

PRESENT:

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

Student Trustees:

Staff: Director of Education John Howitt, Associate Director Brian McKay, joining virtually, and Superintendent of Education Gary Girardi, joining virtually

Regrets: Trustee Greg Agar, Student Trustees Graysen Bathe-Minard, Darshan Shah, and Makaiyah Stonefish, and Superintendents of Education Angie Barrese, Emily Dixon, Ben Hazzard, Mary Mancini, and Interim Superintendent of Education, Carrielyn Smith

Recording Secretary: Jaime Shannon, Executive Assistant to the Director

Call to Order: Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#2023-132
Approval of the Agenda Moved by Ruth Ann Dodman, seconded by Jane Bryce,

“That the Agenda for the Special Board Meeting of October 4, 2023 be approved.”

CARRIED.

Chair Campbell read the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None.

#2023-133
Proposed Revisions to the
LKDSB Procedural By-
Laws
Report B-23-113

Moved by Kelley Robertson, seconded by David Shortt,

“That the Board approves the deletion of Sections 3.17, 3.18, and 3.19, and revision of Section 4.1 of the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws.”

Trustee Robertson explained that the intention of the notice of motion is to improve communication between the Board and members of the public who wish to share their views, as there is no opportunity for information exchange with questions from the public. She added that individuals would be encouraged to use communication pathways already in place, including delegations and communicating directly with Trustees through telephone or email.

A Trustee asked if the Regulations on *Safe Schools, Appendix A: Lambton Kent District School Board Code of Conduct*, and the Regulations on *Access to Schools and Board Property* cover attendance at the Board Meetings. Director Howitt responded that in addition to those items, Section 3.22 *Decorum at Board Meetings* also applies, which is shared with delegations prior to the Board Meeting. He added that signage will be added to the Board Rooms with expectations of those in attendance, as well as posted to the Board Meetings page of the LKDSB website.

A Trustee noted that while he agreed there are many opportunities available for the public to communicate with Trustees, there may be public perception that removing the availability to ask questions makes the Board less open to the public.

Following a Trustee question, Director Howitt confirmed that the changes to the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws would be posted on the LKDSB website and can also be found in the minutes from this meeting, which will be reviewed at the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

Following a Trustee question, Director Howitt confirmed that the remaining items in Section 3 of the LKDSB Procedural By-Laws would be re-numbered if the Board Motion was carried. He added that the revised LKDSB Procedural By-Laws would be posted to the LKDSB website prior to the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

A Trustee commented that of the 37 public school boards they surveyed, only one included questions from the public in their agenda package. Director Howitt added that he was in touch with the Director of that particular school board, and they have revised their by-laws so questions from the public had to be submitted in advance of the meeting.

CARRIED.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board, Chair Campbell declared the Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board