
Trustees: Kathy Archer*, Becky Buck^(R), Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko*, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut, Todd White, Elizabeth Wong*, Abby Zaitley. Student Trustees Sanad Bizanti, Evelyn Watson, and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION #26-55: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that Trustee Buck be approved as absent for the April 27, 2026, Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #26-56: Trustees Tut/Noble moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Finance & Facilities Committee

RESOLUTION #26-57: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 14, 2026, be approved including the preliminary allocation of the following full-time equivalent non-school based staffing positions for the 2026-2027 school year

Elementary Teachers	166.00
Secondary Teachers	46.68
Professional & ParaProfessional	191.80
Library & Guidance	19.50
Coordinators & Consultants	49.50
Board Administration	123.50
Facilities	67.50
Transportation	7.00

And that these staffing levels represent a reduction of 44.08 FTE non-school based staff from 2025-26 revised estimates staffing levels.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Special Education Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #26-58: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from March 25, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Appointment to Ontario Public School Boards' Association – Member Board Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

Trustee Fehrman self-nominated for the position of Member Board Delegate. No further nominations were received for either the Member Board Delegate or Alternate Delegate positions.

As there were no additional nominees, Trustee Fehrman was appointed by acclamation as the OPSBA Member Board Delegate for the current term.

The Board consented to moved into private session for the discussion of items related to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act.

6. Report from Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 27, 2026

RESOLUTION #26-59: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report from April 27, 2026, be approved including receipt of the Facilities Committee report from April 14, 2026.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.
Trustee Dahab was not in the room for this vote.

7. Student Trustees Report

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided the following update:

- Attended the Leading with Purpose Leadership Conference and co-facilitated a session focused on Indigenous Governance.
- Participated in the HWDSB Student Voice Summit as a member of CC:Rose, featuring workshops and interactive sessions centred on student well-being, achievement, and mental health.
- Participated as a panellist at an event hosted by the United Nations Association in Hamilton, addressing themes of solidarity, bridging differences, and alignment with the work of Trustees and educational leaders as community advocates.
- Attended a community celebration marking the 30th anniversary of the John C. Holland Award.

Student Trustee Bizanti and Watson provided the following update:

- Acknowledged the support of system leaders and Trustees in the successful delivery of the student-led leadership conference.
- Continued to collect student input regarding swimming programs, including consideration of swim teams as a potential permanent offering within HWDSB.
- Engaged with senior administration to share student perspectives on substance use and addiction within HWDSB.
- Noted the upcoming Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting, scheduled for May 21–24, 2026, in Toronto.

8. Director's Report

The Director provided the [monthly report](#) with a focus on Special Education. The update highlighted the alignment of special education practices with the Board Improvement Plan goals of literacy, numeracy, well-being, engagement, and future readiness, emphasizing inclusive, strengths-based approaches, early identification, and meaningful transitions for students. The Director noted ongoing progress through evidence-based literacy and numeracy strategies, trauma-informed and inclusive practices, and increased student voice and engagement, supported by strong home-school collaboration. Recent system highlights included the success of a community Special Education Family Carnival, continued investment in facility projects to support growing communities, and the upcoming launch of refreshed Board and school

websites to enhance accessibility and communication. Key upcoming dates were also shared, including Principal's Appreciation Day on May 1 and Education Week, with the theme "Be Excellent, Be Future Ready."

9. Chair's Report

The Chair expressed appreciation to the Student Trustees for leading the recent student leadership conference and acknowledged Trustee participation in the event. The Chair also acknowledged recent provincial announcements related to trustee governance, noting ongoing uncertainty and the Board's continued commitment to transparency, accountability, equity, human rights, and Indigenous education while maintaining focus on system priorities. In closing, the Chair recognized the service of employees celebrating milestone anniversaries, acknowledged long-standing contributions by senior leadership, and thanked Trustees, staff, and student leaders for their continued dedication to public education.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Reference: [Agenda Package](#), [Recording](#), [Recording 2](#)