

**PRESENT:**

Trustees: Chair Randy Campbell, Vice-Chair Janet Barnes, Greg Agar, Jane Bryce, Ruth Ann Dodman, Jack Fletcher, joining virtually, Malinda Little, Roberta Northmore, Angela Richards, Kelley Robertson, and David Shortt

Student Trustees: Alizah Ali and Tristan Nemcek

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

Regrets: Student Trustee Kobee Soney

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#2023-39 Moved by David Shortt, seconded by Roberta Northmore,

Approval of the Agenda

“That the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2023 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Trustee Fletcher arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

#2023-40  
Approval of the Minutes  
Jan/24/2023

Moved by Kelley Robertson, seconded by Greg Agar,

“That the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2023.”

CARRIED.

Business Arising

None.

Motions Emanating from  
the Regular Board Private  
Session

None.

#2023-41  
Action of the Regular  
Board Private Session be  
the Action of the Board

Moved by Janet Barnes, seconded by Ruth Ann Dodman,

“That the Action of the Board in Private Session be the Action of the Board.”

CARRIED.

Delegations

None.

Questions from the Public

None.

#2023-42  
LKDSB Policy and  
Regulations on Student  
Senate

Director Howitt reported to Trustees that the Policy and Regulations on Student Senate were being brought forth as part of the LKDSB cyclical review. He relayed that there were no changes recommended for the Policy and the Regulations have been updated to reflect changes to the role of Student

Report B-23-30

Trustees on Student Senate, following consultation with the Student Trustees and Student Senate. He explained that this change will create a shared leadership responsibility and a better liaison between Student Senate and the Student Trustees, and noted that the Administrative Procedure will detail the process of determining the Student Trustee Co-Chair. He added that another recommended change is to allow for hybrid meetings instead of requiring Senators to report to a central location or videoconference.

Moved by Kelley Robertson, seconded by Angela Richards,

“That the Board approve the review of the Policy and revised Regulations on Student Senate.”

A Trustee asked if students who wish to join Student Senate will be made aware that hybrid meetings will be allowed. Director Howitt responded that once the changes were finalized, they will be sent to secondary schools so they are aware. He added that these changes are being completed after the Student Trustee election has taken place but noted that the changes did not impact the interest of those who applied.

CARRIED.

#2023-43  
LKDSB Policy and  
Regulations on Student  
Trustees  
Report B-23-31

Director Howitt reported to Trustees that the Policy and Regulations on Student Trustees were being brought forth as part of the LKDSB cyclical review. He relayed that there were no changes recommended for the Policy and the Regulations have been updated to reflect an added responsibility for Student Trustees on Student Senate. He explained that the process for selection of the Student Trustee Co-Chair will be detailed in the Administrative Procedure.

Moved by Jane Bryce, seconded by David Shortt,

“That the Board approve the review of the Policy and revised Regulations on Student Trustees.”

CARRIED.

#2023-44  
2023-2024 School Year  
Calendar  
Report B-23-32

Superintendent Hazzard reported to Trustees that the recommended school year calendar for the 2023-2024 school year follows the template set out by the Ministry of Education and the process involves discussion with the coterminous school board, union partners, school administrators and the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). He highlighted that the first day of school is proposed to be September 5, 2023 and there is a Professional Activity (PA) Day proposed on the Friday prior to the Thanksgiving Day weekend, which was advocated for by PIC.

A Trustee noted that June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is proposed as the first day of the secondary exams for semester two, and asked how the Board would accommodate Indigenous Students who have an exam scheduled on that day. Director Howitt responded that accommodations would be made for any student who notifies their principal that they are observing this day, as would be the case with any faith holiday that falls within the school year calendar.

Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Greg Agar,

"That the Board approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar and that this calendar be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for approval as required."

CARRIED.

Indigenous Liaison  
Committee Report  
Report B-23-33

Trustee Northmore reported to Trustees on the January 18, 2023 Indigenous Liaison Committee (ILC) meeting. She relayed that Aamjiwnaang First Nation is working with the LKDSB Student Support Services and Well-Being department and Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Specialists to help put together programs in their community and that the Indigenous Lead for Kettle & Stony Point First Nation has been working with staff and students to determine where further support is needed in the community. She added that 50 administrators submitted school reports.

Trustee Northmore reported that the four First Nation Communities have signed off on the Board Action Plan (BAP) for submission to the Ministry by January 31, 2023.

Trustee Northmore reported that the second draft of the Terms of Reference for the ILC has been completed. After discussion, it was confirmed that Board Committee Terms of Reference do not require Board approval.

Ontario Public School  
Boards' Association  
Update (OPSBA)

Trustee Fletcher reported that the LKDSB will be hosting an upcoming OPSBA Western Region Meeting.

Trustees Agar, Northmore, Robertson, and Shortt provided Trustees with an overview of the OPSBA Public Education Symposium (PES) conference they attended from January 26 to 28, 2023.

Parent Involvement  
Committee Report  
Report B-23-34

Director Howitt reported to Trustees that a number of topics were covered during the February 6, 2023 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting. He relayed that a virtual session is in process of being set up for broader attendance by parents and a series of workshops is being considered. He noted that the final meeting of the school year is scheduled on May 8, 2023.

Special Education  
Advisory Committee  
Report  
Report B-23-35

Trustee Little reported to Trustees on the January 19, 2023 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting and noted that it was the first in-person meeting in some time. She relayed that Superintendent Hazzard provided the committee with a presentation on Right to Read: LKDSB Actions and Tiered Support, Chris King was re-elected as Chair of SEAC and she was elected as Co-Chair of SEAC, and there was a presentation on the Amethyst Demonstration School.

Chair Campbell congratulated Trustee Little on her election to Co-Chair of the committee.

A Trustee asked for information on the Priority Setting Summary that was included in the report. Superintendent Barrese responded that a Priority Setting Summary is set in September of each year and that this report reflects an adjustment made in which the roundtable discussion that focused on public consultation and parent engagement was moved from December 2022 to February 2023 and an adjustment was made to accommodate a community partner.

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Correspondence	Director Howitt noted that there was correspondence attached to the SEAC report and a response to this correspondence has not been received.
New Business	None.
Trustee Questions	Following a Trustee question, it was noted that the date of the upcoming OPSBA Western Region meeting to be hosted by the LKDSB will be held on April 1, 2023.
Notices of Motion	None.
Announcements	<p>The Board is entering into a review of the Trustee Code of Conduct. Trustees are asked to provide any input on the Trustee Code of Conduct to the Chair of the Board. The Trustee Code of Conduct will be brought forth to Trustees for approval prior to May 15, 2023.</p> <p>Director Howitt added that the Trustee Code of Conduct can be found within Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the LKDSB Procedural Bylaws and a cyclical review is required through legislation, which lists May 15, 2023 as the deadline for the review.</p> <p>The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Sarnia Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board