

PRESENT:

- Trustees:** Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Greg Agar, Janet Barnes (via teleconference), Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, Dave Douglas (via teleconference), Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, and Lareina Rising
- Staff:** Director of Education John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay
Superintendents of Education Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi (via teleconference), Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini (via teleconference) and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes (via teleconference)
- Student Trustees:** Lucia Shultz-Allison
- Regrets:** Trustee Scott McKinlay, Student Trustees Aurora Bressette and William Locke, and Superintendent Mark Sherman
- Recording Secretary:** Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director
- Call to Order:** Director Howitt called the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. and explained that as per the LKDSB Procedural By-laws Section 2.3 and the Education Act Section 2.8, the Director presides over the meeting until a Chair of the Board is elected.

Director Howitt remarked that the evening started a new beginning, but the Board's focus will remain on its mission of Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day. He explained that in March, the process of reviewing the Strategic Priorities of the Board began and stressed that what Trustees do on a governance level matters. He had recently taken part in interviews where every candidate cited the Board's Vision and Mission and provided concrete examples of how it impacts them and their work. They cited the Strategic Priorities and how they are using them in the classrooms and their impact in the system. He wanted to ensure this message was received by the Board of Trustees for them to understand that their work permeates to students.

Director Howitt stated that the Board's Strategic Priorities are permeating throughout the district in every job category in every part of board, and staff are learning, adapting, and struggling but supporting each other because the Vision and Mission of focusing on students is there. LKDSB staff want their students to feel safe and welcome and they have made strong connections with families on behalf of them. He stated he was very proud to be the Director of Education of the LKDSB.

He thanked LKDSB Superintendents for their efforts and remarked that he was lucky to work with such a strong and passionate group. He also thanked his team in the Director's Office.

#2021-01
Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Agenda for the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board of December 3, 2020 be approved."

CARRIED.

Traditional Territorial
Acknowledgement

Director Howitt read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

#2021-02
Appointment of Student
Trustee Scrutineers

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Malinda Little,

“That the Board appoint Student Trustee Schultz-Allison to serve as Scrutineer for the Annual Organization Meeting.”

CARRIED.

Director Howitt invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for the term December 3, 2020 to December 7, 2021. He explained the process for election of the Chair.

#2021-03
Nominations for Election of
the Chair of the Board

Moved by Greg Agar,

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

Trustee Campbell allowed his name to stand.

#2021-04
Nominations Closed for
the Election of Chair of the
Board

Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce,

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

CARRIED.

Election of Chair

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

Address by the Chair

Chair Campbell addressed the Board. He thanked Trustee Agar for the nomination and Past Chair Bryce for her guidance in the last two years and for her long-standing mentorship. He gave credit and thanks to all LKDSB staff, parents/guardians, and community partners for keeping LKDSB schools open and a safe and secure learning environment for all involved. He thanked students, most importantly, as they have had to adapt to a new way of learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that there are items, such as declining enrolment and school structures, that will need to be addressed once operations return to normal and stressed that in the meantime safety protocols must be adhered to in schools, homes, and communities. He looks forward to serving as the Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board in the coming year.

Chair Campbell invited Trustees to submit for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board for the term December 3, 2020 to December 7, 2021.

#2021-05
Nominations for Vice-Chair
of the Board

Moved by Janet Barnes,

“That Derek Robertson be nominated to serve as Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board.”

Trustee Robertson allowed his name to stand.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman,

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

Trustee Bryce allowed her name to stand.

#2021-06 Nominations Closed for Election of Vice-Chair of the Board	Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Jane Bryce, "That the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed."	CARRIED.
	Trustee Bryce addressed the Board and outlined the reasons she felt she should be elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.	
	Trustee Robertson addressed the Board and outlined the reasons he felt he should be elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.	
Election of Vice-Chair	Trustee Robertson was elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Lambton Kent District School Board and assumed the Vice-Chair position.	
	Chair Campbell welcomed Trustee Robertson to the Vice-Chair position of the LKDSB.	
Address by the Vice-Chair	Vice-Chair Robertson addressed the Board. He thanked Trustee Barnes for the nomination. He echoed the comments by Chair Campbell, that these are unprecedented times and said he was profoundly impressed with LKDSB staff, Superintendents, Administrators, and Director Howitt, and their seamless and successful delivery of the return to school plan in the Fall. He thanked all LKDSB staff for their work and his fellow Trustees for their faith in him to proceed in the role of Vice-Chair of the LKDSB. He stated that he will lead in this role with honesty, integrity, and transparency.	
	Chair Campbell invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Delegate for the LKDSB.	
#2021-07 Nomination for OPSBA Delegate	Moved by Jane Bryce, "That Jack Fletcher be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Delegate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."	
	Chair Campbell remarked that Trustee Fletcher had done a wonderful job in the delegate role and that it was appreciated.	
#2021-08 Nominations Closed for OPSBA Delegate	Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman, "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 Campbell invited Trustees to submit nominations for the position of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Alternate for the LKDSB	

- #2021-09
Nominations for Election of OPSBA Alternate
- Moved by Jack Fletcher,
"That Ruth Ann Dodman be nominated to serve as the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association."
- #2021-10
Nominations Closed for OPSBA Alternate
- Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Jack Fletcher,
"That the nominations for the LKDSB Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be closed."
CARRIED.
- Trustee Dodman allowed her name to stand.
- Election of OPSBA Alternate
- Trustee Dodman was acclaimed to the position of LKDSB Alternate for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.
Chair Campbell thanked Student Trustee Schultz-Allison for being a scrutineer.
- #2021-11
Motion to destroy all ballots
- Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Greg Agar,
"That all ballots be destroyed."
CARRIED.
- #2021-12
Appointment of Signing Officers of the Board Report B-21-01
- Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That for the term December 2020 to November 2021, the Board appoint John Howitt, 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.
- #2021-13
Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Board Report B-21-01
- Moved by Malinda Little, seconded by Jane Bryce,
"That for the term December 2020 to November 2021, the Board appoint the legal firms of (a) Hicks Morley LLP; (b) Harrison Pensa LLP as its official legal firms to conduct business."
CARRIED.
- #2021-14
Appointment of Auditors for the Board Report B-21-01
- Moved by Dave Douglas, seconded by Jane Bryce,
"That for the term December 2020 to November 2021, the Board appoint the auditing firm of Bailey Kearney Ferguson LLP as its official auditor."
CARRIED.
- Superintendent McKay confirmed that a Request for Quote (RFQ) process is not required for legal counsel, but Trustee approval is required to continue with a legal firm.
- Adjournment
- There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.