

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll call:

Trustees:	Staff:
J. Brown G. Elliott L. French T. Gingrich (Vice-Chair) B. Godkin R. Hutcheon K. McGregor J. Morning S. Ruttan (Chair) A. Putnam (Student Trustee) N. Quadir (Student Trustee) Q. Traviss (Student Trustee) (Regrets)	M. Babcock, Superintendent of Education K. Burra, Director of Education S. Gillam, Associate Superintendent S. Hedderson, Associate Superintendent A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education S. McWilliams, Superintendent of Human Resources S. Sartor, Associate Superintendent J. Silver, Superintendent of Education L. Strange, Records Management Coordinator C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services
Guests:	Recorder:
None at this time.	W. Moore, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chair Ruttan welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting of the Limestone District School Board of Trustees, which was held using a hybrid meeting model with some Trustees and staff attending virtually, and some attending in-person at the LDSB Education Centre.

Chair Ruttan began the meeting by reading the Acknowledgement of Territory: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the

presence of Métis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

Before proceeding with the meeting, Chair Ruttan advised Trustees that the School Enrollment/School Capacity Committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 10, 2021, has been cancelled. As the government has put a pause on the accommodation review process, the meeting is not necessary. Enrolment information that would have been presented will come at upcoming Budget Meetings and some boundary information will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

She also noted that the annual Community Partnership and Planning meeting will be held on April 20, 2021 at 3 p.m. Invitations are extended to community partners to provide input on some activities of the Board. Trustees are not required to attend.

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest for this meeting was declared.

2. Order of Business

2.1 Potential Change in Meeting Dates

Director Burra stated that with the government’s decision to move the March Break from the week of March 15-19, 2021 to the week of April 12-16, 2021, some upcoming Board Meetings could be rescheduled. Given the move of March Break and the policy/bylaw review process in which Trustees are engaged, Trustees may consider moving a couple of the meetings to better accommodate the policy/by-law review process. The Board’s current meeting schedule for EPOC and Board Meetings include an EPOC meeting on March 3, 2021, a Board Meeting on March 24, 2021, a Board Meeting on April 14, 2021, and an EPOC meeting on April 28, 2021. A potential option might be to move the currently scheduled Board meeting from April 14, 2021 to April 28, 2021, and the currently scheduled EPOC meeting from April 28, 2021 to April 7, 2021. This change would allow further policy/by-law discussion in committee on April 7, 2021 with potential final approval on April 28, 2021 or May 19, 2021.

Director Burra noted that the change in meeting dates would result in a wider gap between EPOC meetings, but the number of meetings would remain unchanged. Any exigent or

emergent items requiring attention could be added to a Special Meeting of the Board connected to a Budget Meeting. In addition, while the change in meeting dates would allow Trustees with children and the Student Trustees to avoid a meeting during the 'April Break,' the adjustment to the schedule could make Student Trustee attendance on April 7, 2021 more challenging due to the proximity of this meeting to the end of the sixth octometer. Once option would be for Student Trustees to attend virtually for part of the meeting.

MOTION MOVED BY: Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee McGregor that Trustees approve moving the currently scheduled April 14 Board Meeting to April 28; and moving the currently scheduled April 28 EPOC Meeting to April 7, 2021. Carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Morning that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.