

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Janet Barnes, Jane Bryce, Dave Douglas, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, Scott McKinlay, and Lareina Rising, Ruth Ann Dodman

Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Superintendent of Business Brian McKay, Superintendents of Education, Angie Barrese, Gary Girardi, Ben Hazzard, Helen Lane, Mary Mancini, Mark Sherman and Public Relations Officer Heather Hughes

Regrets Trustee Greg Agar, Student Trustee William Locke

Student Trustees: Aurora Bressette, Lucia Shultz-Allison

Recording Secretary: Bonnie Gotelaer, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2021-68  
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Scott McKinlay,  
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2021 be approved."

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

#2021-69  
Approval of the Minutes  
Mar/30/2021 Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Scott McKinlay,  
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 30, 2021."

CARRIED.

#2021-70  
Approval of the Minutes  
Apr/8/2021 Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Jane Bryce,  
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 8, 2021."

CARRIED.

Business Arising None

Delegations None  
Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session None

#2021-71  
Action of the Regular Board Private Session be the Action of the Board Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Janet Barnes,  
"That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board."

CARRIED.

Presentations None  
Delegations

- Questions from the Public CUPE 1238 President LaLonge-Davey asked if Director and Secondary School Principals are aware of document from Save the School Libraries Coalition. Director Howitt indicated this document has not been received by LKDSB and referred to Wallaceburg District Secondary School and Great Lakes Secondary School improvements.  
Director Howitt referred to the Board report included in the Agenda indicating approximately 700 students have enrolled in the Virtual School for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- Vaccine Choice Report B-21-49 No action taken.
- #2021-73  
Tender Award – Boiler Replacement – Wallaceburg District Secondary School Report B-21-50  
Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Lareina Rising,  
“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, TCI Titan Contracting Inc. for the Boiler Replacement at Wallaceburg District Secondary School.”  
Superintendent McKay reported that TCI Titan Contracting Inc. was successful for the Wallaceburg District Secondary School boiler replacement project with a bid of \$958,987.67. The total project cost is \$1,068,364.82 which will be funded from School Condition Funding and Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funding.  
CARRIED.
- #2021-74  
Tender Award – Classroom Renovation and Window Replacement – Bridgeview Public School Report B-21-51  
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Malinda Little,  
“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Maaten Construction Ltd. For the classroom renovation and window replacement at Bridgeview Public School.”  
Superintendent McKay reported that Maaten Construction Ltd. was successful for the Bridgeview Public School classroom renovation and window replacement project with a bid of \$629,800.00. The total project cost is \$705,492.14 which will be funded by School Condition Funding and Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funding.  
CARRIED.
- #2021-75  
Tender Award – HVAC Upgrade – Errol Road Public School, High Park Public School and London Road Public School Report B-21-52  
Moved by Jack Fletcher, seconded by Jane Bryce,  
“That the Board award the tender to the successful bidder, Elric Contractors of Wallaceburg Ltd. for the HVAC Upgrade at Errol Road Public School, High Park Public School and London Road Public School.”  
Superintendent McKay reported that Elric Contractors of Wallaceburg Ltd. was successful for the Errol Road Public School, High Park Public School and London Road Public School HVAC upgrade project with a bid of \$985,020.10. The total project cost is \$1,097,366.38 which will be funded by School Improvement Restricted and Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funding.  
CARRIED.
- Indigenous Committee Liaison Committee Report Report B-21-53  
Trustee Rising reported a change to the report indicating that the Indigenous Liaison Committee has been meeting via Teams throughout the school year to greater participation of all communities and administrators.  
Trustee Rising discussed the Board Action Plan will include teacher development involving after school Professional Development with local keynote speakers.  
Trustee Rising noted the funding secured for Indigenous Grad Coaches.

Special Education Advisory Committee Report Report B-21-54	<p>Trustee Rising noted that the former Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) has been renamed to Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP). In partnership with Queen's University, there are ten teacher candidates in the program.</p> <p>Trustee Barnes reported in the meeting held March 25, 2021 with a presentation for Developmental Services Ontario and the Lambton Kent District School Board Special Education Department Multidisciplinary Team.</p> <p>Trustee Barnes noted the 2021 – 2022 SEAC Meeting Schedule has been drafted.</p>
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Update (OPSBA)	<p>Superintendent Barrese confirmed the correspondence sent to Honourable Stephen Lecce from the Special Education Advisory Committee would also be forwarded to Ontario Public School Board's Association.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher noted in meetings attended recently where discussion involved the e-learning proposal from the Government of Ontario utilizing TVO and a reference to police officers being present in other school districts. Trustee Fletcher referred to feedback he received that moratoriums on school building were to remain in place.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher indicated confirmation that Communications Officers have consistent communications where there are issues that affect and need to be addressed by all boards.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher referred to correspondence referencing OPSBA and member school boards sharing concern regarding accelerated timelines and long-term ramifications. Trustee Fletcher shared the recommendation from OPSBA to the Ministry of Education to include school board representatives, online experts and TVO staff to co-create a mutually beneficial vision.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher encouraged all to learn about the Ministry of Education's proposal and an appropriate response to it. Trustee Fletcher noted all school boards do recognize the value of online learning but have concerns regarding the Government's proposal model.</p> <p>Trustee Fletcher recommended a letter to be written to Minister Lecce and local MPP's stating our viewpoint on online learning and how it should be delivered. Director Howitt confirmed Lambton Kent District School Board Safe Schools Superintendent Gary Girardi and Safe Schools Coordinator will be discussing the presence of police officers in schools.</p>
LKDSB Update Virtual Learning Report B-21-55	<p>Director Howitt began with a Point of Order Trustee Dodman has informed that she is not able to connect but will be marked present due to technical challenges.</p> <p>Director Howitt discussed the Virtual Learning report and noted the Ontario Provincial Government announced all elementary and secondary schools would transition to remote learning with the exception of self-contained special education programs.</p> <p>Director Howitt noted the Learning On-Demand and Live Teacher Support model and also the Learning On Demand model.</p> <p>In the Learning On-Demand students complete teacher provided work at their own pace. Classes meet as a whole to begin the day and receive activities and learning assignments.</p> <p>Director Howitt indicated in the Learning On-Demand model, students complete teacher provided work to work at their own pace due to bandwidth and other concerns. Students receive written feedback via email messages, See Saw or Google Classroom platforms.</p> <p>Director Howitt noted secondary students began Quadmester 4 and the Virtual Learn at Home Secondary School (VLHS) resumed their regular programming as scheduled April 19, 2021.</p>

	<p>Director Howitt noted staff are providing excellent programming to the students. Director Howitt indicated the potential continuing of virtual learning in the 2021 – 2022 school year. Director Howitt noted guidelines have not been received from the Ministry of Education regarding requirement. Director Howitt indicated the possibility for the need for students to engage in remote learning in September 2021. Director Howitt noted with deadlines in staffing processes in collective agreements, programming to be provided was shared with families. Director Howitt noted approximately 700 students will be participating in virtual learning in September 2021.</p> <p>Director Howitt confirmed once students who have registered in the virtual learning have committed to remaining in the program for the 2021 – 2022 school year.</p> <p>Director Howitt noted the more movement in programs that students have, the more it can impact their education and noted by having deadlines with commitments minimizes the effect this could have on a student’s success.</p>
Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Funding Use Report B-21-56	<p>Superintendent McKay indicated the Lambton Kent District School Board has been provided with \$6,288,184.00 Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Funding Use (CVRIS) funding.</p> <p>Superintendent McKay noted several projects to be completed in schools including WiFi upgrades to all schools, additional water bottle fill stations, air quality improvements and boiler replacement which have to be completed by December 31, 2021.</p>
Correspondence	None
New Business	<p>Trustee Bryce noted the concerns raised regarding online learning and what this could mean to the Lambton Kent District School Board. Trustee Bryce would like to submit a letter to our MPP’s.</p> <p>Trustee Bryce moved, seconded by Trustee Fletcher, “That we begin our education in our district with our MPP’s and Minister Lecce with copies to OPSBA and OECTA”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</p>
Trustee Questions	<p>Trustee Fletcher asked if there is access to an Integrity Commissioner and was confirmed by Director Howitt that there is not an Integrity Commissioner on staff at Lambton Kent District School Board.</p> <p>Co-Chair Robertson confirmed the Chair of the Board holds the Integrity Commissioner role.</p>
Notices of Motion	<p>Trustee Douglas indicated there is growing frustration due on students and parents due to the current lockdown and asked what happens to students refusing engage in remote learning. Director Howitt indicated students will not receive credits if they do not engage and noted teachers continually contact students not attending to encourage their return to learning.</p> <p>Trustee Douglas, “That the LKDSB call upon the province to immediately and permanently open all schools.”</p>
Announcements	<p>Director Howitt noted April 28, 2021 is the Day of Mourning recognized by the Lambton Kent District School Board and flags will be at half-mast.</p> <p>The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.</p>

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Chair of the Board

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Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board