



Regular Board Meeting

August 25, 2014
Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

Present: C.A. Sloat, Board Chair, J. Angus, R. Collver, E. Dixon, D. Dean, B. Doyle, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald, C.A. Sloat, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, M. Brown (Student Trustee), E. Creed (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, S. Sincerbox; Recording Secretary – D. Fletcher

Trustees: A. Everets

Administration: M. McDonald

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair C.A. Sloat 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: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

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

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

Board Chair C.A. Sloat welcomed everyone to the Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

A welcome was extended to Erin Creed, who is attending her first meeting in her role as the 2014-2015 student trustee (South).



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

Agenda Items C-1-b, C-1-c, D-1-d, and D-1-e were added to the In Camera agenda.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the sale of property for Victoria School be confirmed.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the term appointment for student success teacher consultant be approved.

Carried

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the appointment of acting student success teacher consultant be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorials**

Nil.

(h) **Presentations**

Nil.

(i) **Delegations**

Nil.



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B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) June 23, 2014 (Regular Board Meeting)

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held June 23, 2014 be approved.

Carried

(b) August 18, 2014 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)

It was noted that for item B-1-a (Sports Field Update), it should state that the City of Brantford is considering funding **for** both projects.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held August 18, 2014 be approved, as amended.

Carried

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

Nil.

D – 1 Director's Report

The Director highlighted:

- Grand Erie starts the year by celebrating the start of the final year of the five-year Educational Technology Initiative. Students in every grade in elementary school and in every subject area in secondary school will have access to netbooks or tablets and more educational software as the final year of the five-year Educational Technology Initiative begins.
- Grand Erie District School Board is also celebrating another milestone this year with the completion of the Full-Day Kindergarten program, a five-year investment of \$18 million. There are 16 new schools this year, which completes the total 60 elementary schools implementing the program this September.



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- The Director attended a session on Compass for Success and shared information. The big advantage is it will track student progress over time with graphs on the teacher/principal portal

M. Brown arrived at 7:24 p.m.

M. Macdonald agreed that this tool could be very beneficial as an assessment tool for First Nation students in the system.

J. Forbeck explained how teachers can use this tool to access information that would be included in the OSR.

D. Abbey explained that PowerSchool can build certain reports, however another tool would be needed to integrate data from different areas. Powerschool provides attendance, report cards marks, however EQAO results are extracted from other database. This program/tool would pull all the data together.

B. Blancher provided a verbal update on Rainham Public School. Counsellor Fred Morison attended a school council meeting at Rainham in the late spring and shared that Haldimand County is concerned about investing a large chunk of money into an asset owned by the school board.

The good news is that a backup plan may still work for Rainham and the town. The property to the west of the school may possibly be purchased to put a track on and the other possibility is building the track on the property to the east of the school because it is already owned by the Lions club. Either piece of land would provide for a track neighbouring the school property and available for student use.

J. Forbeck kicked off the start of the fourth year by showing a video of the Board's Multi-Year Plan and a video of Grand Erie stories. These videos will be shown at the Director's Meeting on August 26, 2014 to administrators.

Moved by: C. Lefebvre

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 25, 2014 as information.

Carried



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E – 1 Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole – August 18, 2014

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Report dated August 18, 2014 as follows:

1. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 18, 2014 as information.

2. **Approval of Next Year's CW1, CW2 and Board Schedules of Agenda Items**

i. **Committee of the Whole No.1**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2014-2015 Committee of the Whole No. 1 meetings.

ii. **Committee of the Whole No. 2**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2014-2015 Committee of the Whole No. 2 meetings.

iii. **Regular Board**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2014-2015 Regular Board meetings, as amended.

3. **Approval of the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Composition**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Identification, Placement and Review Committee structure and jurisdiction as set out in the IPRC Terms of Reference included in Bylaw 8.

4. **Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan as information.

5. **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Membership**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the appointment of Christina Clattenburg as the SEAC representative from Woodview; Mental Health and Autism Services, until November 30, 2014.

6. **Annual Operating Plans – School Year 2014/15**

THAT the Grand Erie District receive the Annual Operating Plans of Senior Administration for the school year 2014/15 as information.



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7. **Absence Statistics**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Absence Statistics report as information.

8. **SO7 Student Expulsions**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO7 – “Student Expulsions” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 28, 2014, as amended.

9. **In Camera Report**

- i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendation for adding to the replacement/casual principal and vice-principal list.
- ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Director’s Operational Goals for 2014-2015.

Carried

R. Collver requested that recommendation No.8 be separated from the main report.

A vote was taken on recommendations No.1-7 and No.9.

Carried

W. Baker confirmed that the Minutes of Settlement will be included as an appendix to SO7 Student Expulsions, when sent out for stakeholder comments.

A vote was taken on recommendation No.8.

Carried

F – 1 **New Business**

(a) **Major Construction Update**

J. Gunn referred to the report which includes details of construction projects that are underway at nine schools to support the completion of full day kindergarten implementation in September 2014. There were single classroom additions at Banbury Heights, Lynndale Heights, Mount Pleasant, Paris Central, Rainham Central and Thompson Creek. These will be ready for September 2014.

There were two classroom additions at Burford, Oneida Central, and River Heights. Those schools will be ready by September 2014 except for River Heights. Occupancy target is September 22, 2014. The three classroom addition for Ecole Fairview is on hold pending Ministry Review of our priority capital request for Coronation.



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Total approved capital provided by the Ministry for all 2014 (Year 5) FDK additions and retrofit projects excluding Ecole Fairview is \$6,239,024. Overall estimated project budgets are within this allocation.

J. Gunn clarified that part of the purchasing process for contracts is to include bonus clauses and financial penalties dependent on project completion and budget.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

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

Carried

(b) OPSBA Membership 2014-2015

J. Gunn provided a verbal report from the business function of the Board. There are financial benefits of the OPSBA membership in regards to lobbying utility prices and copyright fees, however larger benefits would be to the human resources department.

J. Gunn confirmed that we the HST rebate returns all but 2.16% of the HST for school boards.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2014-15 OPSBA Membership Fee of \$55,223 plus HST for payment.

Carried

G – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – June 2014

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of June 2014 in the amount of \$9,499,006.30 as information.



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(b) **Summary of Accounts – July 2014**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. Lefebvre

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of July 2014 in the amount of \$10,721,206.85 as information

Carried

H -1 **Correspondence**

Nil.

I – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: M. Macdonald

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat