

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 30, 2022
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Bailey, Bedi, Campbell, Edwards, Foley, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, and Topping were present with regrets from Trustees Busuttil and Ross. Student Trustees Julia Elmslie and Brooke Hartley were also in attendance.

1. Traditional Greeting – Trustee Campbell

2. Opening Prayer / Reading – Trustee Lustgarten Evoy

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy shared an inspirational poem on change by Wayne Visser.

3. Condolences

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy, Vice-Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Glen Regier, Executive Superintendent of Business Operations and Support Services, on the loss of his father-in-law; Pat Hamilton, Superintendent of Education - Program Services, on the loss of his wife.

4. Good News/Director's Report

Director of Education Sovran extended a warm welcome to the 2022-23 school year and expressed gratitude to all who worked over the summer months to ready Upper Grand DSB for the new 2022-23 school year.

5. Confirmation of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #22-208: Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held June 28, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-209: Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the minutes of the meeting held June 28, 2022, and the minutes of the

Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

8. Ratification of Business Transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera

RESOLUTION #22-210: Trustee Foley moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

9. Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION #22-211: Trustee Foley moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

10. Policy Management Committee – Policy 205 – School Volunteers

Trustee Foley expressed that Policy 205 – School Volunteers is too severe as currently written and that the process can be difficult for many people living in rural areas, sometimes taking months to get a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) completed. He feels that Upper Grand DSB should work with policing partners in order to develop a more streamlined approach. He asked that the motion be amended to have vulnerable sector checks apply only to people in a medium or maximum area of concern and that the decision should be up to the principal to make by using existing filters for minimum or no contact.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy informed that the OPP stated last week that a VSC could now be done online in a matter of minutes across the province.

Trustee Edwards would support the amended motion but asked that the wording be changed to “medium to high” instead of “medium to maximum” and believes the reference should not be to student contact but with proximity to students.

Trustee MacNeil asked for clarification about who would decide on when a VSC is required.

Trustee Foley clarified that staff would decide on what constitutes low, medium, or high risk, and that there shouldn't be a VSC required for low risk activities.

Trustee Foley moved an amendment to Policy – 205 School Volunteers, that the principal use existing filters to decide on when a VSC is required, and what is considered a minimum, medium or maximum level of supervision.

**The amendment having precedence
was put first and carried.**

Trustee MacNeil took the Chair for the consideration of this item.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy requested a recorded vote on the amended motion that the principal use existing filters to decide on when a VSC is required, and what is considered a minimum, medium or maximum level of supervision.

Yeah: Trustees Bedi, Edwards, Foley, Topping

Nay: Trustees Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil

Absent: Trustees Bailey, Busutil, Ross

RESOLUTION #22-212: Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that Policy 205 – School Volunteers be approved as amended.

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy returned to the Chair.

11. Revised Secondary School Year Calendar 2022/23

Superintendent McCutcheon advised that the board's existing approved school year calendar for 2022/23 has 96 instructional days in Semester 1 and 98 days in Semester 2. It was determined that this imbalance could result in potential pay inequities for part-time employees who may work 1 semester and not the other. Shifting the existing Professional Activity Day at the end of Semester 1 from February 1st to February 2nd as well as moving exam days one day forward will correct this issue with minimal change to the existing calendar. Any changes to a school year calendar must be approved by the Board as well as resubmitted to the Ministry of Education.

RESOLUTION #22-213: Trustee Topping moved that:

1. The report entitled "Revised Secondary School Year Calendar 2022-2023" dated August 30, 2022 be received; and,
2. The revised school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year for the Upper Grand District School Board's secondary schools, as outlined in Appendix B and be approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval in accordance with Regulation 304.

The motion carried.

12. COVID-19 Monthly Update

Executive Superintendent McDonald shared an update on the measures and the work done to prepare for the start of the 2022-23 school year. School opening messaging being shared with the school communities were highlighted as well as key updates from Public Health and the Ministry of Education on continued monitoring of COVID-19. An overview was provided on the following: Learning Opportunities; School Day Operations Highlights; and Promoting Healthy, Safe Environments. Superintendent Donaldson provided a brief update on measures put in place to support the Mental Health and Well-Being of Upper Grand DSB staff and students. Trustees asked questions of clarification and expressed thanks for the report.

RESOLUTION #22-214: Trustee MacNeil moved that monthly verbal COVID-19 update be received.

The motion carried.

13. Multi-Year Plan Update

Director of Education presented the Board Action Plan Development Process Update Report. A school board's multi-year plan (MYP) establishes the key directions that guide the organization's actions for the students and communities that it serves. The MYP articulates priorities that are future oriented, inclusive, and measurable.

The next plan step in making the plan deliverable involves the development of a system-wide action plan (Board Action Plan). The Board Action Plan should include overarching goals, objectives, and measures to frame outcomes and trajectory at the system-level. Similar to the MYP process, the key components in the development of the Board Action Plan will include: Logistics, Working Sessions, Engagement and Consultation, and Reports to Board and System.

Phase One of the Draft Board Action Plan including goals, objectives and key measures will be provided in August/September. Phase 2 – Engagement and Consultation will take place in September/October, and Phase 3 – Final Board Action Plan will be presented in October.

RESOLUTION #22-215: Trustee Topping moved that the Executive Report “Board Action Plan Development Process Update” dated August 30, 2022 be received.

The motion carried.

14. Staff Retirements and Resignations

RESOLUTION #22-216: Trustee MacNeil moved that the Retirements and Resignations dated August 30, 2022 be received.

The motion carried.

15. Board Correspondence

RESOLUTION #22-217: Trustee Topping moved that:

1. That the Board Correspondence dated August 30, 2022 be received.
2. That the Board renew the OPSBA membership for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$80,031.12.

The motion carried.

16. Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee Foley acknowledged that Labour Day is rapidly approaching and wanted to thank the board and educational staff, and everyone that has worked so hard in the Upper Grand DSB to make it successful.

17. Dates of Future Meetings

RESOLUTION #22-218: Trustee Edwards moved that the September 2022 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	No meeting
Business Operations	September 13, 2022
Board Meeting	September 27, 2022

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-219: Trustee MacNeil moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated August 30, 2022 be received.

The motion carried.

18. Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

RESOLUTION #22-220: Trustee Topping moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the Board.

The motion carried.

19. Ratification of Business

RESOLUTION #22-221: Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

20. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #22-222: Trustee Foley moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:29 p.m.

The motion carried.

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