Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2014

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

Trustees Jessica Brennan (Chair), Judith Bishop, Shirley Glauser, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Lillian Orban, Tim Simmons, Karen Turkstra, Todd White (Vice-Chair); and Student Trustees Filip Susic and Carly Van Egdom.

Regrets were received from Trustee Laura Peddle.

1. Call to Order
The Chair of the Board, Jessica Brennan, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. Student Trustees
   o The Chair welcomed the new Student Trustees, Hannah Tobias-Murray and Rakhshan Kamran, to the Board for 2014-2015. Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran were sworn in and signed their Student Trustee declaration.
   o The Chair thanked the current Student Trustees Van Egdom and Susic for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year. She acknowledged all of their accomplishments as well as their involvement with the Ontario Student Trustee Association. They were presented with a gift and plaques in thanks for all of their hard work.
   o Student Trustee Reports
     Ontario Student Trustees’ Association (OSTA)
     • OSTA has held three successful conferences with record attendance.
     • OSTA has produced two newsletters that have been distributed province wide.
     • Student Trustee Susic gave thanks to the Trustees and Staff for a wonderful year and the opportunity of being Student Trustee.

Local Activities
   • Student Trustee Van Egdom noted the upcoming events with Student Senate and indicated that she and Student Trustee Susic will be supporting the newly elected Student Trustees over the summer as they transition into their new roles.
   • Student Trustee Van Egdom gave thanks to both Trustees and Staff for the opportunity of learning and growing over the past year.

3. Approval of Agenda
RESOLUTION #14-77: Trustee Glauser, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – May 26, 2014 Special Board
RESOLUTION #14-78: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Orban, moved: That the minutes of the May 26, 2014 Special Board meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom voted in favour
6. Confirmation of the Minutes – May 26, 2014 Regular Board
RESOLUTION #14-79: Trustee Glauser, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: That the minutes of the May 26, 2014 Regular Board meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom voted in favour

7. Communications
OPSBA Draft Paper regarding EQAO
RESOLUTION #14-80: Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Orban, moved: That the draft paper from OPSBA regarding EQAO and large-scale testing be endorsed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom voted in favour

8. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)
RESOLUTION #14-81: Trustee Simmons, seconded by Trustee Turkstra, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:30 p.m. Student Trustees Susic and Van Egdom were not present for the remainder of the meeting.

9. Reports from Standing Committee
A. Special Standing Committee – June 2, 2014
RESOLUTION #14-82: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the following report of the Special Standing Committee - June 2, 2014 be approved, including:

East Hamilton City

A) In the East Hamilton City ARC, the Board of Trustees approves:
   ii) The adoption of the boundary map – East Hamilton Community Hybrid Plan.

B) The board will make the minimum investment of $4M (estimated value of property disposition) to address existing urgent and high renewal needs, resurface or repaint gymnasium floors, and provide school-wide air tempering at the remaining schools.

C) Staff will begin a Post-ARC Boundary Review to consider changes between A.M. Cunningham, Queen Mary, Viscount Montgomery and W.H. Ballard schools.

D) Staff will report to the Board of Trustees with plans to address the unused space at W.H. Ballard School. This could include, but is not limited to, relocating HWDSB administrative staff, relocating existing programming, or pursuing public or private facility partnerships.

The motion was CARRIED on the following division of votes:

   In favour (8) Trustees Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Orban, Simmons, Turkstra and White.
   
   Opposed (2) Trustees Bishop, Mulholland.
B. Standing Committee – June 9, 2014

RESOLUTION #14-83: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: That the following report of the Standing Committee – June 9, 2014 be approved, including:

A) Staff Recommendation REVISED:

  - All students attend G.L. Armstrong for JK-8.
  - George L. Armstrong receives full day kindergarten renovation.

- Close Linden Park in June of 2015.
  - Students, depending on address will attend Queensdale or Franklin Road for JK-8.
  - Franklin Road receives full day kindergarten addition.

  - Students, depending on address attend Pauline Johnson or Ridgemount for JK-8.
  - Pauline Johnson receives two full day kindergarten and two classroom addition to accommodate JK-8 students.
  - Ridgemount receives a four room addition to accommodate JK-8 students.

- Queensdale grade organization becomes JK-8. Full day kindergarten addition required.

B) And that Hill Park and Linden Park property not be sold until the new South Mountain site is owned by Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and services are secured.

The motion was CARRIED on the following division of votes:

In favour (8) Trustees Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, Orban, Simmons, Turkstra and White.

Opposed (2) Trustees Bishop, Mulholland.

C. Committee of the Whole (Private) – June 16, 2014

RESOLUTION #14-84: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Glauser, moved: That the following report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – June 16, 2014 be approved, including:

A. Human Resources report - May 20, 2014
   - updates on personnel matters

B. Finance Committee report - May 28, 2014 with respect to the
   - disposition of property at Parkside High School and Site, Bell-Stone Elementary School and Site as well as the approval to complete property transactions while the Board is in recess.

C. Audit Committee Report - April 10, 2014
   - updates on the audit schedule for 2014-15 and the re-appointment of the external auditor for the 2013-14 fiscal year

D. Audit Committee Report - June 5, 2014 update on the audit schedule changes for 2013-14

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
D. Special Standing Committee – May 26, 2014

RESOLUTION #14-85: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Turkstra, moved: That the following report of the Standing Committee - May 26, 2014 be approved, including:

West Flamborough ARC Recommendation Part 1: Revised

i. The closure of Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton in June 2016
ii. Build a new 350 pupil place JK to 8 school at the City owned Beverly Community Centre (upon partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton)
iii. In the absence of a partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton at the Beverly Community Centre site, build a new 350 pupil place school on the existing Board owned Beverly Central school site
iv. Proposed new school partnership is pending Ministry funding
v. Proposed new school without partnership is pending Board funding

Amendment added:
vi. The school closures outlined in clause i above, are subject to the new school referenced in clauses ii or iii being built

West Flamborough ARC Recommendation Part 2: Revised

i. The closure of Greensville and Spencer Valley in June 2016
ii. Build a new 350 pupil place JK to 8 school on the Greensville School site (upon partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton)
iii. Millgrove school remains status quo and remains as a feeder school for grades 6 to 8 at the new school on the Greensville site.
iv. Proposed new school partnership is pending Ministry funding
v. In the absence of a partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton at the Board owned Greensville school site and Ministry new school funding, close Greensville school and renovate Spencer Valley School to accommodate the consolidated JK to 8 school; Millgrove school remains status quo JK to 5 and as a Spencer Valley feeder school for grades 6 to 8.

• Capital requirements at Spencer Valley-FDK rooms, classroom additions, music room upgrades, gymnasium upgrades, science & art room upgrades as well as any other high, urgent and capital needs to convert the middle school to a 21st century learning JK to 8 school.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10. Program Committee - May 14, 2014

RESOLUTION #14-86: Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Bishop, moved: That the report of the Program Committee – June 2, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


RESOLUTION #14-87: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Glauser, moved: That the report of the Policy Committee – June 9, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
RESOLUTION #14-88: Trustee Turkstra, seconded by Trustee Simmons, moved: That the report of the Audit Committee – June 5, 2014 be approved, including:

- Regional Internal Audit Plan 2014-15

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

RESOLUTION #14-89: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Bishop, moved: That the report of the French Immersion Advisory Committee – May 28, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports from Staff

14. Naming of the playground at Cathy Wever School
RESOLUTION #14-90: Trustee Simmons, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the newly created playground at Cathy Wever School be named "Constable Cathy Wever Field".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Oral Reports
A. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report - Trustee Johnstone indicated that the annual CSBA conference will be taking place in the beginning of July 2014.

B. Director's Report
Director Malloy drew attention to the following:
- Superintendent Corcoran will be retiring at the end of June 2014. He wished her all the best in her retirement years.
- Superintendent Croxall has also retired and wished her the very best in her retirement years.
- The Secondary Program Strategy and Transition Program has been monumental – building community and engaging students.
- Transforming learning – how students learn and teachers teach.
- Math Strategy – focussing on what our students need to be successful.
- Positive School Climate – foundational to our students in achieving.

D. Chair's Report
Chair Brennan thanked the community for their involvement in the ARC process, for those participating in the ARCs and those who came out for the public meetings and delegation evenings where their voices were heard. Chair Brennan thanked all of the Trustees around the table for the time that they put into the schools, communities, meetings and involvement with their constituents. She thanked the Staff and Dr. Malloy for his leadership and devotion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.