

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Bailey, Chair, presided and along with Student Trustee Brown and Sampson, all Trustees were present, with Trustee Schieck participating via teleconference.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Waterston presented several inspirational quotations about education as the opening reading.

CONDOLENCES

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Kelly Shaw, Principal of Erin DHS and Debbie Shaw, a teacher at Guelph CVI, on the loss of Kelly's mother; Deidre Wilson, Principal of Westside Secondary School, on the loss of her father-in-law; and Alan and Charlene Van Rees, both teachers at ODSS, on the loss of Alan's step-father.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Rogers highlighted the "Good News" as follows:

Boni Thompson {from the York University, Faculty of Education Website}

Congratulations to Boni Thompson, a Kindergarten teacher at Mono-Amaranth P.S. who was recently awarded the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) local chapter's Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. The award highlights exceptional education research. As a recipient of the local chapter award, Boni's dissertation has been put forward to the PDK international competition which has a cash award of \$5,000 and an opportunity to publish a summary of the dissertation research in Kappa magazine. Boni received her award at a ceremony this past November. Boni was recognized for her dissertation "*Goodness, promise and importance: Perspectives on cultivating democratic education in an age of accountability*".

Minto-Clifford a Front Runner in Disability Awareness Program
{*The Rural Route – by Diane Ireland and Kelly & Willa Wick*}

During Safe-School Awareness Week (November 19) the students at Minto-Clifford P.S. focused their learning on topics like Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, ADHD, and Deaf/Blindness. In addition to watching videos, reading and discussing the topics, the students experienced firsthand what it is like to be visually and hearing impaired.

Various pieces of low vision assistive devices were demonstrated and then the children tried some of the equipment. The students had the opportunity to wear goggles to simulate low vision and pass a ball back and forth. They also worked in pairs, with one student wearing a blindfold and using a cane, while the second student gave them directions. During the final workshop students used ear plugs to reduce their own hearing and then donned goggles simulating different visual impairments. While under the deaf/blind simulation the students participated in relay races with balls, and then obstacle courses. It was a positive, constructive and informative four days for the students.

Centre Dufferin DHS {The Creemore ECHO}

A 17 year old Centre Dufferin D.H.S. student is ranked 7th in the world in her age group in the sport of reining (described as a Western version of dressage). Five American Universities are interested in offering her a scholarship to study and compete on their campuses.

Labour Update

Trustee Bailey reported that last Friday, OSSTF local presidents voted to rescind their instruction to their membership to withdraw extracurricular activities. Director Martha Rogers and the team were thanked and applauded for their involvement in the provincial discussions.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Gohn, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS HELD, JANUARY 29, 2013 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Borden that the Minutes of the Board meeting held January 29, 2013, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, and the minutes of the Special Meeting (In Camera) held February 12, 2013, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND SIT IN COMMITTEE

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

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of February 5, 2013

Trustee Cooper moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held February 5, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated February 5, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. the update on Developing a Mental Health Strategy for the Board be received.
2. the Upper Grand District School Board – Technology Update be received.
3. the update Special Equipment Amount (SEA), be received.
4. the report, Diagnostic Assessment: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 155, be received
5. the Student Trustee Report be received. .

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of February 12, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held February 12, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated February 12, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

1. a) The report entitled “Naming of Rockwood Centennial Public School Library,” dated February 12, 2013, be received.
 - b) The Rockwood Centennial Public School Library be named the Ashlynnne Rayner Memorial Library.
2. a) Memo PLN:13-03 entitled “New Settlers Creek JK-8 RT Boundary Review – Report #1,” dated February 12, 2013, be received.
 - b) The Board approves the initiation of a boundary review process for the new Settlers Creek JK-8 RT school.
 - c) Trustees adopt the schedule shown in Appendix A of report PLN:13-03, as the proposed timeline for the boundary review process necessary to establish the JK-8 boundary for the new Settlers Creek elementary school.
3. a) the report entitled “New South Guelph Public School, Concept Design Report,” dated February 12, 2013, CP:13-05, be received.
 - b) the Concept Design report for the New South Guelph Public School (Zaduk Place) building project, including the Preliminary Budget of \$7,554,312.46 as outlined in Appendix A of CP:13-05, be approved;
 - c) the construction model for the New South Guelph Public School (Zaduk Place) building project be Lump Sum Tender.
4. a) the report entitled “Kenilworth Public School, Facility Condition Update,” dated February 12, 2013, be received.
 - b) The Board direct staff to schedule an Accommodation Review for the purpose of considering the future status of Kenilworth PS.
5. the verbal Wellness Report be received

Trustee Schieck reported on his initial discussion with the Chair of the Kenilworth School Council regarding the potential of an Accommodation Review for the school. Now that the recommendation has been approved by the Board, he will attend the next School council meeting to explain the process.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of February 13, 2013

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held February 13, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

LONG-TERM FINANCING REPORT 2013

Ms. Janice Wright, Superintendent of Finance, introduced and reviewed the report entitled, “Long Term Financing,” dated February 26, 2013. Ms. Wright then highlighted the details of the Loan Agreement, the schedules outlining the list of projects and the amortization schedule, and the proposed Bylaw required to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$4,760,091.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that:

1. the report Long Term Financing, (Finance #2013-03), dated February 26, 2013 be received.
2. By-law number 2013-1, attached as Appendix A, authorizing the Board to enter into the Loan Agreement be approved.

Trustee Moziar moved that recommendation 2. be amended to include the wording “... Loan Agreement ***in the amount of \$4,760,091...***”

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE MACDONALD STEWART ART CENTRE BOARD

Ms. Janice Wright, Superintendent of Finance, introduced and reviewed a report from the Property Committee, entitled, “Appointment to the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board,” dated February 26, 2013. Three representatives serve on the board from each of the sponsoring bodies (the City of Guelph, the University of Guelph, the Country of Wellington and the UGDSB) and three who represent the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. At the Inaugural Board Meeting in December 2012, it was noted that the appointments of the current representatives of the UGDSB expired November 30, 2012. The Property Committee subsequently met and discussed the composition of the group representing the UGDSB and the method of selecting those representatives.

Trustee Gohn has contacted the current representatives and advised them of the change in process to solicit and select representatives to serve on the Board.

Trustee Waterston moved that:

1. The report Appointment to the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board (Finance #2013-04) dated February 26, 2013, be received.
2. The group of people who represent Upper Grand District School Board be composed of one Trustee and two people who are external to the Board.
3. One Trustee is appointed to the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board for a term ending November 30, 2014.

4. The Property Committee advertise for and select two external candidates to be appointed to the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board for a term ending November 30, 2014.

The motion carried.

Chair Bailey volunteered to serve on the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board.

Trustee Waterston moved that Trustee Bailey be appointed to the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre Board as the Trustee representative of the Upper Grand District School Board, for a term ending November 30, 2014.

The motion carried.

NEW ROCKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT

Mr. Paul Scinocca, Manager of Capital & Renewal Projects, introduced and reviewed the report entitled, "New Rockwood Public School Concept Design Report," dated January 26, 2013 including the Projected Expenditure Budget, the Architect's Building Program Summary, the Mechanical & Electrical Report (DEI & Associates Inc.), the Architect's Cost Estimate and the Concept Drawings. The User Advisory Group has met to provide input on the concept design and site plan. The total anticipated cost is \$6.21M. The funding for this project is from FDK Capital grants and the remaining NPP grants. Given the project scope and timing, a lump sum tender construction model is suggested.

Mr. Scinocca reviewed the site plan in detail noting that the plan is subject to review and approval by the Township. A meeting with the neighbours is scheduled to address any concerns regarding lighting around the school that is adjacent to their back yards.

In response to a question from Trustee Busuttil, it was clarified that the floor plan of the school is designed to allow for the addition of classrooms in future should they be required and that there is the ability to locate an additional kindergarten room adjacent to the current Kindergarten classrooms.

In response to questions from Trustee Cooper, Mr. Scinocca reported that some LED staged lighting is being piloted in this project. He also explained that the Board standard does not include metering for the purpose of monitoring for the purpose of curriculum.

Trustee Cooper moved

THAT:

1. The report entitled, "(New) Rockwood Public School, Concept Design Report," dated January 26, 2013, CP: 13-06, be received;

2. The Concept Design report for the (New) Rockwood Public School building project, including the Preliminary Budget of \$6,124,559.92 as outlined in Appendix A of CP:13-06, be approved.
3. The construction model for the (New) Rockwood Public School building project be Lump Sum Tender.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Rose, Executive Officer of Human Resources, introduced and reviewed the report, “Resignations and Retirements,” dated February 26, 2013, as distributed at the meeting.

Trustee Schieck extended thanks to the long service employees and moved that the report, “Resignations and Retirements,” dated February 26, 2013 (Appendix A and B) be received.

The motion carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

A.

Chair Bailey presented a written report of correspondence received and sent during the past month.

Trustee Waterston moved that the Board Correspondence dated February 26, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

A. Response to PPM 155

The following motion by Trustee Busuttil, deferred from the January Board meeting, was brought forward for consideration:

THAT the Board direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concerns regarding Diagnostic Assessment: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 155.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

OPSBA Report

Trustee Busuttil reported that OPSBA is looking for volunteers to work on the annual meeting committee and also reminded Trustees the Labour Relations Conference is being held March 21-23, 2013 in Toronto.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the March 2013 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

- i. Program Committee – March 5, 2013
- ii. Business Operations – March 19, 2013
- iii. Regular Board Meeting – March 26, 2013

The motion carried.

The list of dates of future meetings was reviewed and the following additions and changes were noted:

- Monday, March 4 2013 Learning Choices (IB) Committee, 2 p.m., Board room
- Monday, March 18, 2013, Dufferin Parent council, 7:00 p.m. Island Lake PS
- Tuesday, March 19, 2013, Policy 100 Trustee Sub-Committee, 9:30 a.m., Room 3
- Monday, March 25, 2013, Learning Foundation, 5:30 p.m., Room 8

The remainder of the meetings are as follows:

Monday, March 4, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Orangeville, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 2013	-	Policy Management Committee, Board Room, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 2013	-	Student Senate, Room 9, 5:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, March 6, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL), Guelph, Room 8, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2013	-	Special Education Advisory Committee, Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 8, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Wellington Heights, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, March 25, 2013	-	Environmental Education & Management Committee, Board Room, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 25, 2013	-	Parent Involvement Committee, Room 9, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26, 2013	-	Accessibility Committee, Rm. 9, 1:30 p.m.

**Spring Break
March 11 – 15, 2013**

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated February 26, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD

Trustee Gohn 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 Topping, 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 Cooper, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:55 p.m.

The motion carried.