuals interested in sitting on the Ad Hoc Naming Committee for the Wyoming Area Schools. There is an opportunity on the LKDSB website for individuals to submit their name. The schools sent information home to parents. Names are being accepted until June 30, 2016.

New Business

Trustee Sasseville received concerns from parents about inconsistency amongst schools on how children are prepared for the first day of school for the new school year. Some students find out who their September teacher will be now and others do not receive any information. From a mental health aspect this is a concern. Some students suffer anxiety over the summer waiting to know. She questioned if there could be a more consistent approach for next year. Director Costello explained that as a parent of elementary students he is very empathetic to the question. He commented on a past practice of posting lists on schools doors which is no longer permissible. He explained that some principals are reluctant to inform students about who their teacher will be in September in case it changes because students relocate over the summer. People get upset if they do not get the promised teacher. Some schools have students spend a couple of hours in their September classroom with the new teacher on the last day of school in June. Director Costello supported taking action to reduce anxiety for students and possibly their parents. Superintendent Lounsbury explained that school staff do a

good job transitioning kindergarten students into school and the Grade 8 students moving to Grade 9. She confirmed that transitions are important to alleviate anxiety for students and parents. She explained that they have been sharing best practices among principals with the end goal of developing a plan for Grade 1 to 7 transitions moving forward. They are looking at ways to address the problem in the event a classroom assignment changes. In the fall the Program Staff will gather data and feedback and then look at developing consistent practices for September 2017. Trustee Sasseville thanked Administration for considering the issue and for putting together possible solutions. She feels the parents will be thrilled that they were heard and that Administration has taken steps to reduce the stress for the students and manage the transitions.

Trustee Question

Trustee Fletcher referred to Trustee McGregor's OPSBA report from the June 14, 2016 Board Meeting regarding the LKDSB hosting the November 5, 2016 Western Region Meeting and the suggestion from Trustee Rising for a First Nation partner to host the meeting. Trustee Fletcher asked Trustees to let him know if they support hosting a meeting and if they support it being hosted by one of the LKDSB's First Nation partners.

Announcements

The August 30, 2016 Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Sarnia

Education Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment 7:50 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Bryce declared the meeting adjourned at

7:50 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board