

Upper Grand District School Board
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Minutes

The Special Board meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustees Campbell and Bailey. Student Trustees Nathalie Alaves and Kimberly Tran were also in attendance.

Trustee MacNeil provided an overview of the protocol for virtual meetings and noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Traditional Greeting – Director Rogers

Opening Prayer

Trustee Evoy read a statement regarding being willing to learn and develop new knowledge. Also in being inspired by lessons being learned, to be prepared to stop doing things an old way or start doing things a new way.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Chairperson MacNeil indicated there was an error in the agenda as the location should not have indicated the Boardroom and asked for a note in the minutes.

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Evoy that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

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

The motion carried.

Revised School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Superintendent Slater highlighted the report. The Ministry has withheld approval on the calendar that the Board approved and on June 30, 2020 allowed boards to submit a revised and/or modified calendar based on needs due to COVID-19 and the models for the reopening of school. Boards were encouraged to hold 3 PA days before the start of

school for students, and could also submit a modified calendar that would see students attend school before Labour Day. Our Board Calendar committee was consulted with the suggestion to add one additional PA before Labour Day on September 1, 2020, but still require students to start school as of the first day following Labour Day (September 8, 2020). This PA day would be removed from the calendar on June 30, 2021. This change will also move the mid-point of the year to one day earlier, on February 1, 2021. While this change would have an effect on PD during the school year, it was decided that the September 1st PA Day would provide school staff with an opportunity to complete necessary mandatory training, provide time for in-service on the newly introduced grade 1 – 8 math curriculum, and on other topics. The motions in the report with appended elementary and secondary calendars are recommended to the Board for approval. Trustees did not have any questions regarding the statement given, the report, and the revised calendars.

Trustee Evoy moved:

1. that the report entitled “Revised School Year Calendar 2020-2021” dated July 14, 2020, be received;
2. that the revised School Year Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year for the Upper Grand District School Board’s Elementary and Secondary schools as outlined in Appendix A and B respectively be approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval in accordance with Ontario Regulation 304.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Foley 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 Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 6:49 p.m.

The motion carried.

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