



## Inaugural Board Meeting

December 11, 2017

Education Centre, Board Room

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# MINUTES

**Present:** Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair T. Waldschmidt, D. Dean, R. Collver, A. Felsky, J. Harris, K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, J. Hsiao (Student Trustee)

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

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** B. Doyle, J. Richardson, L. Kelly (Student Trustee)

**Administration:** Nil

**A – 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Open Session.

**(b) In Camera Session**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

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

**Carried**

**(c) Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:13 p.m.

**(d) Memorials**

Nil

**(e) Chair's Inaugural Address**

G. Anderson presented his Inaugural Address.



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(f) **Reading of Trustee Code of Ethics**

In accordance with Bylaw 28, trustees read the Trustee Code of Ethics.

(g) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

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

Presented as printed. It was requested that G-1-c be presented following B-1-c.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.

**Carried**

(i) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Elementary Vice-Principal Pool.

**Carried**

(j) **Presentations**

Nil

(k) **Delegation**

Nil

**B – 1 Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – November 27, 2017**

Presented with minor revisions.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held November 27, 2017 be approved as amended.

**Carried**



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(b) **Board Nomination Meeting – December 4, 2017**

Presented with minor revisions.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Board Nomination Meeting, held December 4, 2017 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

(c) **Board Organizational Meeting – December 4, 2017**

Presented with minor revisions.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Board Organizational Meeting, held December 4, 2017 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

**G-1-c Consolidated Financial Statements – August 31, 2017**

R. Wyszynski invited Dianne Latta, Senior Partner of Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh to review the Auditor's report. Dianne Latta provided an overview.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Auditor's Report for the year ended August 31, 2017 as recommended by the Grand Erie District School Board Audit Committee.

**Carried**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board direct the Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign the Consolidated Financial Statements dated August 31, 2017 on behalf of the Board; and THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements dated August 31, 2017 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education as required by the Education Act.

**Carried**



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### C – 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings

#### (a) Executive Compensation Consultation Feedback

B. Blancher referred to the Grand Erie Executive Compensation Plan Public Consultation report providing background, additional information as outlined in Appendix A & B and the next steps.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the submission of the summary of public feedback on the proposed Executive Compensation Plan to the government.

**Carried**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm for re-submission the Executive Compensation Plan that was submitted to the government on September 29, 2017.

**Carried**

#### (b) SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area

L. De Vos noted Procedure SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area was circulated to all appropriate stakeholders for comments with comments received back by December 1, 2017. L. De Vos reviewed the comments and referred to the minor revisions.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board received Procedure SO121 – Request to Attend a School Outside of Home School Area as information, as amended.

**Carried**

#### (c) Transportation to Paris District High School

R. Wyszynski invited P. Kuckyt, Manager of Transportation, to the table to review the Response to Delegation re: Paris District High School Transportation report which is in response to the Trustee request for Administration to look into other aspects of the delegation's concerns regarding financial costs of add an additional school bus and review the impact of modifying the walking path. P. Kuckyt noted that as pedestrian safety is the responsibility of the local municipality, concerned families should continue to contact and



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work with their local municipal staff and councilors and that concerned families should continue to work with the staff of STSBHN to determine other possibly courtesy options for students who do not exceed the walking distance threshold as outlined in the consortium and board policy.

T. Waldschmidt asked if we look at creating a new bus route what would be the timeline to implement. P. Kuckyt responded that if the service provider has the appropriate asset (school bus) and driver available, it could start immediately.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the response to the delegation as information.

**Carried**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board direct Senior Administration to provide transportation services to students of the subdivision.

C.A. Sloat noted that we do have Board Policy FT6 and is concerned that this will cause more people to request additional bus routes and cannot support the motion.

R. Collver noted the cost could balloon, where will we find the additional funds and how will we address all the issues that may come forward. This is strictly a County of Brant issue and their responsibility to provide safety to their residents. R. Collver cannot support the motion.

D. Sowers asked if we are calculating the eligibility distance by using controlled intersections, would that increase their walking distance which could now make them eligible for transportation. P. Kuckyt responded if and when the pedestrian cross walk was installed that the walk distance for the delegation's family would not be impacted. P. Kuckyt also indicated that it could be an operational challenging for his department to only use controlled intersections as the means of calculating walk distances.

B. Blancher noted that while this report indicates that there are controlled intersections, we don't determine the route taken.

G. Anderson asked for those students currently assigned for courtesy from Cobblestone do they cross Rest Acres Rd? P. Kuckyt responded that they would need to cross Rest Acres by some means in order to access the stop at Cobblestone ES.



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T. Waldschmidt noted that there was recently a fatal collision on Rest Acres Road.

J. Harris asked if we have any communication from the County of Brant if they are moving ahead with Pedestrian cross-over and have any conversations occurred with County staff? P. Kuckyt responded that he has had a conversation with the County but did not ask why the original recommendation was not adopted in August. J. Harris asked if the pedestrian cross-over was put into place would it modify the walking distance calculation. P. Kuckyt responded that it would not change for the family in question as it lies along the current path to Paris District High School. J. Harris noted he is torn on this one, as Trustee we are charged with the responsibility of cost and the well-being and safety of students. J. Harris would like to see further communication with the County if the pedestrian cross-over will be happening as there is a significant portion of this issue that belongs with the County. J. Harris recommends putting in a sunset clause as this not a clear cut decision.

A. Felsky requested clarification about the cost, currently some of the students are accessing courtesy from Cobblestone, is there is compromise to add an additional stop? P. Kuckyt responded the we don't have the capacity on the current bus which is express to Paris District High School from Cobblestone to accommodate all of the students in the subdivision in question.

A. Felsky asked can we make an exception to this service? P. Kuckyt noted the exceptions are difficult to manage as clear direction would need to be provided so that the exception could be applied consistently, transparently and fairly by his staff.

C.A. Sloat asked if the Cobblestone to Paris High School is strictly an express route. P. Kuckyt responded it is an express route.

R. Collver wants to clarify after the discussion that has occurred, the delegation noted they were expected to cross Rest Acres Road, and wants to make it very clear that the board is not expecting students to cross Rest Acres Road.

D. Dean wondering if we delay a decision until we receive further information from the County and their plans for the pedestrian cross walk. P. Kuckyt noted that he believes that it will not matter.

J. Harris asked how many families have made this request and we need to be realistic about the ask.



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A. Felsky commented that we offer a courtesy busing from Cobblestone that would require these students cross Rest Acres Road to access. What if we cancel the courtesy option from Cobblestone that would deal with the safety issue regarding crossing Rest Acres Road?

T. Waldschmidt noted that this has been ongoing since April 2017 and he has had a number of families contacting him.

G. Anderson asked if trustees were ready to vote on the motion. C.A. Sloat asked for clarification what the motion was. G. Anderson then recommended that the original motions be withdrawn and referred to the January 2018 Committee of the Whole Board meeting in order to have clarity. T. Waldschmidt and D. Sowers withdrew the original motion.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board to refer this to the January 15, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Carried**

### D – 1 Director's Report

#### (a) Draft Director's Annual Report – 2016-17

B. Blancher presented the Draft Director's Annual Report. Stories included in this report are based on the six indicators of the Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community. The report is based on the 2016-17 year and is an interactive digital document that will go live after Trustees have reviewed the report.

C.A. Sloat would like to see a paper copy. R. Collver echoed C.A. Sloat comments.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Draft Director's Annual Report 2016-17 as information.

**Carried**

Director's highlights:

- Physical Activity Support – last week we received a memo from the Director of the Safe and Healthy Schools Branch outlining funding to support Daily Physical Activity (PPM138) for Grades 1 to 8. Each Elementary School will receive \$135 intended to help ensure students participate in a minimum of 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical



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activity each day. We also received information on funding to support Physical Activity in Secondary Schools during non-instructional time. Funding of up to \$15,000 for at least 33 projects this year will support initiatives for secondary schools that are regional, board-wide or targeted. Application deadline is January 23, with grants awarded by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Christmas Break is scheduled Monday, December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018
- Youth Wellness Hub Proposal – Grand Erie has expressed support for this proposal from Haldimand-Norfolk REACH and Woodview.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of December 11, 2017 as information.

**Carried**

### E – 1 Student Trustees' Report

J. Hsiao reported on the Student Senate virtual meeting held on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Senate leaders shared events happening at their school, specifically on the following topics: mental health, LGBTQ+ clubs, holiday charity drive, holiday school events, and BYOD challenges.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' Report of December 11, 2017 as information.

**Carried**

### F -1 Committee Report

#### (a) Striking Committee Report

G. Anderson presented the report. C.A. Sloat noted that an Alternate Trustee is required for Student Discipline Committee.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2017 Trustee Statutory and Standing Committee Representation.

**Carried**



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### G – 1 New Business

#### (a) Audit Committee Minutes – December 5, 2017

R. Collver presented the Draft Audit Committee Minutes.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board received the Draft Audit Committee Minutes – December 5, 2017 as information.

**Carried**

#### (b) Audit Committee Annual Report

R. Collver presented the report on behalf of the Audit Committee. D. Dean asked do we send a letter of thanks to departing volunteers. R. Collver noted that we have not in the past but can start if that is the will of the Board.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2017 Audit Committee Annual report and for submission to the Ministry of Education.

**Carried**

*R. Collver left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.*

#### (c) Consolidated Financial Statements – August 31, 2017– was reviewed earlier in the agenda.

#### (d) Signing Officers

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT

1. signing authorities for the Grand Erie District School Board, relative to General and Trust Accounts/Legal Documents/Contracts/Bank Loans shall be one of the Chair of the Board or the Vice Chair of the Board, together with one of the Director of Education & Secretary or the Superintendent of Business & Treasurer;
2. facsimile signatures of the Board Chair and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer shall be used for signing General Account cheques produced by the Board's financial accounting system.

**Carried**



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(e) **Borrowing Authority**

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board authorize the Signing Authorities of the Board to obtain loans at any one time up to a maximum of \$35,000,000 to cover current payrolls and general account payments, if required.

**Carried**

(f) **Review of Borrowing Bylaws Not on Board's Review Schedule**

R. Wyszynski explained these bylaws are not in the four-year cycle of review, as they each have specific maturity dates.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Review of Borrowing Bylaws Not on Board's Review Schedule report as information.

**Carried**

(g) **Revised Budget Estimate**

R. Wyszynski noted Revised 2017-18 Operating Budget Estimates are due for submission to the Ministry of Education on December 15, 2017. R. Wyszynski noted two key areas of pressure for the Board:

- Increase of \$1,854,600 to counteract the forecasted expenditure increase for supply teachers
- Budget increase of \$1,028,000 to support the increase cost in all utilities

C.A. Sloat asked about the declining enrolment grant. R. Wyszynski responded that the decrease in funding is a reflection of increased enrolment leading to a gradual phase-out of grant.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2017-18 Revised Budget Estimates for submission to the Ministry of Education.

**Carried**



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### H – 1 Other Business

#### (a) Summary of Accounts – November 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the months of November in the amount of \$10,635,015.84 as information.

**Carried**

#### (b) Student Senate Minutes – October 24, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Minutes – October 24, 2017 as information.

**Carried**

#### (c) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – November 16, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – November 16, 2017 as information.

**Carried**

#### (d) OPSBA Report

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA Report as information.

**Carried**



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I – 1 Correspondence  
Nil

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Carried

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Board Chair, Greg Anderson