Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2015

LOCATION: Trustee Board Room, 20 Education Court, Hamilton, On L9A 0B9 (Education Centre)

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe (via tele-conference call), Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustee Rakhshan Kamran.

Regrets: Student Trustee Hannah Tobias-Murray.

1. Call to Order
Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Profiling Excellence
Highlighting their accomplishments, Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following students and staff, who then received award certificates from their respective ward trustees. The Director’s Holiday Card contest winners received their award certificates from the Chair of the Board and Director.

Students
A. Ben Boonsiri – Royal Canadian Legion Command Remembrance Day Video Contest – 1st Prize
B. Boon Boonsiri – Royal Canadian Legion Command Remembrance Day Video Contest – 1st Prize
C. Sara Salmon – YMCA Peace Medal – Youth Individual – Orchard Park

Trustee Pattison joined the meeting.

Staff
D. Timothy Powell McBride – Zonta Says No Award – Zonta Clubs of Southern Ontario, Acting Principal Westdale Secondary

Director’s Holiday Card Contest
E. Anisa Alimi – James MacDonald, Grade 2
F. Amelia Holst Vincent – Glen Brae Elementary, Grade 6
G. Chelsey Clark - Spencer Valley Elementary, Grade 7
H. Syed Faraz Hussain - Janet Lee Elementary, Grade 8

3. Approval of the Agenda
RESOLUTION #15-14: Trustee Archer, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
None.

5. Communications
RESOLUTION #15-15: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the letter from Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada be received and filed and that HWDSB recognize June 19th as World Sickle Cell Day.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. Appointment to Governance Committee - Trustee Representative

RESOLUTION #15-16: Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That Trustee Hicks be appointed as the sixth member of the Governance Committee for the duration of Director Search and Strategic Directions Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees


RESOLUTION #15-17: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved:

- That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee - December 15, 2014 be received.
- That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee - January 14, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


RESOLUTION #15-18: Trustee Archer, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the reports of the Program Committee - December 15, 2014 and January 15, 2015 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees


RESOLUTION #15-19: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the reports of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Community Advisory Committee - December 10, 2014 and January 7, 2015 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports from Legislated Committees


RESOLUTION #15-20: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the reports of the Parent Involvement Committee - December 9, 2014 (joint PIC/SEAC) and January 13, 2015 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)

RESOLUTION #15-21: Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The open session resumed at 7:36 p.m.

13. Report of the Committee of the Whole (Private)

RESOLUTION #15-22: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) be approved, including:

- Disposition of Property - Bell Stone Elementary School Site
- Acquisition of Property - Glenbrook

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Oral Reports

A. Student Trustees' Report (Local Activities and OSTA)

R. Kamran highlighted the following:

- The student trustees' work on improving communication and engagement of students across the system
- A proposal for common bathrooms (for male and female students) to promote equity
- Preparation of a booklet for student trustee transition
- Work with health and wellness staff representatives in handling health issues/topics in schools
- Promotion of student registration to Free the Children (an initiative which is linked to Social Justice)
- OSTA: The next Board Council conference will be on February 26 to March 1, 2015 in Ottawa.

B. Director's Report
W. Joudrie advised of his ongoing interaction, as interim Director, with Executive Council, Co-ordinating Council and trustees at Board meetings to provide guidance on administrative matters. He noted that the search for a new Director will be the sole responsibility of trustees. W. Joudrie also noted his attendance at a recent system meeting consisting of about 400 employees.

C. Chair's Report
Chair White noted the following:
- Trustees are very appreciative of having W. Joudrie as interim Director.
- The search for a new Director is a major task for the Board.
- All trustee committees have met with trustees getting to know each other and now moving forward to look at issues affecting our schools.
- The City/Board Relations Committee will start meeting to discuss key issues common to both the City and Board. A number of trustees will meet with some of their colleagues at the City within the next month or two.
- The new perspective and efforts undertaken for HWDSB's website have been reflecting the Board’s transparency.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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