

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

August 25, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:10 p.m.

The Chair, Trustee Borden, presided, and all members were present with the exception of Trustee Best.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Waterston delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCE REPORT

The Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Hilary Appleton, French Immersion Resource Teacher at Edward Johnson Public School, on the loss of her father; Albert Boutin, a Teacher at College Heights S.S., on the loss of his mother; Pam Clemens, Data Integration Team Member, Board Office, on the loss of her mother; Wes Coffey, Principal at Guelph C.V.I.; on the loss of his mother; Wendy Duncan, Desktop Publishing, Board Office, on the loss of her mother and father-in-law; Sue Guest, Principal at Aberfoyle Public School, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Cathy Laforet, Printing and Distribution, Orangeville Education Centre, on the loss of her father-in-law; Terry and Kathleen Langille, on the loss of their son, Adam, a student at Kortright Hills Public School; Gerda MacLeod, an Educational Assistant at Taylor Evans Public School, on the loss of her mother; Andy and Karen Millard, on the loss of their son, Curt, a student at Westside S.S.; Madeline Mitchell, Administrative Office Assistant to the Principal of Program and the Curriculum Department, Orangeville Education Centre, on the loss of her mother; Dawn Mosey, an Office Assistant at Norwell D.S.S., on the loss of her father; Rob Rosie, Program Leader for Student Success 7-12, on the loss of his father; and to Jane Truman, Administrative Assistant at Westside S.S., on the loss of her mother-in-law.

GOOD NEWS

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

OASBO (Ontario Association of School Board Officials)

Two members of the Finance Department will be chairs of their respective OASBO Committees in September - Kelly Culver of the Finance Department will be

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chair of the Finance Committee and Lidia Halyk will be chair of the Purchasing Committee.

AGENDA

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the agenda be confirmed as printed, with the addition of a second recommendation related to Item 10 - Director's Objectives for 2009-2010.

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Gohn, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held June 23, 2009, and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, and the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held August 17, 2009 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Rogers announced that, earlier in the evening, in camera, Mr. Brent

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McDonald was appointed Acting Superintendent of Education, effective September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

Director Rogers also announced the following Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Transfers and Appointments, effective September 1, 2009 which were approved earlier in the evening, in camera.

Elementary Principals Appointments and Transfers

Name	Appointment/ Transfer	From	To
Kirk Runciman	Transfer	Principal, Victoria Terrace P.S.	Principal, Kortright Hills P.S., P.S.
Chris Kay	Transfer	Principal, Kenilworth P.S.	Principal, Victoria Terrace P.S.
Amanda Leathem	Appointment	Vice-Principal, Island Lake P.S.	Acting Principal, Kenilworth P.S.

Elementary Vice-Principals Appointments

Name	Appointment/ Transfer	From	To
Gillian Muir	Appointment	Teacher, Victoria Terrace P.S.	Acting Vice- Principal, Island Lake P.S.
Lisa Doering	Appointment	Teacher, Mitchell Woods P.S.	Acting Vice- Principal, Taylor Evans P.S.

Chair Borden welcomed Ms. Cass Cooper of Norwell D.S.S., the rural Student Trustee for the 2009-2010 school year. Also, Chair Borden was pleased to publicly announce that, earlier in the evening in caucus, the Board unanimously passed a motion endorsing support for the leadership and dedication of Dr. Martha C. Rogers, Director of Education. In addition, Trustees expressed admiration and appreciation for the objectives and achievements of her Supervisory Officers and Senior Administration

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during the 2008-2009 school year.

DIRECTOR'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2009-2010

Director of Education, Dr. M.C. Rogers submitted, for Trustees' consideration, her personal objectives for 2009-2010, as detailed in memorandum MCR:09-056 dated 2009 08 11. Appendix "A", Section A: Planning Initiatives continues to identify student learning as the primary focus, aligning with provincial goals (high levels of student achievement, reduce gaps in student achievement, increased confidence in public education). Additional objectives applied to prescribed Ministry requirements, and in the areas of Human Resources/Operations and Financial Operations initiatives related to public confidence. Aims under Section B: Leadership/Management related to being an energetic, optimistic role model for the system with a positive outlook for a successful 2009-2010 school year.

Trustee Busuttil spoke in opposition to the "Strategic Plan" referenced in Section B: Leadership/Management (to provide leadership in the development of a new Strategic Plan for the Board). Rationale was provided. In this regard, copies of (a) an excerpt from the Ministry of Education's Operational Review Guide - September 2008 (Second Edition) related to the "Development of the Board's Strategic Direction and the Annual Board Improvement Plan", (b) the Halton District School Board's Strategic Plan 2007-2010, and (c) the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association's Strategic Plan 2008-2010 were distributed. Discussion followed.

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

- (a) the report entitled, "Director's Objectives for 2009-2010" dated 2009 08 11 be received, and
- (b) the objectives outlined in Appendix A of the report entitled "Director's Objectives for 2009-2010" dated 2009 08 11 be approved.

Trustee Waterston moved an amendment, substituting the word "Multi-year" in Section B: Leadership/Management for the word "Strategic".

The amendment was put
first and carried.
The motion, as amended,
carried.

Trustee Busuttil moved that the Chair of the Board be directed to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting the clarification of terms such as multi-year

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plans, strategic multi-year plans and strategic plan, as cited and required in various Ministry documents including the proposed Bill 177 and the Operational Review Guidelines (September 2008).

The motion carried.

RESPONSE TO BILL 177 - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE ACT, 2009

Chair Borden introduced, for Trustees' consideration and approval, the Board response to the Provincial Governance Consultation Paper. It was noted that, on the second to last page, the word "gage" should have been "gauge".

Trustee Busuttill moved that:

- (a) the report entitled, "Board Response to the Provincial Governance Consultation Paper" dated 2009 08 25 be received, and
- (b) the Board approve the above response, as amended, and instruct the Chair to forward a copy to the Ministry of Education, to M.P.P. Liz Sandals, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, and to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).

The motion carried.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. P. Scinocca, Manager of Capital and Renewal Projects, presented a detailed report on the opening of John McCrae and Minto-Clifford Public Schools and the Environmental Learning Centre at Island Lake Public School, and on numerous renewal (roofs/electrical/mechanical/windows/paving/science labs/boiler/controls) projects.

Trustee Busuttill moved that the verbal Capital Construction Update, as presented by Mr. P. Scinocca, Manager of Capital and Renewal Projects, be received.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

This evening, copies of a report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated August 25, 2009 were provided.

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Trustee Schieck moved that:

- (a) the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated August 25, 2009 be received, and
- (b) the Board approve the decisions of the Executive Officer of Human Resources, as outlined in the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated August 25, 2009 (Appendix A & B).

The motion carried.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Borden presented a written report of correspondence received during the past month. Also, Chair Borden provided a detailed report on the adult crossing guard issue with the City of Guelph. As a result of a meeting with Her Worship, Karen Farbridge, Mayor of Guelph, and the City's Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Operations, the decision to cancel the noon-hour crossing guards has been rescinded for the 2009-2010 school year, the City's Operations Department will review and compile a complete report of statistics and related rationale, and a meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee will be held in September to discuss the crossing guard issue.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

- (a) the Board Correspondence Report dated August 25, 2009 be received, and
- (b) Item 7 (Letter dated August 5, 2009 to Mr. Bob Borden, Chairperson, from Suzanne Strasberg, MD, President, Ontario Medical Association, with regard to the problem of childhood obesity) be referred to the Policy Management Committee (PMC).

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

In response to Trustee Waterston, Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, advised that official confirmation of the financial implications related to Copyright had yet to be received.

Trustee Schieck extended congratulations to Superintendent of Education, Ms. E.K. Kelly and her team for organizing another successful Learning Fair.

On behalf of his colleagues, Chair Borden expressed their appreciation and best

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wishes to Mr. D.M. Euale, Superintendent of Education, on his impending retirement.

Trustees were reminded that expense claims for the 2008-09 school year must be submitted and received in the Finance Department by September 11, 2009, or they will not be considered for payment.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 8 - Centre Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review Trustee Workshop, 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom
- Wednesday, September 9 - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom
- Thursday, September 10 - Centre Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review Committee Meeting, Time and Location TBD
- Tuesday, September 15 - Policy Management Committee (PMC), 3:00 p.m. - Boardroom
- Wednesday, September 16 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. - Room 8
- Thursday, September 17 - Principals/Vice-Principals Inservice - State of the School Board, 2:00 p.m. - Ariss Valley Golf and Country Club, R.R. 1, Ariss
- Tuesday, September 22 - Chairs' Committee, 5:00 p.m. - Trustee Lounge
- Wednesday, September 23 - Centre Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review Committee Public Meeting, Time and Location TBD
- Wednesday, September 30 - Dufferin Parents' Council, 7:00 p.m. - Westside Secondary School, Orangeville

**David Euale's Retirement
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Victoria Park Golf Club East, Guelph - 7:00 p.m.**

**OPSBA Central West Regional Council
Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
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**Terry Fox Run
Friday, September 25, 2009 - 12 noon**

Trustee Schieck moved that the September 2009 Schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

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- (a) Program Committee be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009
- (b) Business Operations be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, and
- (c) Regular Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated August 25, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

Trustee Bailey 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

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 8:40 p.m.

The motion carried.