

Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board held at the Board Offices, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario on May 16, 2011.

Trustees Present:

Judith Bishop, Chair
Tim Simmons, Vice-Chair
Robert Barlow
Wes Hicks
Alex Johnstone
Ray Mulholland
Lillian Orban
Laura Peddle
Karen Turkstra
Todd White
Micaela Corcoran, Student Trustee

In Attendance:

John Malloy, Director of Education and Secretary
Ken Bain, Associate Director
Vicki Corcoran, Superintendent of Education – Leadership and Learning
Krys Croxall, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement
Mag Gardner, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement
Don Grant, Superintendent of Business
Peter Joshua, Superintendent of Education – Leadership and Learning
Pam Reinholdt, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement
Pat Rocco, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement
Scott Sincerbox, Superintendent of Education – Human Resources
Sharon Stephanian, Superintendent of Education – Leadership and Learning

Regrets:

Jessica Brennan, Trustee
Susan Tian, Student Trustee
Manny Figueiredo, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement
John Laverty, Superintendent of Education – Student Achievement

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., welcoming everyone.

2. O Canada

The meeting started with the singing of O Canada.

3. Written Questions for Clarification – Nil.

4. Approval of Agenda

RESOLUTION #11-41: It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by L. Orban: That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil.**6. Approval of the Minutes – April 18, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11-42: It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by K. Turkstra: That the minutes of the April 18, 2011 regular Board meeting be approved.

Trustees K. Turkstra, L. Peddle and Student Trustee M. Corcoran noted some revisions.

Questions and Clarifications:

D. Grant clarified for K. Turkstra that the word “minimum” (reference: Action Items, #11 Report of the Committee of the Whole dated April 11, 2011 – 2011/2012 School-Based Staffing) related to the approach used in April in terms of the Board’s budget to have a threshold number of staffing for the next school year.

To the motion as amended, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

7. Business Arising from Minutes**Questions and Clarifications:**

The following clarifications were provided in response to the trustees’ questions:

- In terms of bringing forward to trustees information about specific legal fees , the Director remarked that he was not sure if this had been the Board’s practice. He noted the challenge with speaking on each specific item separately given that staff work with solicitors on numerous issues at any one time and are billed accordingly. He felt that he would not be in a position to speak further on this issue without direction from trustees.
- D. Grant advised that typically staff bring this information to the Finance Advisory Sub-Committee in summary format.

The Director clarified that the investigator who is looking into the alleged breach of Code of Ethics (under Section 218 of the Education Act) is a professional and has indicated that she does not need any direction at this time. He also advised that the investigator is reviewing only those points outlined in the letter of Trustee J. Bishop to Trustee L. Peddle.

L. Peddle emphasized that the Board should be transparent so the community understands what HWDSB’s spending is relative to legal fees and the investigator.

PROFILING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM:

S. Stephanian spoke about the fifth annual Profiling Excellence Volunteer Awards event (at Michelangelo’s Banquet Centre on May 11th) which was sponsored by HWDSB and its Parental Involvement Committee (PIC). The volunteers (dedicated parents, community members and organized groups) had between them 2,000 years of collective volunteering at HWDSB; they enhance the school experience, student engagement and achievement in HWDSB schools.

8. Human Rights Day Conference – Ancaster Meadow Elementary School

S. Stephanian introduced Bev Laporte (Principal of Ancaster Meadow Elementary School) who, along with Janet Adler (Principal of Fessenden Elementary School) and teachers Jo-Ann Corbin-Harper and David Delconte, collaboratively supported this now annual school event. This highlights the school's daily commitment to an inclusive, respectful and equitable school culture that celebrates and models respect for diversity. B. Laporte related that after coming from HWDSB's Me to We event, the students came back to their own school promoting the idea of a conference. With the Social Justice program, the initial 30 students involved have expanded to 700 students. The team then presented a PowerPoint outlining background information of the event and the many supporters which included some HWDSB high schools (Ancaster High, Barton, Glendale and Sir John A. Macdonald), McMaster University, Mohawk College, representatives from UNICEF, other schools and students.

PROFILING EXCELLENCE STAFF (Certificates)**9. Sharon Stephanian, Superintendent – Leadership and Learning. Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), 2011 - Educator Award**

K. Bain announced that Superintendent Sharon Stephanian was recently awarded the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) 2011 Educator Award.

S. Sincerbox noted that this Profiling Excellence award certificate for S. Stephanian was in recognition of her receipt of the 2011 Educator Award from OFHSA -- an independent voice of parents and volunteers who together work on ensuring student success in school. t S. Stephanian has been a strong advocate of parents, students, staff, and members of the broader community. Many appreciate S. Stephanian's calm demeanor and inspirational leadership, which has been in line with HWDSB's strategic directions: Achievement Matters, Engagement Matters and Equity Matters.

Sandra Binns, President of the Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home and School Associations, spoke about S. Stephanian and her award. :

“Thank you Chair Bishop, for the opportunity to speak this evening.

I am thrilled to be here celebrating with this audience the OFHSA Educator of the Year Award presented to the delightful Sharon Stephanian, Superintendent of Leadership and Learning, Equity, Engagement and System Programs at the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

Sharon received this Award at our Annual Meeting in April for demonstrating outstanding support and superb advocacy for parental involvement in education and representing our motto; "*The Best for Each Student!*" Excitingly, the OFHSA Conference for 2012 will be held here in Hamilton, April 13th to 15.

Sharon was chosen because of her outstanding contributions to the enrichment of parent involvement in education within the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, through the Home and School organization.

Hamilton-Wentworth Council Home and School is proud to be associated with such an exceptional and dedicated educator, mentor, who serves as a phenomenal promoter of Home and School ideals. She's an incredibly effective Ambassador for our Home & School Council and Associations, our district

school board and all of its students, parents and the broader community. We are truly fortunate to have someone of Sharon's high caliber, who endlessly promotes and values Home & School.

While always looking at things with the 'parent lens' on, she has significantly elevated an exceptional partnership for all parents, with our education stakeholders. **H-W Council has her full support with our many initiatives and we're extremely proud of the long-standing friendship that we've developed. Sharon has an inviting and open-door policy for parents, and we're definitely richer by having such an amazing supporter in her.**

On behalf of our members, It is our extreme privilege, to be able to work alongside you at the HWDSB.

Passionate dedication to education, combined with her engaging personality is a winning combination, making her an outstanding LEADER.

Your wonderful example of how an outstanding educator can embrace a concept and turn it into a reality is inspiration to all that know you! We deeply respect and admire you and we're extremely thankful to have her on our 'team'!

Sharon, congratulations, continue being your supportive, friendly, genuinely phenomenal self. **Thank you for your commitment to embracing 'The Best for Each Student' and advancing Home & School ideals, wouldn't it be a wonderful if you were the rule and not the expectation!"**

PROFILING EXCELLENCE STUDENTS (Certificates):

10. Citizenship Award – Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), 2011

S. Stephanian introduced the following award recipients, providing brief background information:

- Sarah Makino, a grade 6 student at Adelaide Hoodless School, has been actively involved with the school's Me to We initiative and globally with the food distribution and shelter initiatives for Africa. She is part of the school's volleyball team and the 100 centennial celebration (acting as an escort for a former student in 1925 – “walking down memory lane”). S. Makino enjoys cooking and is involved in a broad range of activities in the school and community.
- Samantha Goodyear, a grade 7 student at Adelaide Hoodless School, is described as a very responsible young person and quite an “in demand” babysitter in her community. Her extra curricular activities include Me to We program locally and globally, the Salvation Army, homelessness issues, volunteering from age 9 (including volunteer work in her church). S. Goodyear has been a spokesperson issues in school (e.g., bullying issues) and wants to be a psychologist one day. She was invited to speak at a conference at under age 8 to share what it meant to be part of the community and school.

11. Citizenship Award – Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), 2011

- Peter McIntosh, a grade 11 student at Westdale School, has been involved with the school's stage crew, which included the creation of the set used at a recent Westdale production as well as other stage and production needs in school. He loves music (involved in bands) and his scouting team won first place in the Hamilton-Wentworth region and ninth at the provincial level.

M. Corcoran offered her well wishes for P. McIntosh, noting his always polite and kind demeanor at school. She noted that he and his team made Westdale School proud by going all the way to the provincial Sear's Theatre Festival.

S. Stephanian thanked the families of these young people for supporting them.

ACTION ITEMS:

12. Report of the Committee of the Whole – May 9, 2011

RESOLUTION #11-43: It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by L. Orban: That the following report of the Committee of the Whole dated May 9, 2011 be adopted:

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Procedural Legal Opinion – South ARC

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the legal opinion and materials provided by Michael A. Hines (Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP) be referred to the Governance Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee J. Brennan was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

DELEGATIONS

2. Mark Harrington, Highview School Council Chair

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the presentation from Mark Harrington, Highview School Council Chair, be received and filed.

CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR (J. Brennan, W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow), **1 ABSTENTION** (L. Peddle). Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

3. Al Pierce, South ARC Committee Member

It was moved by J. Brennan, seconded by A. Johnstone: That the elements from the conversation with the presenter be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Student Trustees: 2011-2012

It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by R. Barlow: That the election by Student Senate of Jacqueline Janas, student at Westdale School, and Judy Shen, student at Westmount School, to the position of Student Trustee be confirmed by the Board of Trustees for the term of office August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustees L. Peddle and A. Johnstone were not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

5. Policy Working Sub-Committee

A. Arrival Check Policy

It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by L. Orban: That the Arrival Check Policy be approved and that the policy directive be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustees L. Peddle and A. Johnstone were not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

B. Appropriate Dress Policy

It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by T. White: That the Appropriate Dress Policy be rescinded and replaced with an Administrative Memo.

CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR (J. Brennan, W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, R. Barlow), **1 ABSTENTION** (L. Peddle). (Trustee K. Turkstra was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

6. Years 4 and 5 Site Selection for the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program

It was moved by J. Bishop, seconded by A. Johnstone: That HWDSB approve the list of schools that will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for approval for years 4 and 5 of the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee L. Peddle left the meeting prior to the vote.) Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

The following motion was considered and was **LOST** at the May 9, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting:

DELEGATIONS

It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by L. Orban: That HWDSB formally confirm its verbal statement that, at the end of the South ARC process, one secondary school will remain open within Ward 6 boundaries.

LOST, 2 IN FAVOUR (L. Orban, L. Peddle), **9 OPPOSED** (J. Brennan, W. Hicks, T. White, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow). Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian were opposed to the motion.

T. Simmons reviewed the report.

L. Peddle requested separate voting for item 2 (Delegations – Mark Harrington, Highview School Council Chair) and the lost motion (under Delegations).

It was clarified for L. Peddle that a lost motion has to be moved into the body of the report before it can be considered and voted on.

RESOLUTION #11-44: It was moved by L. Peddle, seconded by L. Orban: That the lost motion (That HWDSB formally confirm its verbal statement that, at the end of the South ARC process, one secondary school will remain open within Ward 6 boundaries.) be moved into the body of the report as item 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

Item 2 was put to a vote and was **CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR** (W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow), **1 ABSTENTION** (L. Peddle). Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

Item 7 was put to a vote and was **LOST, 2 IN FAVOUR** (L. Orban, L. Peddle), **8 OPPOSED** (W. Hicks, T. White, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow). Student Trustee M. Corcoran was opposed to the motion.

To the rest of the report, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

13. South ARC Discussion – Follow up from May 9, 2011 Delegation Presentation

The Chair recalled the discussion at the May 9th Committee of the Whole meeting.

RESOLUTION #11-45: It was moved by R. Mulholland, seconded by L. Orban: That the members of the South ARC be informed that the Terms of Reference for the committee will remain unchanged; and that information regarding Saltfleet and Westmount Secondary Schools can be provided at the request of the South ARC to assist the committee members in developing plans for future student accommodation and program on the mountain.

L. Orban felt positively that this motion will facilitate South ARC's resuming their work.

To the motion, **CARRIED, 9 IN FAVOUR** (W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow), **1 ABSTENTION (L. Peddle)**. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

At this point in the meeting, L. Peddle read and presented a petition – “ The Hamilton Mountain Community would like a fair and transparent process of evaluation for possible Hamilton Mountain school closures. We request the terms of reference be changed to include all seven schools in the directive to the South ARC committee. We request the process begin again to include Barton, Hill Park, Sire Allen MacNab, Mountain, Saltfleet, Sherwood and Westmount Secondary Schools.” The petition contained over 3,000 signatures from the community.

13.1 Notice of Motion

L. Peddle read her motion as follows:

Whereas Trustees are elected, and

Whereas Trustees have a responsibility to represent their constituents, and

Whereas Trustees are not protected by employee status policies with regard to legal matters, and

Whereas, there is a risk of legal proceeding against any individual Trustee related to their ward responsibilities or against the Board of Trustees as a corporate body, and

Whereas the current language of the Trustee Expense Policy does not explicitly confirm reimbursement for legal fees that arise out of and in the course of the business of being a Trustee, and

Whereas Trustees have in the past been offered legal advice identified and paid for by HWDSB on matters related to their trustee duties, and

Whereas all Trustee expenditures should be disclosed on the HWDSB web-site, and

Whereas a parallel body of elected officials in the City of Hamilton are reimbursed for legal expenses related to their constituent duties, and

Whereas provincial legislation allows School Boards to create their own policies to address legal proceeding arising from Trustee duties,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Trustee Expense Policy be revised to explicitly confirm reasonable reimbursement for legal fees that arise out of and in the course of the business of being a Trustee.

The Chair accepted the notice of motion and stated that it will be dealt with at the next regular Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

14. Governance Committee

T. Simmons advised that the committee has been very busy working through the backlog of items. T. Simmons noted that the committee is hoping to clear off these items prior to the summer break and in the fall begin with a Communications Protocol and work on the Director's Performance Appraisal. The committee's upcoming meetings will be on May 25th and June 8th.

15. Policy Working Sub-Committee

R. Barlow noted that the committee has also been quite busy with several policy items coming forward to the June Committee of the Whole: Student Fees (interim) Policy, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (interim) Policy and Naming of Schools Policy (referred back to staff to initiate the review process). The committee's last meeting for this school year will be on May 26th.

16. Finance Advisory Sub-Committee

On behalf of J. Brennan (Committee Chair), K. Turkstra reported that the committee has been meeting weekly since March Break for the budget deliberations. She noted that the trustees' budget workshop will take place at the end of the month.

17. Human Resources Advisory Committee

W. Hicks reported that he has been meeting with Superintendent S. Sincerbox regarding items for the committee's consideration at the May 18th and June 1st meetings. One key item for the committee's deliberation is the Human Resources Pillar Policy, with assistance from Stew Thompson (facilitator).

18. Program Advisory Sub-Committee

K. Turkstra advised that the committee will be dealing with Professional Learning and Learning for All: Special Education documents at its next meeting on May 26th.

19. Audit Committee

L. Peddle noted that the committee's next meeting will be on May 30th to deal with audit risk assessment.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

20. Student Trustees' Report

A. Local Activities

M. Corcoran reported the following:

- At the last Student Senate meeting on April 20th two new student trustees were elected: Judy Shen from Westmount Secondary School and Jacqueline Janas from Westdale Secondary School. We look forward to seeing some of the amazing things the two of them will accomplish next year and rest assured that Student Trustee Susan Tian and myself are actively working to ensure they are prepared to do so.
- Student Senate is looking forward to the upcoming Homeless for Hamilton event taking place on Wednesday, May 18th (after the Senate's meeting on the same date), as well as the Social Justice Fair the next day. We will have significant representation at both events and are looking forward to encouraging students we meet to become involved with the Student Senate next year.
- Student Voice Forum – Wednesday, April 27th. This dynamic day gathered students from across HWDSB and invited them to open up to share what they really think, feel, wish for and want to see change in our schools. S. Tian and myself are always excited and grateful for the honesty our students share with us, and this day was no exception. It specifically focused on assessment and evaluation protocols and practices.
Trustees can rest assured that the students' voices will not fade from the minds of the wonderful staff present that day who continue to review the recorded comments, as well as S. Tian and myself.

21. Chair's Report

The Chair presented the following report:

Celebrations!

Minister John Milloy visited King William Centre to give an announcement of new permanent funding for Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) in Hamilton. Trustee Mulholland was also in attendance.

- LBS allows adult learners to receive remedial support so that they can achieve their diploma
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board LBS services include

day and night classes and it has a waiting list for those wanting the program. LBS modified provides support to adults with special needs

- Only program in Hamilton, not many in the province
- 80% are on employment track
- Provides Computer based program, using software programs
- First new permanent funding in many years
- Very important to our community as people looking to upgrade their skills in time of economic difficulty
- Allows us to keep the night program which was in jeopardy.

Attended the Yes I Can Awards Council for Exceptional children

- 920 attended recognition event for children and educators and parents
- Largest ever: I have been coming since 1985 when I was recognized

- Students recognized from many of our schools and from Parkview, Westmount, SAM, Orchard Park, Parkside, Glendale secondary
- Parent Tracey Sheriff and EAs elementary and secondary all from HWDSB
- “Our school is proud of this student” said school after school describing their nominee
Proud of the work we are doing in special education, and the support we are providing. Come a long way!

22. Director’s Report:

The Director reported the following:

Hamilton Poverty Roundtable

This group reconvened this month to continue its work. The Director was asked to represent HWDSB.

YWCA Woman of Distinction

At a celebration dinner at the Convention Centre on May 3rd, the following HWDSB award winners were honoured:

- Leah Schwenger, Principal of Dr. J. Edgar Davey Elementary School – Award: Mentoring and Education
- Susan Tian, Student at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School and Student Trustee – Award: Young Woman of Distinction
- Cathy Reid, Educational Assistant and volunteer with We ROCK – Award: Circle of Friends
- Michele Cameron, Educational Assistant - nominated for the Mentoring and Education Award.

Congratulations to all!

Holocaust Education Student Symposium

On May 3rd, Crystal Dumitru, a teacher at Glendale Secondary School, was honoured as the recipient of the first annual Sharon Enkin Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education. The symposium, attended by students of both HWDSB and the Catholic Board, provided an opportunity to learn and understand about the holocaust so history will not be repeated.

Education Week

This annual event was held on May 2 to 6 with the theme “Learning Together, Succeeding Together”. There were many activities planned in both elementary and secondary schools, culminating with an open house at most schools.

National Puddle Day

Norwood Park celebrated National Puddle Day on April 27th through the Kinderseeds Program in honour of Matthew Chatelain, a little boy who was killed in a tragic car crash last June. It is a day to honour those children whose lives are cut short and their families. The fundraiser was planned by Sherri Crechiola, Kinderseeds Program Director, remembering Matthew’s love of rubber boots. The idea was for people in local schools and surrounding communities to wear rain boots and jump in a puddle. Money raised this year will go toward the grieving Chatelain family. It is hoped in years to come the funds raised will help other families who lose children under similar circumstances.

Leading Student Achievement Conference

Held last May 13th, the event brought together learning teams to continue working with one another on achievement and support students.

P. Rocco spoke about the excellent presentation at Prince of Wales Elementary School o for parents about working with students d and providing students with additional support. Parents were invited to come and participate and they stayed on. He noted the tremendous parent engagement evident at this gathering, stressing the significance of engaging parents to support student learning.

Read to Succeed Conference

P. Rocco reported that this 3-day conference was held on May 13th at Brock University in Hamilton. This was a culmination of the Boys' Book Clubs organized by HWDSB literacy teachers to instill a love of reading among students and the event also brought together local authors. Pat Rocco shared mail messages from participating students who related their wonderful experience at the conference. He thanked Deb Chabot, Principal of Program (Elementary Focus), the literacy teachers and the rest of the staff involved for their support and time at this event.

Speak Up Project Grants

P. Joshua advised of this Ministry initiative for grades 7 to 12 which provides funding to schools and communities. HWDSB has 37 schools applying and an additional 25 schools involved in smaller funding opportunities, for a total of 62 schools. The projects range from assemblies, green schools, focus on academic and emotional needs, intramural programs and n mentoring.

Skills Canada Contest Results

P. Joshua reported that this event was held on May 3rd at the Rim Park in Kitchener and Brandon Wales, a student at Ancaster High School (mentored by teacher Mike Sampson) won the gold medal for Automotive Technology category and will be representing HWDSB at the national skills contest in Quebec on May 30th. P. Joshua acknowledged the leadership of Reece Morgan, Coordinator - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), in enhancing the students' decision which leads to rewarding careers through their participation in the OYAP program.

Ontario Public Supervisory Officers' Association (OPSOA)

The Director and Associate Director attended the OPSOA Annual Conference for 2011 on April 28 to 29 where K. Bain's recent appointment as OPSOA's President, which begins in the fall, was celebrated.

K. Bain advised that seven members of Executive Council attended this annual conference held in Toronto. There was an excellent presentation from Chris Kennedy (Superintendent of Schools and Chief Executive Officer of West Vancouver School District), one of the keynote speakers, on the use of social media as a social leader.

23. OPSBA Report

T. Simmons drew attention to the following OPSBA events: Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health at Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto on June 2nd and the 23rd Annual General Meeting and Program 2011 and Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress 2011 at Westin Hotel in Ottawa on July 7 to 9, 2011.

He noted that Heather Miller (Trustee Liaison) can assist trustees wishing to register for these upcoming events.

CORRESPONDENCE

24. Kevin Maves - District School Board of Niagara

RESOLUTION #11-46: It was moved by L. Orban, seconded by T. Simmons: That the letter from Kevin Maves – District School Board of Niagara regarding Cuts to Language Instruction and Settlement Services for Immigrant Children and Youth and their Families be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Trustee T. White was not in the Board Room during the vote.) Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

25. Cheri Hayward, Director – School Business Support Branch, Ministry of Education

Trustees received the following clarifications concerning the Director's letter:

- The Director noted that the Ministry's School Business Support Branch, the governing body for the Hamilton Student Transportation Services (transportation consortium) was commenting on the Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) review report and noted two areas of concern.
- D. Grant explained that it was a fairly technical issue – the particular statistics from the Ministry did not reflect in the report the benefits that the consortium had achieved. He noted that the required correction was already done.
- This Ministry letter was addressed to the individuals who signed the original letter to the Ministry on behalf of the consortium (i.e., Judith Bishop, HWDSB Chair; Pat Daly, HWCDSB Chair; John Malloy, HWDSB Director of Education; and Patricia Amos, HWCDSB Director of Education).
- The Director agreed to send a copy of the original letter to the Ministry to all trustees. He related further that the requested revision was made prior to receiving this Ministry letter before the trustees ,because the Ministry's response requesting such correction was initially communicated verbally.
- With regard to the review results, the Director noted that the Ministry's expectation was that school boards' would post these on their respective websites. This information can be shared with trustees as soon as available.

The Chair concluded that no action was required from trustees regarding this letter.

26. Public Questions for Clarification

Question 1:

When will the minutes from the April 26th South ARC meeting become public information?

Response:

K. Bain advised that these minutes were distributed to the South ARC members this afternoon and, once reviewed and approved, these will be posted on HWDSB's website.

Question 2:

There were comments regarding Board staff dictating about school closure on the Bill Kelly radio show and Vice-Chair Tim Simmons remarking that "at the end of the day the Board does get direction from staff". What is the position of ward trustees about getting recommendation from the public?

Response:

T. Simmons felt that his statements were taken out of context and that was not what he meant. He clarified that the Board receives information from staff when asked for it, similarly with the ARCs, and then the Board makes the decision.

The Chair emphasized that the Board always acts as a corporate body.

Question 3:

Al Pierce, member of South ARC, thanked Trustees R. Mulholland and L. Orban for the preceding approved motion regarding the South ARC issue. Referring back to agenda item #13 (South ARC Discussion – Clarification Motion), he clarified if the difference between the motion in this report and the approved motion was the intent to discuss the two schools.

Response:

The Chair responded yes.

It was moved by T. White, seconded by T. Simmons: That the Board move to the in-camera session, this being done at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

At 8:23 p.m., the open session was reconvened to consider the following:

RESOLUTION #11-47: It was moved by T. Simmons, seconded by L. Orban: That the Board rise and report on the following clauses from the In-camera May 9, 2011 Committee of the Whole Report.

ACTION ITEMS:**I. Disposition of Severed Portion of Lands – Vincent Massey Site**

It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by J. Bishop: (Trustee L. Peddle requested a separate vote for each clause.)

- (a) In accordance with clause 194 (3) of the Education Act, that the Vincent Massey severed parcel of land consisting of approximately 2.47 +/- acres (1.0 hectares), located at 155 Macassa Ave., be declared surplus to the Board's needs and be disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

- (b) That, Administration not be required to perform Phase I of the Property Disposition Protocol for the severed parcel of land subject to a previous Notice of Sale advising the public of the Board's intent for the site being completed in June 2009.

CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR (J. Brennan, W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow), **1 OPPOSED** (L. Peddle). Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

- (c) That, Administration be authorized to make applications or enter into agreements as required, provided they are in a form satisfactory to the Board's solicitor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

2. Disposition of Severed Portion of Lands – Red Hill Site

It was moved by R. Barlow, seconded by A. Johnstone: (Trustee L. Peddle requested a separate vote for each clause.)

- (a) In accordance with clause 194 (3) of the Education Act, that the Red Hill severed parcel of land consisting of approximately 1.43 +/- acres (.58 hectares), located at 300 Albright Rd., be declared surplus to the Board's needs and be disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

- (b) That, Administration not be required to perform Phase I of the Property Disposition Protocol for the severed parcel of land subject to a previous Notice of Sale advising the public of the Board's intent for the site being completed in June 2009.

CARRIED, 10 IN FAVOUR (J. Brennan, W. Hicks, T. White, L. Orban, R. Mulholland, J. Bishop, T. Simmons, A. Johnstone, K. Turkstra, R. Barlow), **1 OPPOSED** (L. Peddle). Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

- (c) That, Administration be authorized to make applications or enter into agreements as required, provided they are in a form satisfactory to the Board's solicitor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustees M. Corcoran and S. Tian voted in favour.

To the motion, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

Adjournment:

It was moved by T. White, seconded by K. Turkstra: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Student Trustee M. Corcoran voted in favour.

The meeting then adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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