

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2015

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

Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. **Student Trustee** Scott Robertson. **Regrets** were received from Kathy Archer, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison; **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. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #15-140: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Robertson voted in favour.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The following minutes were confirmed:

- Board – September 21, 2015

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Audit Committee – September 24, 2015

RESOLUTION #15-141: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Audit Committee – September 24, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That the changes to the **Audit Committee Terms of Reference** be accepted.
- That the **Annual Report to the Board of Trustees and Ministry for 2014-15** for the year ended **August 31, 2015** be sent to the Ministry.
- That the **Annual Report to the Board of Trustees for the year ended August 31, 2015** as amended be forwarded to the **Board of Trustees** for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Robertson voted in favour.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

6. French Immersion Advisory Committee – September 23, 2015

RESOLUTION #15-142: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the French Immersion Advisory Committee – September 23, 2015 be received, including:**

- That the **Board** consider an amendment to **Section 2.2 Voting Members**, of the **French Immersion directive** to read: **Three French Immersion secondary parents – to report regularly to their School Council and/or Home and School, ideally representing each school.**
- That the **Board** consider an amendment to **Section 2.2 Voting Members**, of the **French Immersion directive** to read: **Up to two secondary French Immersion students, preferably one from each school.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Student Trustee Robertson voted in favour.

7. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)

RESOLUTION #15-143: Trustee e Danko seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

The open session resumed at 6:49 p.m.

8. Committee of the Whole (Private) – October 5, 2015

RESOLUTION #15-144: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – October 5, 2015 be approved, including:**

- **That the Audit Committee report from September 24, 2015 be approved including the following: That the external audit plan for 2014-15 be approved.**
- **That authority be delegated to the Director of Education under Section 19.2 under the following guiding principles: safety, the learning focus and a positive working environment.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Student Trustees Robertson voted in favour.

9. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Chair White's update from the committee's October 1st meeting included the following:

- Discussion on the letter from the Mayor about the October 22, 2018 HWDSB's PA Day and Municipal Election Day. More updates will be forthcoming relating to this issue.
- Greenville capital project and pending Ministry direction
- Committee's terms of reference and terminology
- HWDSB's involvement with City initiatives and more information from staff reporting early next year
- The committee will aim to meet at least three times for next year

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home and School Association

Chair White said the association has not met at this time. He noted that the association was asked to have a delegation to present at the November 2015 Trustee Information Session.

C. HWDSB Foundation

Trustee Danko noted the Foundation's meeting on October 14th.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Chair White noted staff's efforts to uphold student safety across HWDSB during the ongoing job action from ETFO and CUPE.

E. Umbrella Board of Family and Child Care Centres

Trustee Bingham will provide her update after the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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