

Upper Grand District School Board
Special Board Meeting, Monday July 23, 2018
Minutes

The Special Meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Monday July 23, 2018 in Room 9 at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 9:00 am. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Bailey and Trustee White. Trustee Topping, Trustee Moziar and Trustee Cooper attended via teleconference.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, 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 Meeting Held June 27, 2018

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the minutes of the meeting held June 27, 2018, and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, be deferred to the August 2018 Board meeting for approval.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

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

The motion carried.

By-law Review Committee Report

Trustee Busuttill Chair of the By-law Committee presented a report outlining Committee composition and process for the work undertaken by the Committee. Changes to the By-laws included revised and consistent terms, clarification of roles, the addition of gender neutral language, consistent formatting, and that the by-laws reflect the current operations of the Board of Trustees.

The single new addition to the By-laws was section #93. School Boards and Municipalities are required to have an established policy by March 1, 2019 that provides pregnancy/parental leave for Trustees. In order for this Policy to be developed, the existing by-laws have been amended such that a Board Motion granting leave permission is not required, and consistent with Bill 68.

A final draft of the By-law document was circulated to Board Members prior to the meeting, the Chair called for questions and feedback.

Trustee Moziar asked if Committees were tied to the by-laws in the past. It was noted that they were not and that definitions are now present in this version of the document.

Trustee Evoy asked for clarification on the Committee portion of the document. It was noted that while the Structure of Committees is embedded in the by-laws, work will continue into Fall 2018 to define the terms of reference for Statutory, Advisory, System Committees. A review of external appointments of Board members will be part of this process. A report and recommendations will come to Board at a later date.

Trustee Moziar asked when the FNMI Committee was established. Superintendent Van Ooteghem confirmed it was in place when she assumed her role. As part of Ministry Truth and Reconciliation Work, this Committee came into being as a result of a policy guideline document. Staff will continue to work with this committee to ensure its compliance with board requirements.

Trustee Evoy asked if with respect to By-law sections #92 and #93, there is any reason protocol would differ for absences. It was noted that protocol would remain the same; however, section #93 would address pregnancy/parental leave while section #92 would address leave of absence for any other reason. An additional Appendix was added to the By-laws document for clarification of this process.

Trustee Moziar moved that the By-Law Review Committee Report be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the Board directly recommend that the revised Upper Grand District School Board By-laws be approved and in place for the 2018-2022 term of office.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Evoy that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 9:55 a.m.

The motion carried.

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