

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Elizabeth Hudie, Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Jane Bryce, Randy Campbell, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Tom McGregor, Lareina Rising (via teleconference), Shannon Sasseville

Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman, Phil Warner, Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Student Trustees: Elisabeth Guthrie and Evan Rogers

Regrets: Trustee Bob Murphy, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay and Superintendent of Education Taf Lounsbury

Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order: Director Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He advised that in accordance with the LKDSB Procedural By-laws and the Education Act, the Director presides over the meeting until a Chair of the Board is elected. He welcomed the members of the Errol Road Public School Choir. He shared that the Board has approximately 21,000 students in 64 schools with over 3,000 staff. He referred Trustees to the Board's Vision, Mission and Belief Statements and the Engagement Model displayed on the wall in the Board Room. He explained that the documents guide the decision making efforts of the Board. The Board seeks to engage with all stakeholders-students, staff and parents/community. He commented that the LKDSB is a progressive school board; one where staff are pushing the envelope of innovation to improve the learning conditions in classrooms with a strong incorporation of technology. Staff in schools are hardworking and have a strong focus on improving outcomes for all students. Trustees are often in LKDSB schools and see examples of engagement in action. He noted that Trustees and Administration work together to make decisions with the best interests of all students in mind. On behalf of the Senior Executive Team, he welcomed a new LKDSB organization and advised that Administration looks forward to working with the Trustees as we work to make our Board's Strategic Plan come to fruition.

Musical Performance Performance by the Errol Road Public School Choir.

Invocation Trustee Bryce delivered the invocation.

#2018-1
Appointment of Student
Trustee Scrutineers Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Board appoint Student Trustees Guthrie and Rogers to serve as Scrutineers for the Annual Organization Meeting."

CARRIED.

Director Costello invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the term December 2017 to November 2018.

#2018-2
Nominations for Election of
the Chair of the Board Moved by Jane Bryce,
"That Elizabeth Hudie be nominated to serve as Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

#2018-3
Nominations Closed for
Election of Chair of the
Board

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Tom McGregor,
"That the nominations for Chairperson of the Board be closed."

CARRIED.

Trustee Hudie allowed her name to stand.

Election of Chair

Trustee Hudie was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Chairperson position.

Chair Hudie commented on the enjoyable performance of the Errol Road Public School Student Choir. She recognized the support she experienced throughout the past year from the members of Senior Administration and Trustees. She recognized Trustee Bryce's dedication to students and public education and thanked her for her support and advice. She noted Board's commitment to ensuring an equitable and inclusive environment for students and the importance of them feeling welcome and comfortable at school so they can have greater opportunities for academic success. She commented on the impact of declining enrolment on funding. She noted the positive way the members of the Chatham and Forest communities participated in the ARC process. She noted the positive feelings expressed about the move to Tecumseh Public School. She commented on the Forest area communities recognizing the need to work together to ensure a positive outcome for students, including the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Community, and the Board's continued pursuit of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school in the Forest area. She commented that it was an honour to serve on the LKDSB and noted the effectiveness of the Board when all Trustees and Administration work together as a team. She confirmed that she will strive to represent the Board well over the next year.

#2018-4
Nominations for Vice-Chair
of the Board

Chair Hudie invited Trustees to submit names for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the term December 2017 to November 2018.

Moved by Jack Fletcher,

"That Scott McKinlay be nominated to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

CARRIED.

#2018-5
Nominations Closed for
Election of Vice-Chair of
the Board

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

"That the nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board be closed."

CARRIED

Trustee McKinlay allowed her name to stand.

Election of Vice-Chair

Trustee McKinlay was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board.

Vice-Chair McKinlay stated that he is looking forward to working with Chair Hudie and once again with Administration. He noted that, whenever the LKDSB moves back into the accommodation review process, the Board will face significant challenges as it moves forward. He noted that in the past the Board has worked with Administration to come up with good and well thought plans and it will need to continue this work. He commented that the Trustees are very fortunate to have the Board that we have. He noted that the Trustees and Senior Administration work well as a team and the critical importance of disagreeing in a respectful manner.

- Chair Hudie invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the LKDSB.
- #2018-6
Nomination for OPSBA Delegate
- Moved by Jack Fletcher,
"That Tom McGregor be nominated to serve as the LKDSB delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."
- #2018-7
Nomination Closed for OPSBA Delegate
- Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce,
"That the nominations for the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."
- CARRIED.
- Trustee McGregor allowed his name to stand.
- OPSBA Delegate
- Trustee McGregor was acclaimed as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.
- Chair Hudie invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate for the LKDSB.
- #2018-8
Nominations for Election of OPSBA Alternate
- Moved by Randy Campbell,
"That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."
- #2018-9
Nominations for OPSBA Alternate be closed
- Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Tom McGregor,
"That the nominations for the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."
- CARRIED.
- Election of OPSBA Alternate
- Trustee Fletcher advised that he would allow his name to stand.
- Trustee Fletcher was acclaimed to the position of the LKDSB Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Trustee Fletcher commented that he welcomed the opportunity to support Trustee McGregor in his role as OPSBA Director/Delegate. He encouraged all Trustees to stay involved with OPSBA because OPSBA has the Minister of Education's ear.
- The Striking Committee, comprised of the Immediate Past-Chair, Chair, Vice-Chair and Director of Education, retired to meet and confirm Trustees' Board Committee appointments for the upcoming year.
- Report of the Striking Committee
Report B-18-01
- Chair Hudie 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.
- #2018-10
Committee Structure for 2017/2018
- Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Dave Douglas,
"That the Striking Committee Report on the Board Committee assignments for 2017/2018 be approved as outlined in Report B-18-01."
- CARRIED.

#2018-11
Appointment of Signing
Officers of the Board
Report B-18-02

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Randy Campbell,
"That for the term December 2017 to November 2018 the Board appoint Jim Costello, 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.

#2018-12
Appointment of Legal
Counsel for the Board
Report B-18-02

Moved Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Shannon Sasseville
"That for the term December 2017 to November 2018, the Board appoint the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley; (b) Carscallen, Reinhart, Mathany, Maslak, Anderson and c) Harrison Pensa as its official legal firms to conduct business."

CARRIED.

Adjournment:
8:05 p.m.

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

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board