



## Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2022

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

### MINUTES

**Present:** Board Chair: S Gibson, Board Vice-Chair, B. Doyle, C. VanEvery-Albert, R. Collver, E. Dixon, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, Student Trustees: S. Green, C. Kitchen R. Mitchell

**Administration:** Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: W. Baker, K. Graham, L. Munro, A. Smith, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Wyszynski, Recording Secretary: C. Dero

**Guests:** IT Applications/Business Analyst, J. Hertel, IT Manager, J. Ecklund, IT Supervisor, R. Erauw. 2022-23 Student Trustees: M. Baker, T. Zebrowski

**Regrets Trustees:** D. Dean, G. Anderson

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, S. Gibson at 6:30 p.m.

(b) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:33 p.m.

**Carried**

(d) **Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

The Public meeting was called to order by Board Chair S. Gibson at 7:17 p.m. Chair Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Board members paused to demonstrate support for the people of the Ukraine.

(e) **Memorials**

Nil

(f) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Agenda be approved.

**Carried**

In response to a question from a trustee, an update was provided about timelines for bylaws and policies that had previously been referred as noted at the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole Board meeting.



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(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Director's Interim Performance Appraisal has been completed.

(h) **Presentations**

(i) **Lead Learn Inspire Award**

Director Roberto introduced the February 2022 award recipient, IT Application/  
Business Analyst, Jesse Hertel.

Director Roberto spoke to the outstanding support and customer service that J. Hertel consistently delivers and commended his tireless work over the pandemic make sure that online events were seamless. J. Hertel exemplifies the work in Learn Lead and Inspire.

J. Hertel thanked J. Ecklund, R. Erauw, and the IT Department for their support.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **January 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (Regular Board Meeting)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held January 24, 2022 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

Trustee Werden requested that motions two and three be reversed in item F-1.

(b) **February 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (Committee of the Whole)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held February 7, 2022 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

Trustee Werden requested the word deferred be changed to referred in section A-1-e.

C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes/Previous Meetings**

Nil



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#### D - 1 Director's Report

##### (a) Director's Highlights

Director Roberto provided highlights about the following:

- The Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) will host cyber safety expert Paul Davis for a virtual event on March 3, 2022, aimed at empowering parents and guardians in the digital age
- The Safe and Inclusive Schools team hosted *Sikhism and What You Need to Know*, with Dr. Onkar Singh.
- Equity Focus Groups
- PPM 167
- Pink Shirt Day
- Election of 2022-23 Student Trustees
- Six Nations Council Presentation
- Kick-Start to Kindergarten – Pilot Program

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of February 28, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

An additional question was asked by a trustee about the reason for the change to the BCI-Laurier Program.

##### (b) Leading and Learning in a Pandemic

Director Roberto explained that, while Ontario is further relaxing public health guidelines in the community starting March 1, 2022, GEDSB is waiting for guidelines to make sure Board practices are aligned with the coterminous board, PHUs, and any guidance that may come from the Ministry of Education.

In response to a question from a trustee about whether an EQAO exemption will be requested, it was explained that GEDSB will continue to administer assessments.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Leading and Learning in a Pandemic report of February 28, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

#### E - 1 Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees provided a verbal report.

Student Trustee Kitchen provided a summary of the OSTA-AECO Conference he recently attended.



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Student Trustee Mitchell spoke to the switch to semesters and recognized administrators and guidance counsellors who have been working to help with the transition.

Student Trustee Mitchell noted that it is important to recognize that a large percentage of students will be writing exams next year for the first time and emphasized the importance of students being involved in the planning for this.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' report of February 28, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

#### F - 1 **Committee of the Whole Report – February 7, 2022**

Presented as printed

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve recommendations 1-5 and 7-15 from the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole Board meeting as follows, as amended:

##### 1. **Delegation**

- i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive R. Hunter's delegation by as information.
- ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive A. Johnson's delegation as information.
- iii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive N. Gauthier delegation as information

##### 2. **Director's Report**

- i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of February 7, 2022, as information.
- ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Leading and Learning in a Pandemic report of February 7, 2022, as information.

##### 3. **Draft Proposed School Year Calendar 2022-23**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the calendars recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee in the draft School Year Calendars 2022-23 report.

##### 4. **Mileage Remuneration Review**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the mileage rate of \$0.61 per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers, and \$0.55 per kilometer thereafter effective March 1, 2022, as amended.



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5. **Budget Development Process (F-02)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy Budget Development Process (F-02).
6. **Community Partnership (SO-08)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy Community Partnership (SO-08).
7. **Community Partnership (SO-008)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure Community Partnership (SO-008) as information.
8. **Environmental Education Stewardship (SO-18 & SO-XXX)**
  - i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO-18 Environmental Education Stewardship to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
  - ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO-xxx Environmental Education Stewardship to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
9. **Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (SO-20 & SO-XXX)**
  - i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO-20 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
  - ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO-XXX Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
10. **Maintaining Employee Safety While Working with Students (HR-107)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure HR-107 Maintaining Employee Safety While Working with Students to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
11. **Employee Injury Reporting and Investigation (HR-121)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure HR-121 Employee Injury Reporting and Investigation to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
12. **Home Instruction (P-106)**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure P-106 Home Instruction to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2022.
13. **OPSBA Report**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA report as information.



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#### 14. Correspondence

- i) THAT the Grand Erie District School receive the correspondence as information.
- ii) THAT Policy SO-17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption, from Non-Medical or Cloth Masks and the Resource Package be brought back for discussion at the Committee of the Whole Board meeting on March 7, 2022.

#### 15. In Camera Report

- i) THAT In Camera Item A-1-a be received as information.
- ii) THAT In Camera Item A-1-c be approved.
- iii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the Board and The City of Brantford.

#### Carried

Trustee Sloat noted that recommendation 9 should be changed to Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting (SO-20). This will be amended.

Trustee Collver requested that recommendation 6 be split from the motion. Discussions took place about the need for guiding principles in the policy.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy Community Partnership (SO-08).

#### Carried

#### G - 1 New Business

##### (a) Information Technology Services Annual Report

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Information Technology Services Annual Update Report as information.

#### Carried

##### (b) Student Trustee Selection 2022-23

Presented as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Report on the appointment of the following Student Trustees for 2022-23:

Grand Erie North: Tatyana Zebroski

Grand Erie South: Maggie Baker

Grand Erie Indigenous: Aleena Skye

#### Carried



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(c) **Contract Award – Architectural Services for Child Care Builds at Cobblestone Elementary School and Banbury Heights School**

Presented as printed.

In response form a question about why there was no dollar value included in the report, Superintendent Wyszynski explained that the contract is recommended to be awarded using a percentage of project amount. Superintendent Wyszynski noted this is not made public as it could potentially impact the procurement process.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for architectural services for child care builds at Cobblestone Elementary School and Banbury Heights School from Grguric Architects Inc.

**Carried**

(d) **Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions**

Presented as printed.

Superintendent Wyszynski explained why Elgin Avenue was not included in the submissions and noted that a report would be coming to Board next month with recommendations for the school.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2022-23 Capital Priorities for submission to the Ministry of Education.

**Carried**

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 9, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 9, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 20, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Superintendent Thompson responded to concerns that were raised by a trustee about gifted students not being represented and noted that there is no firm data to support this.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 20, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

(c) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – January 12, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – January 12, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

(d) **Safe and Inclusive Schools (SIS) Committee Minutes – (Draft) – January 20, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Superintendent Baker noted an amendment to the minutes. Heading C-1.3 should say Equity Action Plan.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes – January 20, 2022 as information as amended.

**Carried**

At the request of a trustee, the guide that is referenced in the minutes will be made available to trustees when it is ready in draft.

(e) **Native Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes – (Draft) – January 27, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Trustee Werden called a Point of Order, noting that Trustee Sloat's question should be heard before the question was called.

In response to Trustee Sloat's question, Superintendent Graham responded that there was a discussion around salary and staffing but there were no decisions made.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Native Advisory Committee Minutes – January 27, 2022 as information.

**Carried**





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(f) **Indigenous Education Advisory (IEAC) Minutes – (Draft) – February 10, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Trustee VanEvery-Albert shared that there have been some preliminary discussions about bringing the NAC and IEAC Committees together.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 10, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

(g) **Privacy and Information Management (PIM) Minutes – (Draft) – February 10, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes – February 10, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

I - 1 **Correspondence**

(a) Avon Maitland DSB – February 8, 2022

(b) Avon Maitland DSB – February 17, 2022

(c) Durham DSB – February 22, 2022

(d) Thunder Bay Catholic DSB – February 15, 2022

(e) Halton DSB – February 22, 2022

(f) Bluewater DSB – February 23, 2022

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:18p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Chair, S. Gibson