

PRESENT:

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Derek Robertson, Greg Agar, Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, Malinda Little, joining virtually, Scott McKinlay, Lareina Rising, joining virtually

Student Trustees: Alizah Ali, Tristan Nemcek, and Kobee Soney

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

Regrets: Trustees Janet Barnes and Dave Douglas

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

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

#2022-111
Approval of the Agenda
Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2022 be approved."

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read a statement recognizing the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In Memoriam
Chair Campbell read an In Memoriam for an LKDSB secondary student. A moment of silence was observed.

Chair Campbell welcomed Student Trustees Alizah Ali, Tristan Nemcek, and Kobee Soney to the meeting.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
None.

#2022-112
Approval of the Minutes
Jun/21/2022
Moved by Scott McKinlay, seconded by Greg Agar,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2022."

CARRIED.

#2022-113
Approval of the Minutes
Jun/24/2022
Moved by Greg Agar, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,
"That the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 24, 2022."

CARRIED.

Business Arising
None.

Motions Emanating from the Regular Board Private Session
None.

#2022-114
Action of the Regular
Board Private Session be
the Action of the Board

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Malinda Little,
“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Director’s Snapshots of
Excellence

Director Howitt presented the Director’s Snapshots of Excellence, which highlighted activities in the Board in the summer of 2022 and September 2022. The presentation highlighted the capital projects undertaken in the summer of 2022 such as a barrier-free washroom at Ridgetown District High School, new windows at Wallaceburg District Secondary School, an outdoor classroom at Bridgeview Public School, new artificial turf in the Kindergarten playground at Lansdowne Public School, updates to Thamesville Area Central School’s roof, windows, and exterior doors, new concrete curbs and mulch added to the Kindergarten playground at Tecumseh Public School, a brand new track & field facility at Great Lakes Secondary School, an outdoor classroom/learning commons at Queen Elizabeth II Public School (Sarnia), a repaved and expanded parking lot at Brooke Central Public School, a new sidewalk at Queen Elizabeth II Public School (Chatham), major renovations to Chatham Kent Secondary School, the addition of air conditioning and window replacements at East Lambton Elementary School, the addition of air conditioning to Indian Creek Road Public School, a barrier-free washroom and a new laundry room at Merlin Area Public School, the second phase of renovations at McNaughton Avenue Public School, classroom renovations at A.A. Wright Public School, a partial roof replacement at Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School, and classroom renovations and window replacements at Queen Elizabeth II Public School (Petrolia). Activities within the Board during the first week of school were also highlighted including shining hallways greeting students due to the hard work of LKDSB Education workers, the introduction of Noelle’s Gift Closets in elementary and secondary schools across the Board, which will provide students with easy access to food, clothing, and other essential items when needed, and new school year celebrations across LKDSB schools.

A Trustee asked if social distancing was intentional in one of the photos shown. Director Howitt responded that social distancing is no longer required in schools but is still a practice used by some.

Delegations

None.

Questions from the Public

None.

#2022-115
Response to OPSBA
Regarding Extension to
Electronic Board Meetings
Report B-22-88

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Greg Agar,
“That the Board approve a response to Rusty Hick, Executive Director of the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association indicating that the Lambton Kent District School Board does not support an extension for the ability of Boards to hold electronic board meetings beyond the current expiration date of November 15, 2022.”

Chair Campbell relayed to Trustees that he received an email from Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Executive Director Rusty Hick asking for a yes or no response to whether the Board supported an extension for the ability

of Boards to hold electronic board meetings beyond the current expiration date of November 15, 2022. He reminded Trustees that in response to the pandemic, amendments were made to Ontario Regulation 463/97 (Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance) which are to be revoked on November 15, 2022. He explained that these amendments waived the requirement for in-person attendance by specified individuals, for example, the Chair and Director; waived the requirement for Trustees to physically attend a minimum of three meetings during the 12-month period; waived the requirement for the meeting room of a board or of a committee to be open to permit physical attendance by the public; and, included a new requirement for boards to provide members of the public with participatory electronic access to open board/committee meetings. Chair Campbell further explained that the email from OPSBA was in response to Minister Lecce's indication that he would be consulting with all Trustee organizations, including OPSBA, regarding the extension during a recent call with School Board Chairs.

There was a discussion around what removing the amendments to Ontario Regulation 463/97 would mean for Board Meetings and what the LKDSB Regulations currently allow. In the discussion it was noted it was difficult to make a recommendation when the future of the pandemic was unknown, but that the Ministry could re-introduce the amendments if needed. It was also noted that some Trustees preferred in-person meetings where Trustees were able to be face-to-face with the electorate and others expressed that their virtual attendance has demonstrated they are able to fully contribute during Board Meetings and be as effective as when they are in-person. Trustees were reminded that the Board's Electronic Meetings Regulations permit participation in Board Meetings via electronic means and that this discussion was specific to the in-person attendance of certain individuals who must be present such as the Chair of the Board and Director of Education.

Trustee Rising asked for a recorded vote.

Chair Campbell reminded the Student Trustees that their vote would be non-binding.

Recorded Vote

Binding Vote

Greg Agar	Yes
Jane Bryce	Yes
Ruth Ann Dodman	Yes
Jack Fletcher	No
Malinda Little	No
Scott McKinlay	Yes
Lareina Rising	No
Derek Robertson	Yes
Randy Campbell	Yes

Non-Binding Vote

Alizah Ali	Yes
Tristan Nemcek	No
Kobee Soney	Yes

CARRIED.

#2022-116
Schedule for Regular
Board Meetings for the
Period November 15, 2022
to November 21, 2023
Report B-22-89

Director Howitt presented the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the period of November 15, 2022 to November 21, 2023. He noted that the schedule was drafted based on the LKDSB Procedural By-laws and added that the new term for Trustees begins on November 15, 2022. He reminded Trustees that the June meetings in the 2021-22 school year were held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (rather than the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month), which allowed for Trustee attendance at graduation ceremonies.

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Greg Agar,

“That the Board approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for the period November 15, 2022 to November 21, 2023.”

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Jack Fletcher,

“That the motion be amended to add *with the June 13, 2023 Board Meeting changed to June 6, 2023 and the June 27, 2023 Board Meeting changed to June 20, 2023.*”

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

The vote was taken on the Main Motion as amended.

“That the Board approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for the period November 15, 2022 to November 21, 2023 with the June 13, 2023 Board Meeting changed to June 6, 2023 and the June 27, 2023 Board Meeting changed to June 20, 2023.”

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

#2022-117
LKDSB Policy and
Regulations on Trustee
Honoraria
Report B-22-90

Director Howitt explained that under Ministry of Education Ontario Regulation 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members, an outgoing board must set the Trustee remuneration policy for the next term of office by October 15 of an election year. He relayed that there were no recommended changes to the Policy, but Regulations have been revised to reflect updates to Ontario Regulation 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members, and to clarify that the First Nation Trustee will receive the same honorarium as an elected Trustee.

A Trustee noted that the Board made a motion in the past that the First Nations Trustee would receive the same honorarium as an elected Trustee.

A Trustee asked if it should be included in the Regulations that the First Nations Alternate Trustee will receive mileage when attending Board Meetings. Director Howitt responded that this would be deemed an expense and not part of the honorarium.

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Board approve the review of the Policy and revised Regulations on Trustee Honoraria.”

CARRIED.

#2022-118

Director Howitt explained that under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) every district school board must appoint a Compliance Audit Committee by

Establishment of the LKDSB Compliance Audit Committee Report B-22-91	October 1, 2022, to hear and decide on applications for compliance audits regarding a candidate's campaign expenses. Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jane Bryce, "That the Board approve the appointment of Mike Lowther, Derek McGivern, Mike Phipps, and Daniel Whittal to the Lambton Kent District School Board Compliance Audit Committee for the term November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026." CARRIED.
Indigenous Liaison Committee Report Report B-22-92	Trustee Rising reported to Trustees on the June 15, 2022 meeting of the Indigenous Liaison Committee. She relayed that land-based education was a familiar theme in the reports from the First Nations communities, and there were references to food and celebration, National Indigenous Peoples Day and end of the year activities. She shared that Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund proposals were made, with one of them being from Dallas Sinopole, Indigenous Lead, for the installation of a Lodge. The committee recognized the work of former Elementary Indigenous Education Special Projects Teacher Gretchen Sands-Gamble who returned to the classroom in September 2022. Trustee McKinlay left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Update (OPSBA)	Trustee Fletcher reported that the next OPSBA Board of Directors meeting would be held on September 30, 2022 in Toronto, Ontario. A Trustee asked if the meeting was scheduled on September 30, 2022 because of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Trustee Fletcher advised that Lisa Reinhardt from OPSBA should be contacted with this question.
Senior Administration Portfolios Report B-22-93	Director Howitt provided Trustees with an update on the reorganization of Senior Administration that took place on August 1, 2022 upon the retirement of the Superintendent of Education – Capital Planning and Pupil Accommodation / Alternative and Continuing Education. He explained that the vacant Superintendent position was not filled, reducing the Senior Administrative team by one, and the continuing Supervisory Officers' (Director of Education, Associate Director and Superintendents) responsibilities have been increased to compensate for the vacancy. He reported that the role of Superintendent of Business & Treasurer of the Board has been replaced with the Associate Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer of the Board role, which is held by Brian McKay, former Superintendent of Business & Treasurer of the Board. He added that there were also title changes for four Superintendents of Education: Angie Barrese, formerly Superintendent of Education – Special Education is now Superintendent of Education – Student Support Services / Well-Being; Gary Girardi, formerly Superintendent of Education – Human Resources is now Superintendent of Education – Human Resources / Safe Schools; Helen Lane, formerly Superintendent of Education – Indigenous Education / Leadership and Equity is now Superintendent of Education – Indigenous Education / Equity, Diversity & Inclusion / International Education; and Mary Mancini, formerly Superintendent of Education – Student Success / Secondary is now

Superintendent of Education – Student Success / Secondary / Adult & Continuing Education.

Director Howitt explained that the title of Special Education no longer captures all of the students served by the staff who work within the department, and the new title of Student Support Services recognizes the work done for all LKDSB students.

Director Howitt noted that Administrative Assistants are now aligned one-to-one with a Superintendent and their portfolio.

Capital Projects Update

Associate Director McKay provided Trustees with an update on the Board's Capital Projects. He explained that along with the larger projects, smaller projects such as outdoor classrooms, paving, flooring, window coverings, and installation of outdoor Wi-Fi were completed. He explained that the Board continues to face supply chain issues and labour shortages in the skilled trades. He added that a written report will be provided to Trustees at the September 27, 2022 Board Meeting.

A Trustee asked for an update on the Forest K-12 School. Associate Director McKay responded that the Board is working with the Transition Committee on the design of the school, which will require Ministry approval once finalized. He added that the expected enrolment has increased since the school was approved, so there are discussions with the Ministry of Education on whether the Board can build the school based on the updated enrolment number, which is more than one hundred additional students.

Director Howitt noted that the Forest K-12 School webpage had been updated on the LKDSB Website and will include the Transition Committee meeting dates and Records of Action from the meetings.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

None.

Trustee Questions

None.

Notices of Motion

None.

Announcements

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at the Sarnia Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.