



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 25, 2024

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Chair: S. Gibson, Vice-Chair: B. Doyle (MS Teams), Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Sault (MS Teams), C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, E. Whiton, Student Trustees: M. Baker, K. Gayowsky, A. Skye

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Graham, L. Munro, D. Smouter, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerbroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Guest: Manager P. Kuckyt

A - 1 **Opening (6:30 pm)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera Session (6:31 pm)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

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 7:22 p.m.

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

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorials - Nil**

(h) **In-Camera Report**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Grand Erie Early Childhood Educators Local for the period of September 1, 2022 up to and including August 31, 2026.

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Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT Item C-1-a be approved.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board approve the draft Delhi Gym letter of support to MPP Bobbi Ann Brady.

Carried

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**

Director Roberto presented Emmerson Craig with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for sharing her baby brother's cancer story and motivating the school community to learn, lead and inspire on Childhood Cancer Day.

(j) **Student Showcase – Project Search**

Director Roberto introduced the students at Delhi District Secondary School Drama who performed "The AI Play".

(k) **Delegations – Nil**

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **February 26, 2024 (Special Board Meeting)**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, dated February 26, 2024, be approved.

Carried

(b) **February 26, 2024 (Regular Board Meeting)**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated February 26, 2024, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated March 4, 2024**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Board approve the French Immersion Review with next steps and that the French Immersion Special Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded.

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(b) **Audit Committee Meeting Report dated March 7, 2024**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: L. Passmore

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Millards Chartered Professional Accountants as external auditors for the 2023-24 financial year.

Carried

(c) **Governance Committee Meeting Report dated March 21, 2024**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board approve the amendments to the General Governance Policy.

Carried

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

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- Kick-start to Kindergarten at Grand Erie
- Learn Lead Inspire
- Arts Festivals
- Delhi Co-op Program Success
- Learning at Grand Erie
- The Right Fit
- GEMAAP – the Coaching Cycle
- Project Search Events
- An upcoming GEPIC Presentation
- Elgin Avenue Rendering
- Days of Significance
- Community Involvement
- Student Trustee Scholarship
- Virtual Learning 2024
- Approval of the School Year Calendar

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

(a) **Student Senate Report**

Presented as printed.

G - 1 **New Business - Action / Information Items**

(a) **Major Construction Project Report**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Board Approved Transportation Review**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt



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Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in the Board Approved Transportation Review report for the 2024-25 School Year.

Carried

H - 1 Other Business

(a) **Audit Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 2, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2024**

Presented as printed.

I - 1 OPSBA Report

Trustee VanEvery-Albert provided the following reminders:

- Central West Regional meeting – April 6, 2024
- Labour Relations Symposium – April 25-26, 2024
- 2024 Canadian School Board Association Congress – July 3-5, 2024

J - 1 Correspondence – presented as printed.

(a) Waterloo Region District School Board dated February 23, 2024

(b) Waterloo Region District School Board dated February 23, 2024

(c) Brant Waterways Foundation dated February 29, 2024

(d) Waterloo Region District School Board dated March 1, 2024

K - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto