



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2021

MS Teams (Virtual)

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair, G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair, S. Gibson, R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, A. Burtis

Administration: Director – J. Roberto; Superintendents – W. Baker, D. Martins, L. Munro, S. Sincerbox, A. Smith, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski; Veronica Pang- Communications Manager
Recording Secretary – M. Burakowska

Regrets:

Trustees: J. Richardson

Administration: Nil

A - 1 Opening

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:31 p.m.

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

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: R. Doyle

THAT the Board move into the In-Camera Session at 6:31 p.m.

Carried

(d) **Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:20 p.m.

(e) **Memorials**

Nil

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

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Agenda be approved.

Carried

B-1 In Camera Report

(a) **Appointment to Elementary Principals' Pool**

L. Munro presented the Appointment to Elementary Principals' Pool report.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Elementary Principals' pool, as outlined below, dated April 26, 2021.



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(b) **Appointment to Elementary Vice-Principals' Pool**

W. Baker presented the Appointment to Elementary Vice-Principals' Pool report.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointments to the Elementary Vice-Principals' pool, as outlined below, dated April 26, 2021.

Carried

(c) **Ratification of the Collective Agreement between OSSTF Occasional Teachers and the Board**

S. Sincerbox presented the Ratification of the Collective Agreement between OSSTF Occasional Teachers and the Board.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board ratify the Collective Agreement Settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and OSSTF Occasional Teachers, for the period September 1, 2019 up to and including August 31, 2022.

Carried

(d) **Retirement of SO S. Sincerbox.**

Motion by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the resignation of Superintendent of Education (Human Resources), Scott Sincerbox for the purpose of retirement effective July 31, 2021, with regret.

Carried

(e) **Presentations**

L. Munro Presented Student Recognition – Jaxon Kazakevicius

C.A Sloat inquired how much time Jaxon spends on this venture?

It depends on the time of the year; some months are busier than others.

(f) **Delegation**

Nil

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – March 29, 2021**

Presented at printed.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held March 29, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried

(b) Committee of the Whole Board – April 6, 2021

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held April 6, 2021 be approved.

Carried

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

Nil

D - 1 Director's Report

Director's Highlights:

National Volunteer Week

Students, staff, families and community members from across the Grand Erie District School Board celebrated National Volunteer Week from April 18 to 24. Throughout this week, we took the opportunity to acknowledge, highlight and thank the many volunteers who have made invaluable contributions across Grand Erie.

Grand Erie Completes Construction of New Child Care Spaces

The Grand Erie District School Board is pleased to announce that the construction of new childcare spaces at Central Public School in Brantford is now completed and is officially open as of today, April 26. Through a partnership between the City of Brantford and the Board, the addition will add four new childcare rooms and 64 new childcare spaces to Central Public School in Brantford.

Earth Day

On April 22, Grand Erie joined more than one billion people in more than 190 countries from around the world to celebrate Earth Day. This global movement is celebrated annually on April 22 in collaborative efforts to *Take Care of the Planet* and help "make every day Earth Day."

Mental Health Week

May 3 to 9 is Mental Health Week. As Mental Health Week approaches, it is an opportunity for staff, students, families and community members to raise awareness for mental wellbeing, not just throughout this week, but every day. It is also an opportunity to remind ourselves that in times when we're feeling anxious or stressed, our mental health is a priority and that our Grand Erie community feels supported.



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Our wonderful Mental Health Team has continued to work tirelessly throughout the school year to provide mental health support for Grand Erie. They have also worked hard, leading up to Mental Health Week, to prepare an abundance of resources, tools and support for wellness across the Board. These resources will help students, families and staff lay the foundation to build their resilience that they may face during these extraordinary times and in their daily lives. An online campaign will launch this week and throughout Mental Health Week on the Grand Erie website and social media platforms. The campaign will include resources, graphics, a video produced by the Mental Health Team and more. We are proud of the work of the Grand Erie Mental Health Team and continue to look to them for guidance as we continue this important work together to create an enabling environment where all students can participate fully in their education.

S. Burroughs presented the Wellness Hub on Staff Portal.

C.A Sloat inquired about if this item is part of our budget.
S. Burroughs answered that no additional budget is needed.

C. A Sloat inquired if Trustees will have access to this
S. Burroughs answered that there will be a way for Trustees to have access to the entire wellness portal.

J. Roberto presented report on Earth Day. Trustees received photos of the day via email.
A story about VLA and a Kindergarten nature program was shared.
Trustees received photos from this program.

R. Collver asked for clarity around bird feeders? In was confirmed that there was contribution from businesses.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: R. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of April 26, 2021 as information.

Carried

Leading and Learning in the Pandemic

COVID-19 Reporting Update

With the vast majority of students and staff pivoted to remote learning, we want to confirm the current COVID-19 case reporting process as follows: As of April 19, Grand Erie is only reporting confirmed cases on the website where the case contact occurred on school property as per the Ministry of Education Operational Guidance.

This means that Grand Erie would only be reporting confirmed cases for the following who are currently using school facilities:



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- Staff who need access to the school to perform their remote teaching duties, including but not limited to gaining access to WiFi, picking up teaching materials, providing support to students with special needs or to do essential maintenance work.
- Students with special needs who require in-person learning; and
- Staff at the 349 Erie Avenue buildings who must do essential work in the buildings.

Any staff member or student who had a confirmed case contact outside the school setting, for example, students learning at home, would not be reported on the website.

COVID-19 Vaccines Expanding to Grand Erie Staff in Brantford and Brant County

The Brant County Health Unit has announced that it will expand access to the COVID-19 vaccine for additional Grand Erie staff beginning today on April 26. Eligible staff include all active full-time, permanent and long-term occasional (who are currently in a long-term assignment position) school-based staff. Staff who work for the Grand Erie District School Board Education Centre at the 349 Erie Avenue location in Brantford and support centres, are also eligible. This is voluntary and offered at no charge.

At this time, casual and occasional staff are not yet eligible. Our Board continues our discussions with our health unit to expand the eligibility criteria to casual and occasional staff. We will advise of any further expansion of eligibility if and when we receive that information.

Grand Erie would like to thank the Brant County Health Unit for their continued collaboration and help move the Board one step closer to bringing back a normal school year.

E - 1 **Student Trustees' Report** Nil

F - 1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – April 6, 2021**

The Committee of the Whole Board Report is presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approved the recommendations from the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting as amended.

Carried

G - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Enrolment Update Report**

R. Wyszynski presented the Enrolment Update Report.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A Sloat



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

Carried

(b) **Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions**

R. Wyszynski presented a summary of the Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions Report.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Capital Priorities for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

(c) **Contract Award – Ventilator Installation at Greenbrier Public School**

R. Wyszynski presented the Contract Award Unit - Ventilator Installation at Greenbrier Public School Report.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for the unit ventilator installation project at Greenbrier Public School from AIM Industrial Inc in the amount of \$524,115 plus HST.

Carried

(d) **Borrowing Bylaw 31 – Bridge Financing – SW Brantford Elementary School**

R. Wyszynski presented the Borrowing Bylaw 31 – Bridge Financing – SW Brantford Elementary School Report.

C.A Sloat inquired about the timing of this coming to the Board to create committee?

R. Wyszynski answered that this will happen in the Fall and Committee to meet bi-weekly.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Borrowing Bylaw 31 – Bridge Financing – SW Brantford Elementary School.

Carried

(e) **Workforce Report**

S. Sincerbox presented the Workforce Report.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Workforce Report with data as of March 31, 2021.

Carried



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H - 1 Other Business

(a) **Summary of Accounts – March 2021**

R. Wyszynski presented the Summary of Accounts – March 2021 as printed.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: C. A Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$16,082,644.12 as information.

Carried

(b) **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – March 11, 2021**

R. Wyszynski presented the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee minutes as printed.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes of March 11, 2021 as information.

Carried

(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 18, 2021**

L. Thompson presented the Special Education Advisory Committee minutes as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 18, 2021 as information.

Carried

(d) **Audit Committee Minutes – March 23, 2021**

R. Wyszynski presented the Audit Committee minutes as printed.

C.A Sloat mentioned about page 2 items separated in Consent Agenda. Would like to understand what “Consent Agenda” is and how to identify errors.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Audit Committee minutes of March 23, 2021 as information.

Carried

(e) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes – March 25, 2021**

W. Baker presented the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee minutes with friendly amendment in D-1-H- last line (addition): Dr. Robin Haley Dafoe.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive School Committee minutes of March 25, 2021 as information.

Carried

I - 1 Correspondence

- (a) Upper Canada District School Board Letter
- (b) Halton District School Board – Expanding Student Access to Online and Remote Learning Letter
- (c) Halton District School Board – Education Workers for Priority Inoculations Letter
- (d) Bluewater District School Board – Remote Learning Letter
- (e) Rainy River District School Board Letter
- (f) Rainbow District School Board Letter

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive as information.

Carried

J - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson