



## Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2025

Education Centre Boardroom

7:15 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Chair: S. Gibson, Vice-Chair: T. Waldschmidt, Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, B. Doyle, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Sault, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, L. Whiton, Student Trustees: A. Hill, O. Prince, C. Shields

**Administration:** Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Graham, L. Munro, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerbroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, 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 Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

**(c) In-Camera Session (6:31 p.m.)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

**Carried**

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

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**(i) Earth Week Message - Teyhahonteh Miller**

A video was shared.

**(e) Call to Order**

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**(g) Memorials**

**(i) Julie Vlieger**

The memorial of Julie Vlieger was read by Trustee Bradford.

**(ii) Andrew Nicholson**

The memorial of Andrew Nicholson was read by Trustee Whiton.

**(iii) Pope Francis**

The memorial of Pope Francis was read by Trustee Doyle.



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(h) **In-Camera Report**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT Item B-1-c be approved.

**Carried**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT Item D-1-a be approved.

**Carried**

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

(i) **Learn Lean Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented a Learn Lead Inspire Recognition Award to Kaejaun Samuel-Bascoe and Sara McMillen, for their awareness of the safety and well-being of others when they acted fast to a medical emergency of a kindergarten student on the bus ride home. The swift and calm actions of each of them led to a remarkable outcome.

(j) **Student Showcase**

**Thompson Creek Elementary School's Skipping Club**

Director Roberto introduced the Grades 3 to 8 student skipping club where each day, the club meets for practice before school and during first break. Last month, they performed a 45-minute set for the entire school to promote Jump Rope for Heart. The club members' commitment to physical activity, building confidence, fostering teamwork and inciting creativity, has had a positive effect on the entire school.

(k) **Delegation – Nil**

Trustee Whiton left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

THAT the Board accept the April 28, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: J. Bradford

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Regular Board meeting dated March 24, 2025

(b) Receive the minutes of:

(i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee dated December 12, 2024

(ii) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee dated January 30, 2025

(iii) Student Senate dated February 27, 2025



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- (iv) Six Nations Advisory Committee dated February 27, 2025
- (v) Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 6, 2025 (rescheduled from February 6, 2025)
- (vi) Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 6, 2025
- (c) Receive the correspondence from:
  - (i) The Children's Safety Village of Brant dated March 7, 2025
  - (ii) Bluewater District School Board dated March 25, 2025
  - (iii) Simcoe County District School Board dated April 17, 2025

#### C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

##### (a) Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated April 14, 2025

###### (i) Implications of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025-26 Report

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve Option 1 – Lakewood Elementary School Remains Open to Student/Transportation Runs in Port Dover for February 13 and March 13, 2026.

**Carried**

###### (ii) Distribution of Materials in Schools Policy (SO-04)

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board approve the Distribution of Materials in Schools Policy (SO-04).

**Carried**

###### (iii) Field Trips and Excursions Policy (SO-15)

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Board approve the Field Trips and Excursions Policy (SO-15).

**Carried**

###### (iv) Honouring Indigenous Knowledges, Histories and Perspectives Policy (PR-02)

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the Honouring Indigenous Knowledges, Histories and Perspectives Policy (PR-02).

**Carried**

###### (v) Artificial Intelligence Policy (IT-06)

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Artificial Intelligence Policy (IT-06).

**Carried**

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





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#### E - 1 Report of the Director

The following highlights were included in the Director's Report:

- Ontario Skills Competition
- Coding en français
- Dunnville Secondary School Art Project
- Lead GEDSB Graduates
- Family of School Learning
- Bite of Brant
- Paris District High School Badminton Championship
- Muslim Association of Brantford
- New School Community, New School
- Autism Awareness Month
- Iftar Celebration at Walter Gretzky Elementary School
- Laurier University Teacher Diversity

#### F - 1 Student Trustees' Report

##### (a) Student Senate Report

Presented as printed.

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

##### (a) Annual Learning and Operating Plan Mid-Term Report Update

Presented as published.

##### (b) Trustees' Expenses Report

Presented as printed.

##### (c) Contract Award – Prime Design Consultant for Paris North Elementary School/Childcare

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the contract for Prime Design Consultant Services for the elementary school build in Paris to Snyder Architects for \$758,753.

**Carried**

##### (d) Naming of New Elementary School in Brantford

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board name the new Brantford Elementary School, Blanche E. Williams Public School.

**Carried**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert



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THAT the Board disband the Brantford Elementary Special Ad Hoc School Naming Committee for the new Brantford Elementary School.

**Carried**

(e) **Naming of New Elementary School in Caledonia**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board name the new Caledonia Elementary School Grand River Public School.

**Carried**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Board disband the Caledonia Elementary Special Ad Hoc School Naming Committee for the new Caledonia Elementary School.

**Carried**

H - 1 **Appointments to the OPSBA Board of Directors and Identification of (Voting) Delegate**

(a) **Appointment of Scrutineers**

L. Thompson and J. White were appointed as Scrutineers.

(b) **Method of Naming**

Nominations for the OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate were made by email submission.

(c) **Nominations for OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate**

Trustee Doyle nominated Trustee VanEvery-Albert who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT nominations for the position of OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate be closed.

**Carried**

Ballots were distributed, collected, and tabulated.

Trustee VanEvery-Albert was declared elected as OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate.

(d) **Nominations for OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate**

Trustee Waldschmidt nominated Trustee Bradford who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT nominations for the position of OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate be closed.

**Carried**

Trustee Sloat withdrew her nomination.

Trustee Bradford was declared OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate.

(e) **Motion to Destroy Ballots**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

**Carried**

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee Van Every-Albert noted the following:

- Annual General Meeting – June 14, 2025
- Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education of the Canadian School Boards Association – July 2-5, 2025

J - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Passmore

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

**Carried**

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto