



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026

7:15 p.m.

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Chair: B. Doyle, Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, S. Gibson, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Sault, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, L. Whiton, Student Trustees: P. Singh, R. Staats, H. Thompson

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: D. Atanas, K. Graham, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Associate Director: L. Munro Senior Manager R. Strang, Senior Executive Assistant C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

A - 1 **Opening (6:30 p.m.)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Doyle confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera Session (6:30 p.m.)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

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

Chair Doyle read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) **Student Showcase**

(i) James Hillier Public School

The James Hillier Public School Grades 5-8 Choir performed O' Canada and "Larger Than Life" in the courtyard. United by a shared passion for music, the students consistently demonstrate exceptional commitment and volunteer their recess to rehearse and prepare performances for a variety of audiences.

(f) **Mohawk Teaching**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert provided a Mohawk Teaching.

(g) **Call to Order**

Chair Doyle called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the agenda be approved.

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(i) **Memorial** – Nil

(j) **In-Camera Report**

Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: R. Collver
That Item B-1-c be approved.

Carried

Moved by: S. Gibson
Seconded by: G. Anderson
That Item D-1-a be approved.

Carried

(k) **Learn Lead Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented Jenna Thompson, an educator at Delhi District Secondary School, was presented with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for creating meaningful opportunities for students including a Lunch and Learn initiative supporting Grade 9 students as they prepared for exams. Students were also provided with practical strategies for studying, note-taking, and exam writing.

Director Roberto presented Amy Klassen, Donna Furtney and Lisa Rowntree of J.L. Mitchener Public School with a Learn Lead Inspire Award as they have demonstrated exceptional math leadership. They led professional learning on using Knowledgehook to identify misconceptions and strengthen assessment and instruction, sharing their work across 14 Grand Erie schools. Their efforts have improved math engagement, confidence, and EQAO results.

(l) **Delegation**

(i) Carleigh Piche

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

That the Board formally receive and file the submission of the delegation.

Carried

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Board accept the April 27, 2026 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(ii) Regular Board meeting dated February 23, 2026

(b) Receive the minutes of:



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- (i) Governance Committee dated November 10, 2025
- (ii) Audit Committee dated November 13, 2025
- (iii) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee dated January 29, 2026
- (iv) Special Education Advisory Committee dated February 5, 2026
- (v) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee dated February 12, 2026
- (vi) Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 12, 2026
- (vii) Student Senate dated February 12, 2026
- (viii) Six Nations Advisory Committee dated February 26, 2026

Carried

C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

(a) Special Education Advisory Committee Report dated February 5, 2026

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: G. Anderson

That the Board approve the appointment of J. McStraviniec, as the alternate representative for Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services.

Carried

(b) Policy and Program Committee Report dated March 9, 2026

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board approve the following draft policies:

- (i) Exclusion of Students Policy (SO-32)
- (ii) Copyright – Fair Dealing Guidelines Policy (SO-24)
- (iii) School Food and Beverages Policy (SO-21)
- (iv) Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification Policy (SO-16)
- (v) Privacy and Records Information Management Policy (IT-02)
- (vi) Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy (IT-01)
- (vii) Reporting of Wrongdoing Policy (HR-23)
- (viii) Hiring of Employees Policy (HR-03).

Carried

(c) Policy and Program Committee Report dated April 13, 2026

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board approve the naming of the new elementary school in Paris and that a Special Ad Hoc Naming Committee be struck for the school for the 2026-2027 school year as per Naming/Renaming of Schools and Facilities Policy (FA-03)."

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Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Board approve the Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy (SO-20).
Carried

(d) **Governance Committee dated April 16, 2026**

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Bradford
THAT the Board approve the amendments to General Working By-Law.
Carried

Moved by: J. Bradford
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Borrowing By-law.
Carried

Moved by: T. Sault
Seconded by: S. Gibson
THAT the Board approve the General Governance Policy.
Carried

Moved by: J. Bradford
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Governance Policy #1 Public Concerns.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Bradford
THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Governance Policy #2 Delegations.
Carried

Moved by: S. Gibson
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Board approve the Governance Policy #3 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Board approve the Trustee Code of Conduct.
Carried



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- (e) **Audit Committee dated April 23, 2026**
Moved by: S. Gibson
Seconded by: J. Bradford
THAT the Board approve the appointment of Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP as external auditors for the 2025-26 Financial Year.
Carried
- D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings – Nil**
- E - 1 **Report of the Director**
(a) **Director's Report – March & April 2026**
Presented as published.
- F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**
(a) **OSTA-AECO Report**
Presented as printed.
- (b) **Student Trustee Report – February**
Presented as printed.
- G - 1 **New Business - Action / Information Items**
(a) **Trustee Expenses Report**
Presented as printed.
- H - 1 **OPSBA Updated**
Trustee Bradford provided an overview regarding the Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium. The next regional meeting is Saturday, May 2, 2026 and the Annual General Meeting is June 2-4, 2026 in Ottawa.
- I - 1 **Adjournment**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: L. Whiton
THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
Carried

Chair B. Doyle

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto