

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

December 15, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair, Trustee Borden, presided, and all members were present with the exception of Student Trustee Steau. Trustee Edwards participated by telephone.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Busutil delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCES

Dr. M. C. Rogers, Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Wendy Darroch, an Office Coordinator at Guelph C.V.I., on the loss of her father; Heather Allan, on the loss of her husband, Mike Elrick, a teacher at Centennial C.V.I.; Heather Adelman, a retired teacher from Laurelwoods E.S., on the loss of her father; Barry Graham, on the loss of his wife Sharon Graham, an Educational Assistant at Montgomery Village; John Roberts, a teacher at Centennial C.V.I., on the loss of his mother; Anna Nunes, the Office Assistant at Hyland Heights E.S. and Centre Dufferin D.H.S. on the loss of her mother; Allyson Emmons, the Office Coordinator at Laurelwoods E.S. on the loss of her mother; and, Andy Hill, Vice-Principal at J.D. Hogarth P.S. and Cathy Page-Hill, Coordinator in the IT Department at the Guelph Board Office, on the loss of Andy's mother and Cathy's mother-in-law.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director, highlighted "Good News" as follows:

Centennial Hylands Elementary School Builds Character!!

On November 26th, Centennial Hylands students enjoyed a special visit from a number of their community partners. This event served to highlight their work towards building positive character qualities, both individually and collectively. Tara Bernard-McCabe (CYC), was the lead creator behind this event, inviting guests that students would frequently see working and living in the community (police officer, fire fighter, trustee, superintendent, principal and vice-principal from three nearby schools, C&FC, Family Transition Place representative, librarian, sales clerk, etc.). Partners arrived by early morning and gathered in the library prior to their assigned class, where a carefully selected book about character education was read to each class of students. The guests commented on, and were delighted by, the engagement of students as well as the depth of

discussion that took place following their story. Centennial Hyland students continually work towards becoming the best they can be with particular focus on the qualities of caring, compassion, honesty, enthusiasm, sharing, and respect. Students were able to clearly articulate the meaning and value of character traits, sharing some of their own experiences and connections. Centennial Hylands' staff and students extended their sincere appreciation to the many community partners for serving as positive role models to the students and for the generous gift of time in support of the 'Centennial Builds Character' event.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Bailey moved that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 1, 2009

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Gohn, that the Minutes of the Final Board meeting, and the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held December 1, 2009, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

Trustee Bussutil moved, seconded by Trustee Best, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole in camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND SIT IN COMMITTEE

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

1. Nestle Water re: Bottle Water Report

Mr. John Challinor, Director of Corporate Affairs, Nestle Water Canada was introduced and welcomed. Mr. Challinor spoke in support of the decision of the Board's Business Operations Committee not to restrict the sale of bottled water and to continue to pursue meaningful environmental and health and wellness initiatives in Upper Grand District School Board schools. He highlighted economic and health benefits gained through having bottled water as an option, as well as landfill diversion initiatives in which the industry engages to address landfill concerns.

2. Wellington Water Watchers

Mike Nagy, Board member, and Ms. Beth Anne Fischer, School Coordinator, Message in a Bottle Program, of Wellington Water Watchers were introduced and welcomed. They spoke in support of restricting the sale of bottled water in Board facilities. Ms. Fisher highlighted the Message in a Bottle initiative that includes an educational component about water including the positive effects of using refillable water bottles and the environmental impact of the use of bottled water. The option for students to purchase a refillable water bottle at the cost price of \$5 each is also provided. Mr. Nagy indicated that Wellington Water Watcher would like to work with the Board to reach the goal of plastic bans in schools in general.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Busuttill moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held December 8, 2009 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttill moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 as contained in the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held December 8, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations are as follows:

THAT:

1. a) the report, "Resignations and Retirements" dated December 8, 2009 be received; and,
b) the Board approve the Executive Officer of Human Resources' decisions as outlined in the report "Resignations and Retirements," dated December 8, 2009 (Appendix A and B).
2. the verbal report on Health and Safety, as presented by Ms. J. L. Rose, Executive Officer of Human Resources, be received as information.

3. a) the Report, Final Report of Bottled Water Study Committee, dated December 8, 2009 (FINANCE #2009-39) be received.
 - b) staff develop and implement a work plan that would adjust the flow in water fountains or retrofit existing water fountains to allow for the filling of personal water bottles beginning in 2010/11 at schools where there are no other alternatives, subject to the availability of resources.
 - c) staff continue to support the curricular components that teach students about the value of water as a natural resource and to work with other agencies to encourage the wise use of water.
4. Trustee Waterston moved that the report re Multi-year Plan – Maintenance Services dated 2009 12 08 be received

ANNOUNCEMENT – ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL TRANSFER

Dr. M.C. Roger, Director, reported that earlier this evening the transfer of Leslie Newman, the current principal of Rockwood Centennial P.S., to the position of principal of Westminster Woods P.S. effective September 1, 2010 was received by the Board. It was explained that Bonnie Talbot, currently the Principal of Program, had previously been transferred to the position of Principal of Westminster Woods Public School, and has indicated she wishes to stay in her new role. The position at Rockwood Centennial will be filled later in the spring.

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Gohn moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held December 1, 2009 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn moved the adoption of the recommendations 1, 2 and 3 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee dated November 10, 2009.

The motion carried

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. Policy 2110 Duties and Responsibilities of the Director of Education be rescinded.
2. Policy 314 Duties and Responsibilities of the Director of Education be approved as amended.
3. Policy 707 Reimbursement of Trustee Expenses be approved as amended.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Appointment of Members

The letter received from VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children regarding representation on the Special Education Advisory Committee was reviewed.

Trustee Waterston moved that Stacey Stevens be appointed as the representative and Greg Parker as the alternate representative, representing VOICE, to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 30, 2010.

The motion carried.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, introduced and reviewed her report entitled, "Interim Financial Reporting," dated December 15, 2009. The new interim financial reporting schedule and format were highlighted. The Board will now receive reports three times each year instead of the previous quarterly reports. In addition, the report will provide standard reporting templates that include revenue forecasts, expenditure forecasts and non financial performance indicators, especially enrolment, as well as a Surplus/Deficit line. Previously our quarterly reports were a comparison of year to date expenditures to budget. The Finance Department will meet with the Budget Liaison Committee to review and confirm the report format prior to presentation to the Trustees at the end of January. The change in reporting was based on the Ministry identified best practice to forecast revenues as well as expenditures and to bring the reporting in line with other Ministries and the Government of Ontario. The new format will also include a significant amount of explanation and dialogue.

Trustee Best moved that the report entitled, "Interim Financial Reporting (#2009-45)," dated December 16, 2009 as presented by Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, be received.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - Nil

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE -Nil

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

Appointment to Erin 2000 Committee

Trustee Edwards reported the need to appoint a representative to the Erin 2000 Committee, noting the incumbent is Gail Baldwin.

Trustee Edwards moved that Ms. Gail Baldwin be appointed to serve on the Erin 2000 Committee for the period December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010.

The motion carried.

Motion of Reconsideration - Status of Motion re Kenilworth Public School

In order to reconsider the wording of the motion approved on November 24, 2009 to clarify that it is the report that is due no later than the March Business Operations Committee meeting, a two thirds majority is required.

Trustee Schieck moved that, In accordance with notice given December 1, 2009, the Board reconsider the following resolution adopted November 24, 2009:

“THAT staff be directed to prepare a report clarifying the status of the existing motion to close the Kenilworth Public School, no later than the March 2010 meeting of the Business Operations Committee.”

The motion carried with the required 2/3 majority.

The original motion was then considered.

The motion was lost.

Trustee Schieck moved that staff be directed to prepare a report no later than the March 2010 Business Operations Committee, clarifying the status of the existing motion to close the Kenilworth Public School.

The motion carried.

Taylor Evans School Project

Trustee Moziar reported she attended Taylor Evans School last week to learn about the Eagles Giving Back project. In conjunction with the theme of character education, the students of grades seven and eight go out into the community and voluntarily rake leaves or shovel snow for people. The project has reciprocal benefits for both the members of the communities and the students.

Bottled Water Study Committee

Trustee Bailey publicly thanked the members of the Bottled Water Study Committee for the large amount of time and work devoted to preparing the comprehensive final report for consideration by the Board.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Waterston moved that the January 2010 schedule for Board and Board Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

- i. Program Committee be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- ii. Business Operations be held on Tuesday, 12 , 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- iii. Regular Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2009

The revised list of dates of future meetings, dated December 15, 2009 was distributed at the meeting and reviewed and the Parent Involvement Committee meeting on January 25, 2010 noted in addition.

Tuesday, January 5, 2010	-	Trustee Workshop re Strategic Planning, 2:00 p.m., Board Room
Wednesday, January 6, 2010	-	Central Guelph Accommodation Review Committee, 7:00 p.m., F.A. Hamilton
Monday, January 11, 2010	-	Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 1:00 p.m., Orangeville
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	-	Budget Liaison Committee, 4:00 p.m., Room 8
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	-	Chair's Committee, 5:00 p.m., Trustees' Lounge
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	-	Trustee Workshop re: Early Learning, Board Room, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	-	Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m., Room 8
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	-	Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m., Boardroom
Thursday, January 14, 2010	-	Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), WHSS, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 2010	-	Central Guelph Accommodation Review Committee, 7:00 p.m., Priory Park
Tuesday, January 25, 2010	-	Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), Room 9

Ministry of Education Operational Review January 11-14, 2010 inclusive

OPSBA – Public Education Symposium January 21-23, 2010, Sheraton Centre, Toronto

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated December 15, 2009 be received as revised.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD

Trustee Schieck moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the Board.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Gohn, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Borden extended appreciation to the Administration and Staff for their hard work in the past calendar year, and extended holiday greetings on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:50 p.m.

The motion carried.