



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair S. Gibson, Vice-Chair B. Doyle Trustees: J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore (MS Teams), E. Thomas, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, E. Whiton; Student Trustees: M. Baker, T. Zebroski
- Administration:** Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: K. Edgar, K. Graham, L. Munro, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Communications and Community Relations Manager: D. Smouter, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken
- Regrets:** Trustee G. Anderson
- Guests:** Budget and Grants Supervisor: A. Van Doorn, Divisional Manager of Operations, Energy & Sustainability: K. Hashimoto, J. Bell, General Legal Counsel (MS Teams)

A - 1 **Opening (6:40 pm)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera Session (6:41 pm)**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Board move In-Camera.
Carried

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

Chair Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) **Call to Order**

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the agenda be approved.
Carried

(g) **Memorials – Nil**

(h) **In-Camera Report**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board confirm that the Director's Performance Appraisal has been completed.



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(i) **Presentation – Patti McCleister Awards**

Director Roberto presented the Patti McCleister Award honouring the memory of Grand Erie's Training and Development Officer who left a legacy of collaborative leadership, and the ability to inspire others to Speech-Language Pathologist Belinda Benko and Elementary Educator Judy Gardner.

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**

Director Roberto presented Olivia Jones of Dunnville Secondary School with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for her leadership and ability to advocate for herself and the successes and accomplishments she achieved.

(j) **Delegations – Nil**

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **May 29, 2023 (Regular Board)**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated May 29, 2023, be approved.

Carried

(b) **June 5, 2023 (Regular Board)**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated June 5, 2023, be approved.

Carried

(c) **June 21, 2023 (Special Board)**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, dated June 21, 2023, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting dated May 8, 2023**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

That the Purchasing Policy (BU-06); Hiring of Employees Policy (HR-03); Harassment and Objectionable Behaviour Policy (HR-05); Conflict of Interest Related to Hiring, Selection, Promotion and Evaluation of Employees Policy (HR-07); Health and Safety Policy (HS-01); Workplace Violence Policy (HS-02); Student Concussion and Head Injury Policy (HS-10); School Councils Policy (SO-02); Distribution of Materials in Schools Policy (SO-04); Emergency Planning Policy (SO-05); Student Suspensions Policy (SO-06); Student Expulsions Policy (SO-07); Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (SO-10); Code of Conduct Policy (SO-12); Access to Schools and Facilities Policy (SO-13) and Field Trips and Excursions Policy (SO-15) be approved.



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Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Bradford

That the Supplier Exclusivity: Food Services and Vending Machines in Schools Policy (FI); Safe Work Practices Policy (FT15); Bereavements Policy (HR-1); Service Provision for Students with Special Education Needs Policy (PR-01); Cyberbullying Policy (SO9); Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour Policy (SO11); Event Planning and Organizing Policy (SO26) and the Violence Threat Risk Assessment and Intervention Policy (SO29) be rescinded.

Carried

(b) Finance Committee Meeting Report dated June 12, 2023

Budget 2023-24

Presented as printed.

In response to a question, Superintendent Wyszynski noted actuals are confirmed by the Ministry of Education in November following revised estimates.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the 2023-24 Operating budget of \$368,716,752.

Carried

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the 2023-24 Capital Budget of \$26,530,000.

Carried

(c) Audit Committee Meeting Report dated June 15, 2023

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the 2023-24 Internal Audit Plan.

Carried

D - 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings - Nil

E - 1 Report of the Director

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day was June 21, 2023
- Sharing Our Voices was held on June 20, 2023
- Grand Erie celebrated diversity during the month of June with PRIDE and by flying the Pride flag
- The Language Curriculum and Math Plan was released by the Ministry of Education
- Stelco funded welding equipment upgrades including welding booths, ventilation systems and a new industry-grade multi-process welding machine at Cayuga Secondary School



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- Grand Erie celebrates all graduates including students receiving awards, honours and scholarships
- Congratulations to all Grand Erie retirees for their years of service, dedication and commitment to students and staff
- Retirement of Superintendent of Education Wayne Baker
- Special thank you to Student Trustee Tatyana Zebroski (who represented students in the Brantford and Brant County), Maggie Baker (who represented students in Haldimand and Norfolk counties) and Aleena Skye (who represented Indigenous students across Grand Erie) for their hard work and dedication in being the voice of their fellow students

A preview of Shellard Lane Public School and joint use project design was provided and a short video highlighting the past school year can be found [here](#).

F - 1 Student Trustees' Report

(a) Student Trustees' Report – End of Year Report

Presented as printed.

G - 1 New Business - Action / Information Items

(a) Quarterly Budget Report

Presented as printed.

(b) Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report 2021-22

Presented as printed.

(c) Agnes G. Hodge Public School Holding Boundary Modifications

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the redirection of Shellard Lane Holding boundary from Agnes G. Hodge Public School to Bellview Public School effective June 27, 2023.

Carried

(c) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report 2022-23

Presented as printed.

(d) Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2023-24

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2023-24 be approved.

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- (e) **Finance, Policy and Program, and Regular Board Meeting Schedule of Reports 2023-24**
Presented as printed.
- (f) **Annual Review of the Special Education Plan**
Presented as printed.
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the Board approve the Annual Review of the Special Education Plan 2022-23, and the submission of the Special Education Report Components Checklist to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Education by July 31, 2023.
Carried
- (h) **Disbanding of the Boundary Review Committees and Construction Committees**
Presented as printed.
Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board disband the Banbury Heights School/Branlyn Community School Boundary Review Committee, Cobblestone Child Care Project Committee, Banbury Child Care Project Committee and the Brantford, Paris and Waterford Boundary Review Special Ad Hoc Committees effective June 26, 2023.
Carried
- (i) **Review of Police Programs and Presence in Schools**
Presented as printed.
Director Roberto advised that Grand Erie has committed to share the model with all 72 school boards in the province at the request of Minister Lecce.
- H - 1 **Other Business** – Presented as printed.
- (a) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 16, 2023
(b) Audit Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2023
(c) Six Nations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 30, 2023
(d) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 27, 2023
(e) Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2023
- I - 1 **OPSBA Report**
Trustee VanEvery-Albert encouraged trustees to review emails from OPSBA for up-to-date information. The Annual General Meeting in Blue Mountain was well attended.
- J - 1 **Correspondence** – Presented as printed.
- (a) Thames Valley District School Board dated June 6, 2023
(b) Greater Essex County District School Board dated June 9, 2023
(c) Halton District School Board dated June 16, 2023
(d) Halton District School Board dated June 16, 2023



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K-1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto