

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Jane Bryce, Vice-Chair Randy Campbell, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Brittany Jenkins, Lareina Rising, Derek Robertson

Staff: Director of Education Jim Costello, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Student Trustees: Lexi Graham and Rihana Kukkadi

Excused: Trustee Scott McKinlay

Regrets: Student Trustee Autumn Bressette

Recording Secretary: Trish Johnston, Executive Assistant and Communications Officer

Call to Order: Chair Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Chair Bryce read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

#2019-61
Approval of the Agenda
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Derek Robertson,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved."

CARRIED.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

#2019-62
Approval of the Minutes
April 9, 2019
Moved by Brittany Jenkins, seconded by Derek Robertson,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2019."

CARRIED.

Business Arising: None

#2019-63
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board
Moved by Randy Campbell, seconded Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."

CARRIED.

Questions from the Public: None

Ontario Public School
Boards' Association
(OPSBA) Report
Trustee Dodman reported on the OPSBA Regional Meeting held on April 13, 2019 that was hosted by the Avon Maitland District School Board. She advised that the morning session dealt with their Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) program. Trustee Dodman shared information on how their program operates. The afternoon session dealt with issues related to the provincial budget, hiring practices and class sizes. The group discussed the letter the Chair of the Rainbow District School Board sent to Minister Thompson urging the Ministry to create one publicly funded system, with education in both official languages, to achieve significant savings in education. Trustee Dodman advised that there is a chance that the LKDSB may host the Regional Spring meeting. Trustee Barnes attended the meeting as well and commented on the number of students that do not attend any school system.

Forest Area Transition
Committee Update
Superintendent Girardi advised that the Forest Area Transition Committee met on April 3, 2019. The agenda is posted on the LKDSB website. Superintendent McKay attended the meeting and provided an update on the land acquisition process. He walked them through the options, the process and next steps.

Committee members are hopeful a decision on the location will be made soon. Public Relations Officer Hughes attended the meeting as well to discuss the best methods to communicate with the broader community. Committee members want to be very transparent throughout the process. The formation of sub-committees was discussed. The next meeting is June 5, 2019 at Bosanquet Central Public School.

Financial Report
2018/2019 School Year
Expenditures to February
28, 2019

Superintendent McKay presented the financial expenditures for the second quarter, September 1 to February 28, 2019. This period represents about 50% of operating expenses that occur over the school year and approximately 60 to 65% of the salary and benefit portion of the instructional operating expenses that occur over a 10 to 12 month period. He reviewed the Notes on the Expenditures included in the report. Superintendent McKay stated that overall for this reporting period, the expenditure categories are tracking well against the budget with any identified variances due to timing differences in spending. Forecasting forward to the year end, the overall LKDSB budget for 2018/2019 is tracking well against expenditures.

2019/2020 Budget Update

Superintendent McKay advised that Administration is still waiting for the Ministry to release information regarding the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The Ministry representatives have stated that they should be released by the end of April. Following the release of the GSN, the Ministry reporting system should be available to school boards to access by the middle of May to prepare individual school board budgets. Superintendent McKay confirmed that the Ministry has not officially extended the deadline to submit the budget. Administration is working to meet the June 30 target.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Chatham Education Centre.

Adjournment:
7:21 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Bryce declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board