



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Head Office, 349 Erie Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 5V3*

**Regular Board Meeting
September 24 2012, 7:15 p.m.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Trustees: R. Collver, Chair, J. Angus, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, A. Everets, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden, L. Bradovka (Student Trustee), D.Fleet (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents — W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, M. McDonald, A. Nesbitt; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

REGRETS:

Trustees: B. Johnston

Administration: G. Anderson

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chair D. Dean at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. Lefebvre

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

Carried

Open Session reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

(d) **Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Board Chair R. Collver at 7:21 p.m.

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

Item F-1-e OPSBA Report was added by D. Werden

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Nil.

(g) **Memorials**

Nil.

(h) **Presentations**

Nil.

(i) **Delegations - Steve Talos re: Designation of the Director of Education to act as head of the institution for purposes of the Municipal Freedom on Information and Protection Privacy Act.**

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board hear the delegation from Steve Talos that was received today prior to 4:00 pm.

Carried

Mr. Talos read his delegation opposing the motion to appoint the Director of Education to act as head of the institution for purposes of the Municipal Freedom on Information and Protection Privacy Act.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

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

Carried

R. Collver reviewed the statement in the delegation that read that Trustees act in

accordance to established policies and procedures enacted by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) in appointing a Director of Education as both a "Head of Board", and "Head of Freedom of Information. She clarified that trustees act in accordance to guidelines and not policies and procedures.

D. Werden highlighted the statement in the delegation that referred to violating established and accepted procedures enacted by OPSBA for appointing a Head of Freedom on Information. He stated that Grand Erie District School Board is not governed by OPSBA but by the provincial government and will be providing more information during discussion for item E-1-b Committee of the Whole Report No. 2.

(j) **Letter from Susan Swackhammer**

R. Collver shared a response email from Susan Swackhammer in regards to letter of congratulations Grand Erie sent her on receiving the EFTO's President's Award

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **August 27, 2012 (Regular Board Meeting)**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held August 27, 2012 be approved.

Carried

(b) **September 10, 2012 (Committee of the Whole No.1 Meeting)**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 1, held September 10, 2012 be approved.

Carried

(c) **September 17, 2012 (Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting)**

2011-2012 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Goals should read that D. Werden found the report excellent and queried the discrepancy in grade 3 writing 4% to 50% to outcome results increased 8% to 45%.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting No.2 Meeting, held September 17, 2012 be approved, as amended.

Carried**C – 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Minutes**

Nil.

D – 1 Director’s Report

J. Forbeck stated that the Annual Operating Plans that were presented include strategies that will highlight each school. The school’s presentation may include a writing piece or video and will be featured on the Board website “Schools in the News”. Banbury and Agnes Hodge are featured this week.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of September 24, 2012 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Committee Reports**(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – September 10, 2012**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No.1 Report dated September 10, 2012 as follows:

Carried

1. Director’s Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of September 10, 2012 as information.

2. Bylaw 8 Accessibility Committee - Terms of Reference

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve changes to “Terms of Reference – Accessibility Committee (Bylaw8)”, as amended.

3. FT9 Transition Committees

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT9 – “Transition Committees”.

5. HR5 Harassment

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy HR5 – “Harassment”, as amended.

6. **SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Areas**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO121 – “Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Areas” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 30, 2012, as amended.
7. **SO137 Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) - Transportation**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO137 – “Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) – Transportation” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 30, 2012.
8. **SO138 Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) – Information & Communication**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO138 – “Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) – Information & Communication” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 30, 2012.
9. **SO139 Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) – Employment Standards**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO139 – “Accessibility – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) – Employment Standards” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 30, 2012.
10. **HR111 Personal Protective Footwear**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR111 – “Personal Protective Footwear” as information.
11. **HR119 Progressive Discipline**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR119 – “Progressive Discipline” as information
12. **Enrolment Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Enrolment Update as information.
13. **Correspondence**
 - (a) Ontario Education Services Corporation
 - (b) Dave Levac, MPP
 - (c) Upper Grand District School Board
 - (d) City of BrantfordTHAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive correspondence as information.

C.A. Sloat requested that Recommendation No. 5 be separated from the main report. A vote was taken on Recommendations No. 1-3 and 6-13

Carried

In response to C.A. Sloat, M. McDonald confirmed that as requested by the Board that an Annual Report will be provided under Accountability.

A vote was taken on Recommendation No 5.

Carried**(a) Committee of the Whole No. 2 – September 17, 2012**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No.2 Report dated September 17, 2012 as follows:

1. **In Camera Report**
THAT Item B-1-b be approved.
2. **Director's Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of September 17, 2012 as information.
3. **Designated Head of Institution for the Purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve designation of the Director of Education to act as head of the institution for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act.
4. **Enrolment Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Enrolment Update as information.
5. **Junior Undiscovered Math Prodigies (JUMP) Math Research Project**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Junior Undiscovered Math Prodigies (JUMP) Math Research Project Report as information.
6. **2011-2012 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Goals**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2011-2012 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Goals Report as information.
7. **2012-2013 Draft Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2012-2013 Draft Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Report as information.
8. **Data Report – Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Data Report – Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification as information.

9. **Data Report – Supervisory Alternate Learning (SAL) Annual Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Data Report – Supervised Alternate Learning (SAL) Annual Report as information

D. Werden requested that Recommendation No. 3 be separated from the main report. A vote was taken on Recommendations No. 1-2 and 4-9.

Carried

D. Werden directed an inquiry to the Director if he has an opportunity to ask around the province which person in their boards holds legal authority as head of Institution for the Purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

J. Forbeck explained that 31 public school boards were surveyed with 21 responding. 15 boards designated the Director and six have designated other individuals such as in Human Resources superintendent and Privacy Officers. From a legal point of view, the Board has elected to delegate authority as the head to the person who reports to the Board, typically in the role of Secretary to the Board.

In response to D. Werden, J. Forbeck explained that the Board would choose an individual within the Board, as an employee. D. Werden indicated that the motion is proper and vetted legally.

A vote was taken on Recommendation No 3.

Carried

F – 1 **New Business**

(a) **Annual Accessibility Plan 2012-2013**

W. Baker invited W. Hobbs, Chair of the Accessibility Committee to review the Annual Accessibility Plan for 2012-2013 and highlight the additions to the plan:

- Accessible formats are now available upon request
- 1.0 Objectives – describes the measures the Grand Erie District School Board will take during the coming year to identify, remove and prevent barriers
- 5.0 Accessibility Planning Committee Members will include elementary school administrator
- 7.0 Barrier-Identification Methodologies – Sharing of information, sharing of successful practices. GEDSB hosted all boards in Southwest Ontario in April to discuss changes to accessibility legislation
- Barrier Type - Emergency Signal Devices

- Special Services 9.1 – Professional development and improved programs and services which increase awareness and accessibility of students with special needs will place a strong emphasis on Children’s Mental Health/Behavior, Mild Intellectual Disabilities and Development Disabilities, and Speech/Language Impairment
- Special Service 9.1 – Development of a TERT protocol with Six Nations and Development of a Revised Child Protection protocol with local Children’s Aid Societies and school boards
- Facilities Accessibility Upgrades – Appendix A

D. Werden was pleased to highlight that at a previous OPSBA meeting, Grand Erie was recognized as the lead board in relation to this documentation preparation for accessibility.

In response to C. A. Sloat, J. Forbeck explained that the Executive Council does not approve the plan, but confirms when it is ready to go to Board for approval.

W. Baker noted that John Moore, previous Supervisor of Purchasing is listed in the committee members because he was part of the committee, however when the Multi-Year Plan becomes effective January 2013, his name will not be listed.

In response to C.A. Sloat, W. Hobbs confirmed that the agendas and minutes will be posted under the accessibility tab on the Board website.

In response to R. Collver, W. Baker explained that the two pilot projects in conjunction with Learnstyle Inc. on the use of Assistive Technology include both a grade 6 class and a grade 9 class.

B. Blancher explained that the continuation of expansion of the Ed Tech initiative to special education classrooms refers to self-contained. Last year, elementary was completed with secondary this year.

The trustees acknowledged the hard work of W. Hobbs and the Accessibility Committee.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Annual Accessibility Plan for 2012-13.

Carried

(b) **Major Construction Update (FT2)**

J. Gunn stated that there were no major changes.

The RCMs are constructed and ready for delivery to Branlyn and Woodman as soon as city approval is in place and piers are poured. This would occur on a weekend to avoid interference with the fire exit.

C.A. Sloat was pleased with the creative construction at Glen Morris.

Moved by: A. Everets

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Update as information.

Carried

G – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts – August 2012**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of August 2012 in the amount of \$4,926,688.96 as information.

Carried

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – June 7, 2012**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – June 7, 2012 as information.

Carried

(c) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes – June 19, 2012**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes – June 19, 2012 as information.

Carried

(d) **Inspection Report – Summer 2012**

Presented as printed.

J. Gunn explained that there are no 12 month employees that work at the Norfolk Secondary School Centre and Turning Point locations during July and August. Teaching consultants and professional student services personnel are the only staff in those buildings during the summer.

Moved by: C. Lefebvre

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Inspection Report – Summer 2012 as information.

Carried

(e) **OPSBA Report**

D. Werden provided a verbal update from the last OPSBA meeting:

- Letter sent to MPPs had an excellent impact
- Finance – revise GSNs, revised estimates must be approved by Boards prior to December 14th.
- Pension area – six groups are meeting to get legal advice working towards revision with a total blackout put on negotiations. The goal is to limit the government liability and put full cost on participants. If there is no agreement reached by October 22, 2012, a new way will be legislated for pension plans
- Definition of 34 credits will be provided soon
- Summit on children youth and mental health is looking for boards to have delegations attend. Clara Hughes, will speak and donate her fee to mental health. OSSTF is covering the Clara's appearance fee, with EFTO contributing some other costs of the conference.
- Copyrights – court case was successful, with no more collection after December 31, 2012. A meeting will be held this week with national school board associations to determine the legality of having to pay final invoices. All monies paid since 2004 will be returned to Boards.

D. Dean inquired if any discussion occurred in relation to Regulation 274/12 and student trustee involvement. He encourages the student trustees to be informed on this issue as it radically affects our students. He suggested bringing this issue forward to the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee at some point.

D. Werden highlighted the situation in Toronto that students are collaborating with each other and encouraging parents to call local MPPS, at the provincial level. Sports clubs are being cancelled; a meeting is scheduled on Saturday September 29, 2012 for student trustees to develop an action plan.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA report as information.
Carried

H – 1 Correspondence

Nil.

I - 1 In Camera Session

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel legal matters at 8:17 p.m.
Carried

Open Session reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

I – 2 In Camera Report

Nil.

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C. A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
Carried

Board Chair, R. Collver