

**PRESENT:**

**Trustees:** Chair Jane Bryce, Acting Vice-Chair Scott McKinlay, Randy Campbell, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Tom McGregor, Bob Murphy, Lareina Rising, Shannon Sasseville

**Staff:** Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendents of Education Joy Badder, Dave Doey, Gary Girardi, Mark Sherman, Taf Lounsbury, Phil Warner

**Student Trustees:** Ayla Jacobs and Keaton Jennings

**Regrets:** Trustees Ruth Ann Dodman, Elizabeth Hudie and, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay

**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 Board's 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 Jazz Band from Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia. 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. The LKDSB is a progressive Board; one where staff are pushing the envelope of innovation to improve the learning conditions in our classrooms.

Director Costello advised that Superintendents Badder and Doey were retiring from the LKDSB as of December 31, 2016 and this marked their final LKDSB Board Meeting. He noted that Superintendent Doey has been with the Board for 37 years and a Superintendent since 2003. Superintendent Badder has been with the Board for 34 years and a Superintendent since 2005. Both Superintendents have been with the predecessor Kent and amalgamated LKDSB for their entire careers and have remained dedicated educators throughout their entire careers. Trustees and members of Senior Administration congratulated the Superintendents and wished them well as they move on to other endeavours.

**Musical Performance** Performance by the Jazz Band from Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia.

**Invocation** Trustee Sasseville delivered the invocation.

**#2017-1** Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Lareina Rising.

**Appointment of Student Trustee Scrutineers** "That the Board appoint Student Trustees Jacobs and Jennings to serve as Scrutineers for the Annual Organization Meeting."

CARRIED.

Director Costello invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for the term December 2016 to November 2017.

**#2017-2**  
**Nominations for Election of the Chair of the Board**

Moved by Randy Campbell,

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

**#2017-3  
Nominations Closed for  
Election of Chair of the  
Board**

Moved by Bob Murphy , seconded by Jack Fletcher,  
“That the nominations for Chair of the Board be closed.”

CARRIED.

Trustee Bryce allowed her name to stand.

**Election of Chair**

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

Chair Bryce thanked the Jazz Band for their performance. She thanked her nominator Trustee Campbell for his support. She stated that she is honoured to have the support of the Board, her fellow Trustees and Senior Administration. She advised that throughout the year her goal was to make delegations to the Board as comfortable as possible at Board Meetings and be fair and transparent with them to show the public the LKDSB democratic process. She advised that she strived to be fair with the Board members as well. She thanked past Vice-Chair McKinlay for his service over the past year and expressed appreciation for his experienced counsel especially during the pupil accommodation reviews. She commented on the challenges of the past year and noted it was full of learning as well. She remarked that during the year, the Board faced the realities of a reduced budget, moved through the new Ministry Accommodation Review process and reaffirmed the LKDSB Vision, Mission and Belief Statements. She commented on the process for reviewing the Multi Year Strategic Plan and obtaining input from the Parent Involvement Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee and Native Advisory Committee. She commented on the process followed to name the consolidated secondary school in Sarnia the Great Lakes Secondary School and the Ministry funding announcements. Chair Bryce stated that it was an honour to serve as Chair noting that she will strive for fairness in debate and openness with the general public. She will support all decisions of the Board and represent the Board the very best way possible.

**#2017-4  
Nominations for Vice-  
Chair of the Board**

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit names for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board for the term December 2016 to November 2017.

Moved by Jack Fletcher,

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

CARRIED.

Trustee Fletcher advised that Trustee Hudie gave permission to let her name stand. He read a note from Trustee Hudie that stated that she was aware that Trustee Fletcher was going to put her name forward to be considered for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board and expressed her regret for not being able to attend the Board Meeting because she was out of the country.

**#2017-5  
Nominations Closed for  
Election of Vice-Chair of  
the Board**

Moved by Tom McGregor, seconded by Scott McKinlay,  
“That the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed.”

CARRIED

Trustee Hudie allowed her name to stand.

**Election of Vice-Chair**

Trustee Hudie was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board.

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the Board.

**#2017-6  
Nomination for OPSBA  
Delegate**

Moved by Scott McKinlay,

"That Tom McGregor be nominated to serve as the Board's delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

**#2017-7  
Nomination Closed for  
OPSBA Delegate**

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Randy Campbell,

"That the nominations for the Board's 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 Board's Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate for the Board.

**#2017-8  
Nominations for Election  
of OPSBA Alternate**

Moved by Bob Murphy,

"That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the Board's Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

**#2017-9  
Nominations for OPSBA  
Alternate be closed**

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,

"That the nominations for the Board's 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 Board's Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Trustee Fletcher commented on the scope of the position and congratulated Trustee McGregor.

Chair Bryce explained that the Striking Committee is made up of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair and the Director. She advised that with the absence of current Vice-Chair Hudie, the Board needs to appoint someone to serve on the Striking Committee for this Board Meeting.

**#2017-10  
Appointment to Striking  
Committee**

Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Tom McGregor,

"That Jack Fletcher be appointed to 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-17-01**

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

**#2017-11  
Committee Structure for  
2016/2017**

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Shannon Sasseville,  
"That the Striking Committee Report on the Board Committee assignments  
for 2016/2017 be approved as outlined in Report B-17-01."

CARRIED.

**#2017-12  
Appointment of Signing  
Officers of the Board  
Report B-17-02**

Moved Dave Douglas, seconded by Tom McGregor,  
"That for the term December 2016 to November 2017 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.

**#2017-13  
Appointment of Legal  
Counsel for the Board  
Report B-17-02**

Moved Randy Campbell, seconded by Tom McGregor,  
"That for the term December 2016 to November 2017, the Board appoint  
the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley; (b) Dawson & Associates; and (c)  
Carscallen, Reinhart, Mathany, Maslak, Anderson as its official legal firms to  
conduct business."

CARRIED.

**#2017-14  
Appointment of the  
Auditors for the Board  
Report B-17-02**

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Dave Douglas,  
"That, for the term of December 2016 to November 2017, the Board  
appoint the auditing firm of Bailey, Kearney Ferguson, LLP as its official  
auditor."

Adjournment:  
7:56 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the  
Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board