

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 13, 202

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### Roll call:

<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>
J. Brown G. Elliott L. French T. Gingrich (Vice-Chair) B. Godkin R. Hutcheon K. McGregor J. Morning S. Ruttan (Chair) T. Duncan (Student Trustee) S. Johnson (Student Trustee) (Regrets) B. Roy (Student Trustee)	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 C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>
None at this time.	W. Moore, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

#### 1. Call to Order

*MOTION MOVED BY: Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee McGregor that the Special Meeting of the Board come to order. Carried.*

Chair Ruttan welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting of the Limestone District School Board of Trustees, which has been called to address an OPSBA Policy Resolution submission which is time sensitive and must be submitted this evening. As such, no standing reports or other agenda items are included this evening.

## 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest for this meeting was declared.

## 3. Action Item

### 3.1 OPSBA Policy Resolution Submission

Trustee Godkin thanked Trustees for supporting this process and the draft policy resolution submission was read.

#### **Rationale:**

“Whereas, the physical and mental well-being of students and children are significantly impacted by circumstances they face outside of the school; and

Whereas, student poverty, homelessness, family stress as a result of rising debt, and unaffordable housing have a significant impact on the mental and physical well-being of students; and

Whereas, well established affordability guidelines recommend that housing not exceed more than 35% of a household income, but now have significantly exceeded that threshold for many families; and

Whereas, it is well established that home and food security directly impacts a student’s ability to succeed at school, and exacerbates inequities within communities, depriving every child the necessary conditions to succeed at school; and

Whereas, this will dramatically impact the physical and mental well-being of children, leading to an increased likelihood of long-term poverty, poor health and premature death; and

Whereas, the mental and physical well-being of children is a joint responsibility of all levels of government.

#### **Resolution:**

Be it resolved that OPSBA recognize that housing is a fundamental right, and a lack of affordable housing can be detrimental to the mental and physical well-being of children, students, and families across Ontario; and exacerbates inequities which have a lifelong impact.

And be it resolved that OPSBA advocate for strategies by all levels of government to ensure affordable housing and housing security, so all students have the necessary conditions to

succeed.”

*MOTION MOVED BY: Trustee Godkin and seconded by Trustee Hutcheon that Trustees of the Limestone District School Board approve the draft OPSBA Policy Resolution Submission, as presented, and forward to OPSBA for their annual general meeting for consideration. Carried.*

#### 4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.