



MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, S. Gibson, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, C. Speers, C. VanEvery-Albert, D. Werden, Z. Garbaty (Student Trustee), I. Doxtador-Swamp (Student Trustee), A. Hauser (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – W. Baker, L. De Vos, D. Martins, L. Munro, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – L. Howells

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil
Administration: Nil

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:23 p.m.

(e) Memorials

D. Werden read the memorial statement for B. Johnston, Former Trustee.

(f) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Agenda be approved.

Carried



(g) **In Camera Report**

Trustees will be returning to In Camera following item I-1.

(h) **Presentations**

G. Anderson recognized the three Student Trustees Ia'teieká:nerah Doxtader-Swamp, Zachary Garbaty and Alexandra Hauser for their contribution and hard work this year. G. Anderson noted that both I. Doxtador-Swam and Z. Garbaty will return in the fall for a second term as Student Trustees and A. Hauser will move onto Western University in September where she will study Medical Sciences and then go to Medical School. G. Anderson also congratulated Z. Garbaty for his recent election as Public School Vice-President of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO).

G. Anderson noted that this is Director Blancher's last meeting and thanked her for her service with Grand Erie District School Board. G. Anderson noted that B. Blancher is a thoughtful, compassionate and humble leader who always puts the needs of the system first and has remained committed to doing what is right for our students and staff. G. Anderson further commented that during the last 3 months, with COVID-19, B. Blancher has been our guiding light and we can't thank her enough. G. Anderson stated on behalf on the Trustees, we wish B. Blancher the best in her retirement.

R. Collver thanked B. Blancher for her great leadership for 5 years and that she has become her favourite teacher and shared a saying to express how deeply she appreciates all the work that B. Blancher has done - "Who can say if I've been changed for the better, but because I know you, Brenda, I have changed for good".

B. Blancher thanked G. Anderson and R. Collver for those kind words.

(i) **Delegation**

Nil

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – May 25, 2020**

Presented at printed.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held May 25, 2020 be approved.

Carried



(b) **Committee of the Whole Board – June 8, 2020**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held June 8, 2020 be approved.

Carried

C - 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings

(a) **Lakewood Track Fundraising Plan Update**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Fundraising Plan Update – Lakewood ES – Port Dover report providing a high-level overview on the background and noted as a result of tremendous efforts the school has raised \$225,223. R. Wyszynski noted the original estimate to rejuvenate the entire track was expected to cost approximately \$250,000. During the tendering process, bids were received by 3 companies offering a wide range of surface, track thickness etc. The goal is to provide a quality track that is equal to the level of North Park Collegiate and Pauline Johnson Collegiate, and the system chosen offers a polyurethane surface and a 10-year warranty period, however the estimated construction cost, with this product, is approximately \$354,328. R. Wyszynski further noted that with the revised construction costs, the project faces a deficit of \$70,105 and Senior Administration is recommending funding the gap by increasing the Board contribution by using funds available in the Board’s School Condition Improvement grant.

D. Dean commented that the additional funds are a good investment, and a track like this is a great thing for a school and community and he fully supports the increase.

R. Collver commented that sometimes our communities have a hard time understanding what we can support and cannot support and noted that that this community has done a great job with fundraising. R. Collver stated it is fortunate that we have grant monies available to help with the project, but that sometimes it is hard when schools are looking for funding and wonder why doesn’t the board give the money, however, when adding floor space or additions these grants don’t cover that. R. Collver further commented that we need to make sure that the message is clear that this is grant money from the Ministry and fully supports it.



Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the updated Fundraising Plan for Lakewood ES track rejuvenation.

Carried

D - 1 Director's Report

Director's highlights:

- **ECO Schools** – information is now posted on the Grand Erie website celebrating the 40 Grand Erie schools that received Eco Schools certification this year. (up 2 since 2019)
 - The Eco Schools program connects to Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, through the Environment indicator and the goal of "improving energy and environmental conservation at all sites."
- **Ministry Memos** – since our Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 8th, we have received the following information from the Ministry.
 - **June 11, 2020** – Memo regarding the reopening of childcare centres starting on June 12 with a request for school boards to support the reopening of centres within schools.
 - **June 19, 2020** – Memo 2020 B08 – Grants for Student Needs Funding and on the same day, Memo 2020 B10 – 2020-21 Priorities and Partnership Funding and Memo 2020 B06 – 2020-21 Special Education Grant Funding
 - **June 19, 2020** – the Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year was provided including directions to schools to prepare for 3 options
 - *Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols*
 - *Modified school day routine based on smaller class sizes, cohorting and alternative day or week delivery, and*
 - *at-home learning with ongoing enhanced remote delivery*

The document states that the Ministry will stay in close communication with school boards through June and July and to provide further guidance based on the latest public health advice in early August to prepare for school opening. The Deputy Minister was clear that school boards do not have to submit written plans to the Ministry – Ministry staff will reach out to school boards to get an update on plans by the end of July. School boards may need to be nimble and adopt one or more of these forms of delivery through the school year and be able to move between these forms of delivery depending on public health circumstances. Grand Erie teams are working on our plans and will continue over the next few weeks. We are currently working on a survey to capture parent voice around school re-opening and hope to have something out by Thursday.



- **Message to Parents from the Minister of Education** – we received another message from the Minister, this one regarding school re-opening and it is now posted on our website.
- **Scholarships**
 - **James Hillier Foundation Scholarships** - Congratulations to Nathan Cross (Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School) and Amy Hutchinson (Paris District High School) who won two of the three James Hillier Foundation Scholarships awarded this year. While the Hillier Foundation will officially announce the 2020 winners at some point this week, Director Blancher wanted Trustees to know about these great achievements before we break for the summer. The Hillier Foundation Scholarship funds academic fees up to \$5,000 per year for four years. This means that both recipients' have earned a \$20,000 Scholarship as they both head off to University this fall.
 - **Boughner Foundation Scholarship** – Congratulations to Sajid Bashar (Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School) won the James Boughner Scholarship which a \$20,000 award presented each year to a Brant/Brantford area student.
- **School Year Calendar** – on June 18, 2020 the Board of Directors for the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show made the difficult decision to cancel the Fair for this year. As Trustees are aware, this year we presented school year calendars that were different for Brant/Brantford/Haldimand to Norfolk County as the October PA Day for Norfolk was on Tuesday, October 6 to accommodate for Young Canada Day, while the other areas have PA Days on October 9th. B. Blancher noted that we no longer need two different PA Days in October and is putting this in front of Trustees to get some direction. B. Blancher reminded Trustees that we have not yet received approval from the Ministry for our calendars and should we receive approval shortly, we can advise the Ministry that we no longer require the different PA Days and the Ministry may not approve PA days in October anyway; we can also have Superintendent Baker contact his School Year Calendar Committee.
 - C.A. Sloat commented she has no issues revising the calendars as coordinating PA Days will save us money for busing
 - D. Werden commented that he is in total agreement to coordinate PA Days with the rest of the board

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the move of the Norfolk October 2020 PA Day to coincide with the remainder of the Board for the 2020-21 School Year.

Carried

- **Last Week of the 2020-21 School Year** – In what has been anything but a typical school year, we are finally in the last week of the 2019-20 school year but this last week feels



very different. Director Blancher expressed her thanks to everyone who sits around the Board table for their unwavering support during the 4 months. Director Blancher is so proud of everything we did to support students and staff and it is because of everyone we have seen our way through this crisis. School boards are still in an environment of uncertainty and while we are currently developing plans for school re-opening, we don't know what the fall will bring. Despite this uncertainty, Director Blancher noted she has lots of hope and knows that everyone will continue to work together to ensure that Grand Erie staff, students and families can continue to move forward.

R. Collver asked B. Blancher as you develop the reopening plans and hope to have them in place and will be sent out to administrators by the end of July, will they be shared with the Trustees? B. Blancher responded that the plans will be shared with the Trustees and that we need to have a meeting with our coterminous board to align as much as possible for busing and hope to have it done by mid-July. R. Collver stated that the survey is to help us form our plans and will there be anyone else helping to form our plans? B. Blancher responded yes, our support staff, and some teachers have provided good input and will do a little more reaching out to teachers for further input.

C. VanEvery-Albert shared that she is sad to see B. Blancher go and asked for update on the Educational Services Agreement (ESA)? B. Blancher responded that back in January 2020, we started to discuss the ESA we had with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) that serves students who reside on Six Nations and attend Grand Erie Secondary Schools. We had 3-4 meetings and met with ISC to preset the changes to them that we would like to see. There was a follow up meeting last week and we heard that ISC is increasing our high cost special education amount by \$100,000 and we know that will go a long way to support students and the ESA is in the signatory stage with a plan to bring the agreement to Trustees.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 22, 2020 as information.

Carried

E - 1 Student Trustees' Report

Z. Garbaty thanked everyone for a great first term on the board, shared that he has learned quite a bit and is looking forward to next year.

A. Hauser thanked for the opportunity for the last two years, said she has learned a lot and it has been amazing to learn about myself and how to incorporate leadership into my life.



I. Doxtader-Swamp thanked everyone for a great year. and she feels well prepared for the next term now that she has gotten to experience all of the board meetings and she knows more about her role as a student trustee. She is so grateful for the opportunity to becoming a student trustee this year.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' Report of June 22, 2020 as information.

Carried

F - 1 Committee Report

(a) Committee of the Whole Board – June 8, 2020

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: J. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendations from the June 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting as follows:

1. Director's Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 8, 2020 as information.

2. Annual Review of the Special Education Plan

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Annual Review of the Special Education Plan, and the submission of two copies of the plan, and the Special Education Report Components Checklist to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Education by July 31, 2020.

3. French Immersion Program Review – Ad Hoc Committee

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board strike an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a French Immersion Review to be presented to the Board on November 9, 2020, as amended.

4. Category III Trips

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Category III Trips Report as information.

5. Bylaw 1 Board Composition

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 1 Board Composition, as amended.

6. Bylaw 6 Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes



THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 6 Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes, as amended.

7. SO1 Fundraising

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve SO1 Fundraising.

8. SO105 Privacy Breach Response

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure SO105 Privacy Breach Response as information.

9. SO114 Do Not Resuscitate Confirmation (DNR-C) Form

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure SO114 Do Not Resuscitate Confirmation (DNR-C) Form as information, as amended.

10. Correspondence - The Terry Fox Foundation: Grand Erie District School Board Donation History Report

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

Carried

G - 1 New Business

(a) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2019-20

B. Blancher referred to the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2019-20 providing high-level summary of the activities, noting many were impacted by job action and COVID-19.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report as information.

Carried

(b) Quarterly Budget Report

R. Wyszynski referred to the Quarterly Budget report provide an overview for the nine months ended May 31, 2020 which included financial impacts due to COVID-19 and the outlook for the remaining 3 months of the fiscal year. R. Wyszynski noted the biggest risks to the financial forecast are related to additional costs required to re-open schools, as the Ministry has yet to provide direction and there may be costs that boards will need to incur.



C.A. Sloat asked about Budget and what the plan is? R. Wyszynski responded Budget meetings will be planned for two dates between July 20 & July 30 and with a Special Board Meeting on August 17, 2020.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the nine months ended May 31, 2020 as information.

Carried

(c) **Energy Conservation Consumption Report**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Energy Conservation Consumption Report noting COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the ability of Broader Public Sector (BPS) organizations to meet the July 1 deadline. R. Wyszynski stated the Ministry will accept submissions of the 2020 reporting year data from BPS organizations until October 1, 2020 and the detailed report will be presented at the August 31, 2020 Board meeting.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Energy Conversation Consumption Report as information.

Carried

(d) **Implications of 2020-21 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students**

W. Baker referred to the Implications of 2020-21 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students Report providing a high-level overview and stating there is only one Friday the 13th event during the 2020-21 school year: November 13, 2020 which is currently designated as a Professional Activity Day (PA Day). W. Baker further noted that the Ministry of Education has yet to approve the 2020-21 School Year Calendars and if November 13, 2020 is not a PA Day, Senior Administration is recommending Option 1, school remains opens for students.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer the Implications of the 2020-21 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students report to the August 31, 2020 Board meeting.

Carried



H - 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – May 2020

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of May 2020 in the amount of \$8,287,764.22 as information.

Carried

(b) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – May 21, 2020

Presented as printed.

D. Werden asked are Inspections going to be completed now that more individuals are accessing our facilities, or will the Ministry allow us to wait until the end of August? R. Wyszynski responded for temporary one day access, it is not necessary. D. Werden further asked what about Child Care centres, will they be open during the summer and are inspections required? R. Wyszynski responded if they reopen then yes, those sites will need to be inspected as well as part of their Child Care regulations.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – May 21, 2020 as information.

Carried

(c) Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 14, 2020

Presented as printed.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) - May 14, 2020 as information.

Carried



- (d) **Student Transportation Services Brantford Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 26, 2020**
Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat asked if the Green Communities Canada Grant extension was allowed/accepted. R. Wyszynski responded that extension has been granted to the 2020-21 School Year with a final report due November 2020.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Transportation Services Brantford Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) - May 26, 2020 as information.

Carried

- (e) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – June 8, 2020**
Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 8, 2020 as information.

Carried

- I - 1 **Correspondence**
Nil

- (j) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: S Gibson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel matter at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

The Trustees returned to open session at 8:47 pm

- (k) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve B-1-c.

Carried



Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve B-1-d.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board B-1-e.

Carried

J - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson