

PRESENT:

- Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Scott McKinlay, Lareina Rising, Derek Robertson
- Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman and Phil Warner and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes
- Student Trustees: Autumn Bressette, Lexi Graham and Rihana Kukkadi
- Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer
- Call to Order: Director Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.
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. The official returns of the election of the Trustees for the Board have been received from the various Municipal Clerks as well as letters from the First Nation partners. The Declarations of the Office and the Oaths of Allegiance pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act have been completed and filed. Director Costello congratulated everyone on being elected to the position of Trustee to govern the LKDSB.
He shared that the Board has approximately 22,000 students in 62 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/guardians and 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 marriage of technology and sound pedagogy. Staff are hardworking and with a strong focus on improving outcomes for all students. He noted that just as staff and administration focus on all students, Trustees focus on the best interest of all students as well. 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 was looking forward to working with the Trustees as work begins on the development a new Strategic Plan which will provide stable direction for the Board.
- Musical Performance Director Costello welcomed the members of the Cathcart Boulevard Public School Choir, staff, parents/guardians and community members to the Board Meeting.
The Cathcart Boulevard Public School Kindergarten Choir performed. Director Costello thanked the students and staff for sharing their talents and commented that everything the LKDSB does is about student achievement and well-being.
- Invocation Trustee Dodman delivered the invocation.
- #2019-1 Appointment of Student Trustee Scrutineers Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Lareina Rising,
"That the Board appoint Student Trustees Bressette, Graham and Kukkadi 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 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019.

#2019-2
Nominations for Election of
the Chair of the Board

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That Jane Bryce be nominated to serve as Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”

#2019-3
Nominations Closed for
Election of Chair of the
Board

Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Scott McKinlay

“That the nominations for Chairperson of the Board be closed.”

CARRIED.

Trustee Bryce allowed her name to stand.

Election of Chair

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

Chair Bryce acknowledged Trustee McKinlay’s contributions to the Board leadership team as Vice-Chair for the past year. She thanked the Board for the confidence in her to serve as Chair of the Board for the coming year. She assured Trustees that, on behalf of the Board, she would support the Director and Senior team as they work to fulfil the LKDSB Mission of “Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day”. She commented that it was going to be an exciting term with four new Trustees, the recruitment of a new Director of Education, the development of a new Strategic Plan and perhaps renewing/revising the LKDSB Vision, Mission and Belief Statements. As Chair, she advised that she was looking forward to helping the LKDSB move forward and serving the students and staff of the LKDSB.

#2019-4
Nominations for Vice-Chair
of the Board

Chair Bryce invited Trustees to submit names for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the term December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019.

Moved by Greg Agar,

“That Randy Campbell be nominated to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”

#2019-5
Nominations Closed for
Election of Vice-Chair of
the Board

Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Lareina Rising,

“That the nominations for Vice-Chairperson 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-Chairperson of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Vice-Chairperson position.

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 *Student Achievement / Community Success*.

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

#2019-6
Nomination for OPSBA
Delegate

Moved by Dave Douglas,

"That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

#2019-7
Nomination Closed for
OPSBA Delegate

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Derek Robertson,

"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.

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

#2019-8
Nominations for Election of
OPSBA Alternate

Moved by Scott McKinlay,

"That Derek Robertson be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

Moved by Trustee Fletcher,

"That Ruth Ann Dodman be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."

#2019-9
Nominations for OPSBA
Alternate be closed

Moved by Dave Douglas, seconded by Janet Barnes,

"That the nominations for the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."

CARRIED.

Trustee Dodman allowed her name to stand.

Trustee Robertson allowed his name to stand.

Secret ballots were cast for the position of OPSBA Alternate.

Election of OPSBA
Alternate

Trustee Dodman was elected to the position of LKDSB Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

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.

#2019-10
Trustee
Appointed to the Striking
Committee

Moved by Derek Robertson,

"That the Board appoint Trustee McKinlay 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-19-01
- #2019-11
Committee Structure Approved
- #2019-12
Ballots to be Destroyed
- #2019-13
Appointment of Signing Officers of the Board
Report B-19-02
- #2019-14
Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Board
Report B-19-02
- #2019-15
Appointment of Auditors for the Board
Report B-19-02
- Adjournment:
8:14 p.m.
- 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.
- Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Lareina Rising,
"That the Board approve the Striking Committee Report on the Board Committee assignments for the period from December 4, 2018 to December 3, 2019 as outlined in Report B-19-01."
- Moved by Brittany Jenkins, seconded by Scott McKinlay,
"That all ballots be destroyed."
- Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That for the term December 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 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."
- Moved Janet Barnes, seconded by Dave Douglas,
"That for the term December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, the Board appoint the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley; (b) Harrison Pensa as its official legal firms to conduct business."
Superintendent McKay explained that Hicks Morely handles personnel matters for the LKDSB and Harrison Pensa handles business, finance and property matters.
- Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Dave Douglas,
"That for the term December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, the Board appoint the auditing firm of Bailey Kearney Ferguson LLP as its official auditor."
- There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board