

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2013

LOCATION: 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario (City Hall, Council Chambers)

Trustees **Tim Simmons (Chair)**, **Judith Bishop**, **Jessica Brennan (Vice-Chair)**, **Shirley Glauser**, **Wes Hicks**, **Alex Johnstone**, **Ray Mulholland**, **Lillian Orban**, **Karen Turkstra**, **Todd White**; and **Student Trustee Filip Susic**. **Regrets were received from Trustee Laura Peddle and Student Trustee Carly Van Egdome.**

1. Call to Order

The Chair of the Board, Tim Simmons, called the meeting to order at 9:33 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Finance Committee Report – October 2, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-105: Trustee Bishop, seconded Trustee Brennan, moved: **That the following Finance Committee Report dated October 2, 2013 be received, including:**

1) Enrolment Update

Staff provided a report that updated the status of actual enrolment as compared to enrolment used for budget and staffing. At this point in time there is no projected budget impact due to enrolment fluctuations.

2) Letter from the Minister on the School Board Efficiencies and Modernization Strategy

The Ministry of Education will be holding consultations with stakeholder groups on the Grants for Student Needs later this fall. School Boards are also invited to share their comments with the Director of the Education Finance Branch separate from the public consultation.

That HWDSB respond to the request for consultation on the GSN and forward correspondence to Joshua Paul, Director of the Education Finance Branch.

3) 2013-2014 Capital Priorities Submission

Staff presented a report on the projects that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for inclusion in the Capital Priorities Grant program. The list of school projects that have been identified for submission meet the criteria as outlined by the Ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Glenn Ross, Open Source Text Canada, Dated June 15, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-106: Trustee Bishop, seconded Trustee White, moved: **That the letter from Glenn Ross, Open Source Text Canada, dated June 15, 2013 be referred to Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for consideration.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

5. Robert Nixon, Closure of Hill Park, Dated June 20, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-107: Trustee Turkstra, seconded Trustee White, moved: **That the letter from Robert Nixon, Closure of Hill Park, dated June 20, 2013 be referred to staff.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

6. Pat Smith and Ali Jones, Received July 30, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-108: Trustee Bishop, seconded Trustee Glauser, moved: **That the letter from Pat Smith and Ali Jones, received July 30, 2013 be received and filed.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

- In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Simmons, Turkstra and White. Student Trustee Susic.
Opposed (1) Trustee Orban.

RESOLUTION #13-109: Trustee White, seconded Trustee Turkstra, moved: **That the following letters from the Minister of Education be received and filed:**

7. Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, Dated August 22, 2013**8. Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, Dated September 4, 2013****9. Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, Dated September 18, 2013**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

10. Christine Bingham, Closure of Parkview, Dated September 19, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-110: Trustee White, seconded Trustee Turkstra, moved: **That the letter from Christine Bingham, Closure of Parkview, dated September 19, 2013 be referred to the Parkview Transition Committee.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

11. Peter Prakke, Horticulturist, October 4, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-111: Trustee Bishop, seconded Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the letter from Peter Prakke, Horticulturist, October 4, 2013 be referred to staff for a report.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

12. Christine Bingham, Received October 17, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-112: Trustee White, seconded Trustee Turkstra, moved: **That the letter from Christine Bingham, received October 17, 2013 be received and filed.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

- In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Simmons, Turkstra and White. Student Trustee Susic.
Opposed (1) Trustee Orban.

13. Doug Booth, Received October 18, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-113: Trustee White, seconded Trustee Turkstra, moved: **That the letter from Doug Booth, received October 18, 2013 be received and filed.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

- In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Simmons, Turkstra and White. Student Trustee Susic.
Opposed (1) Trustee Orban.

14. Andrea Mueller, Wine Rack, October 8, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-114: Trustee Hicks, seconded Trustee Glauser, moved: **That the letter from Andrea Mueller, Wine Rack, October 8, 2013 be referred to staff.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

15. Joseph T. Allin, Durham District School Board, September 16, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-115: Trustee Bishop, seconded Trustee Hicks, moved: **That the letter from Joseph T. Allin, Durham District School Board, September 16, 2013 be received and filed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

16. Avril Aiello, Closure of Hill Park, Dated October 18, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-116: Trustee Turkstra, seconded Trustee White, moved: **That the letter from Avril Aiello, Closure of Hill Park, dated October 18, 2013 be received and filed.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Simmons, Turkstra and White. Student Trustee Susic.

Opposed (1) Trustee Orban.

17. Petition from B. Charlton, Hill Park Alumni Association, October 15, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-117: Trustee Turkstra, seconded Trustee White, moved: **That the petition from B. Charlton, Hill Park Alumni Association, October 15, 2013 be referred to the Chair of the Board for a response.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

18. Petition from S. Nixon and K. Russell, October 21, 2013

RESOLUTION #13-118: Trustee Orban, seconded Trustee White, moved: **That the petition from S. Nixon and K. Russell, October 21, 2013 be referred to the Chair of the Board for a response.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee Susic voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #13-119: Trustee White, seconded Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the following letters be received and filed:**

19. M. Campbell, Hill Park Closure, October 25, 2013

20. S. James, Hill Park, October 25, 2013

21. M. Toth, Hill Park Closure, October 25, 2013

22. L. Troini, Hill Park, October 25, 2013

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Simmons, Turkstra and White. Student Trustee Susic.

Opposed (1) Trustee Orban.

At 10:00 p.m., Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee White, moved: **That the meeting be extended by 15 minutes.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In favour (8) Trustees Bishop, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Orban, Turkstra, Simmons and White. Student Trustee Susic.

Opposed (2) Trustees Brennan and Mulholland.

INFORMATION ITEMS:**23. Student Trustees' Report****A. Local Activities**

Student Trustee Susic noted that the Student Senate has been active on initiatives around mental health awareness, community service and anti-bullying activities.

B. Ontario Student Trustees' Association Report

Student Trustee Susic advised of the following OSTA's activities:

- Fall General Meeting (November 14-17, 2014) - Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom are attending.
- Preparations for the upcoming Annual General Meeting
- Recent attendance at a public OSTA meeting in Vancouver

24. Chair's Report

Deferred to November 11, 2013 regular Board meeting.

25. Director's Report

Deferred to November 11, 2013 regular Board meeting.

Director Malloy welcomed Acting Superintendent Sue Dunlop who has been filling in for Superintendent Kryz Croxall.

26. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Johnstone's report from OPSBA's October 16, 2013 Regional meeting in London, Ontario included the following:

- Bill 122 (School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2013) was passed.
- Issues around Bill 274 are being considered, including legal issues. School boards will receive funding for legal expense.
- Staff hiring is a controversial issue. Meetings with unions have taken place.
- Bill 103 (Ontario Teachers Act) was passed.
- Legal matter under Consortium was delayed until spring.
- Bill 107, Conservative bill regarding fair hiring failed.
- Governance Week was observed with school visits by trustees.
- OPSBA's Poverty Reduction Strategy submission
- Upcoming Ministry of Education meeting on Efficiencies and Modernization - further details are coming.
- Discussion on Conflict of Interest and Parent Engagement
- Halton District School Board's discussion about age 21 (beyond high school age)

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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