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Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen and Todd White. Student Trustees Morghen Jael and Ruby Hye.

Regrets: Trustee Dawn Danko

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**1. Call to Order**

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION #18-01:** Trustee Archer, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes – December 18, 2017**

The minutes of December 18, 2017 were confirmed.

The Vice-Chair assumed the role as Chair.

**Reports from Trustee Special Committees**

**5. Governance Committee – January 8, 2018**

**RESOLUTION #18-02:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the report of the Governance Committee – January 8, 2018 be approved including that the Trustee Honoraria (excluding the attendance amount), for the term beginning December 1, 2017 be approved as:**

- Chair - \$20,987 (increase of \$331)
- Vice Chair - \$17,281 (increase of \$292)
- Other Trustees - \$13,575 (increase of \$252)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

The Chair resumed his role as Chair.

**Reports from Community Advisory Committee**

**6. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee – December 7, 2017**

**RESOLUTION #18-03:** Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee – December 7, 2017 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

**7. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

**RESOLUTION #18-04:** Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:27 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

The open session resumed at 6:35 p.m.

**8. Committee of the Whole (private) January 15, 2018**

**RESOLUTION #18-05:** Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – January 15, 2018 be approved including that the Governance Committee Report from January 8, 2018 be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

**9. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:**

**A. City/School Board Liaison Committee**

Trustee White shared that the City/School Board Liaison Committee will be meeting on March 22, 2018 at the Education Centre.

**B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association**

Trustee Pattison shared that the Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association was meeting on January 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**C. HWDSB Foundation**

Superintendent Stephanian shared that the next upcoming Foundation meeting will take place on Thursday, January 18, 2018. The Foundation is currently going through a refocussing and revitalization stage and at the upcoming meeting they will be looking for a new name for the Foundation. They are currently in the process of recruiting a new Foundation Development Officer and are developing a first time Donor Recognition event to be held this spring. The Prom Project will be at Delta on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Hill Park on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the Golf Tournament will be held on June 4, 2018.

**D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee Johnstone shared the following updates:

- OPSBA's Public Education Symposium (PES) will be held from January 25-27, 2018
- Student Transportation Discussion Paper
- Bill 193 – Concussion Safety
- January 12, 2018 the Ministry of Education did a news release regarding school improvement projects
- In December the Ministry of Education sent a memo out outlining a Policy review of Safety during Outdoor Education excursions involving water related activities.

The Director acknowledged Dr. Janice Tomlinson who came out of retirement and stepped in to support the Board over the past year. The Director thanked Dr. Tomlinson for her expertise and commitment to the students and families of HWDSB. The Director also acknowledged people in the audience who are some of HWDSB's leadership candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.