

The organizational/regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith.

Members Absent: None

President McCoy administered the Oath of Office to Cathy Lebster, Mary Remenschneider, and Tyson Smith who were each elected in November 2020 for a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021, special meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by C. Lebster, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

K. McCoy called for nominations for Board President.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that Kate McCoy be nominated for President. Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that nominations for Board President be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Kate McCoy be elected as President of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2021 calendar year.

President K. McCoy called for nominations for Board Vice President.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that Cathy Lebster be nominated for Board Vice President. Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that nominations be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Cathy Lebster be elected as Vice President of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2021 calendar year.

President K. McCoy called for nominations for Board Secretary.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that Mary Remenschneider be nominated for Board Secretary. Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by C. Lebster, that nominations be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Mary Remenschneider be elected as Secretary of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2021 calendar year.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OATHS OF OFFICE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board President

Board Vice President

Board Secretary

President K. McCoy called for nominations for Board Treasurer.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that R. Schipper be nominated for Board Treasurer. Moved by L. Rutan, supported by C. Lebster, that nominations be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Randy Schipper be elected as Treasurer of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2021 calendar year.

January is School Board Recognition Month. West Ottawa Board members received tokens of appreciation and thanks for their leadership and commitment to students from Interim Superintendent, on behalf of the administrators, and the donation of books to the Bookmobile from Theresann Pyrett, on behalf of the WOEa.

Interim Superintendent Jeff Malloch reported he visited buildings last week Wednesday through Friday, over 700,000 meals have been distributed since the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020, and bond projects are on track.

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on January 7 and discussed the 18 mil operating renewal proposal for the May 4, 2021, election ballot and the bids received for the new Athletics Stadium project.

Todd Tulgestke, assistant superintendent of secondary instructional services, provided the monthly report of Student/Teacher "Interaction Rates," and there was discussion on the continuation of the District's COVID-19 Learning Plan. Opportunity was provided for public comment. There was no response.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board consider Policy 8450.05, Emergency Temporary Telecommuting Policy, for a second reading as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience regarding agenda items. There was no response.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board of Education approve as presented Policy 8450.05, Emergency Temporary Telecommuting Policy, just considered for a second reading. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board of Education approve the resolution and ballot language for the May 4, 2021, election as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(Cont'd.)

Board Treasurer

RECOGNITION

Board of Education

INFORMATION ITEMS

Interim Superintendent's
Update

Finance & Facilities
Committee Report

COVID-19 Coronavirus Report
and Learning Plans

Board Policy:
Second Reading

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

Board Policy 8450.05

Ballot Resolution for
May 4, 2021, election

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the West Ottawa Board of Education approve the proposed officers' and regular meeting schedules for the 2021 calendar year and the month of January 2022 as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Adoption of Schedules for Board Officers' and Regular Board Meetings

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by C. Lebster, that the West Ottawa Board of Education approve the proposed committee (aka Resource Team) meeting schedules for the 2021 calendar year as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Adoption of Schedules for Board Committee (aka Resource Team) Meetings

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by T. Smith, that the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent be responsible for posting public notices of meetings for the 2021 calendar year and January 2022, with the Superintendent's designee as the alternate. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Designation of Person Posting Notices of Meetings

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the following firm be named legal counsel for the 2021 calendar year or as otherwise directed by the Board of Education:

Approval of Annual Retainer Contract

- Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for general district needs

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the members of the West Ottawa Board of Education receive no compensation for their services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Board Member Compensation

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that Darrin Duistermars be appointed as the West Ottawa Board of Education's representative to the Ottawa Area School Board Association's Board of Directors for the 2021 calendar year. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Appointment of Representative to the Ottawa Area School Board Association's Board of Directors

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the bids from various contractors in the amount of \$18,156,768 for the new Athletic Stadium at the high school campus as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Athletic Stadium Bids

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board of Education approve, as presented, the Letter of Agreement to extend the FFCRA provisions from 1/1/21 through 3/31/21. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Letter of Agreement to Extend FFCRA Provisions

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There was no response.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

(regarding items not on the agenda)

D. Duistermars, R. Schipper, C. Lebster and L. Rutan shared communications.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- January 19, 2021—Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- January 20, 2021—Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- February 15, 2021—Regular Meeting at 7 p.m.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the meeting adjourn at 7:46 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1/19/21
Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

1/20/21
Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

2/15/21
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT