

# Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, October 26, 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, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. **Student Trustees** Scott Robertson, Hannah Tobias-Murray. **Regrets** were received from Trustee Kathy Archer.

## 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 #15-145:** Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

### Added Item:

13.1 OPSBA Update – Trustee Johnstone

To the motion as amended,

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

## 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

## 4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The following minutes were confirmed:

- Board – September 28, 2015
- Board – October 5, 2015

## Reports from Trustee Special Committees

Trustee Johnstone assumed the Chair.

## 5. Policy Committee – October 14, 2015

**RESOLUTION #15-146:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Policy Committee – October 14, 2015 be approved, including:**

- A. Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy
- B. Code of Conduct Policy
- C. Student Behaviour and Discipline Policy
- D. Naming/Renaming a School in Whole or in Part Policy

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Trustee White resumed the Chair.

## 6. Finance and Facilities Committee – October 7, 2015

**RESOLUTION #15-147:** Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – October 7, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That staff be advised to proceed with preparation for a potential pupil accommodation review of the following two areas for 2015-16: Lower Stoney Creek and East Hamilton City 2.
- That staff bring back an updated and revised Accommodation Strategy Schedule as part of the Long-Term Facilities Master Plan review.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

### **7. Program Committee – October 15, 2015**

Trustee Johnstone assumed the Chair.

**RESOLUTION #15-148:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the report of the Program Committee – October 15, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Trustee White resumed the Chair.

### **Reports from Community Advisory Committees**

#### **8. First Nations Métis Committee – October 14, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-149:** Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the report of the First Nations Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee – October 15, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

### **Reports from Legislated Committees**

#### **9. Special Education Advisory Committee – September 30 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-150:** Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – September 30, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

#### **10. Parent Involvement Committee – October 13, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-151:** Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee – October 13, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

#### **11. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

**RESOLUTION #15-152:** Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 6:54 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

The open session resumed at 7:45 p.m.

#### **12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – October 26, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-153:** Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – October 26, 2015 be approved, including:**

- **That the Finance and Facilities Committee report from October 7, 2015 be received.**
- **That a verbal update of a private matter in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

### 13. Oral Reports

#### 13.1 OPSBA Update

Trustee Johnstone noted the following:

- Recent joint Regional meeting (October 16-17, 2015) with the West region which highlighted: workshop on Strategic Directions, Director's report and professional development opportunities for trustees
- Public Education Symposium 2016: January 28 — 30, 2016, Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto
- Third Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health: April 7 and 8, 2016 in Toronto
- Education Labour Relations and Human Resources 2016: March 30-April 1, 2016, Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto
- OPSBA's Annual General Meeting (AGM): June 9-12, 2016, Ottawa Marriott Hotel in Ottawa

#### A. Student Trustees' Report - Local Activities and Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA)

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray noted the following:

- The Student Senate's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Education Centre.
- Student representation on Senate now includes high schools and alternate education.
- Meeting discussion will focus on transitions, student engagement and consultation.

Student Trustee Robertson highlighted the following:

- The recent OSTA Fall General Meeting was well attended with 70+ students from around the province. NDP MPP Andrea Horwath was among the key speakers.
- The next OSTA Conference will be in February 2016.

#### B. Director's Report

The Director alluded to the following key events:

- **Mayor's Youth Strategy Roundtable** - September 29<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton City Hall
- **SIM Meeting** – Regional meeting in London, Ontario on September 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss improvement plans for literacy and Math
- **We Day** - HWDSB continue to partner with Me to We and 10 secondary schools attended this great event in Toronto on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Best Start/Early Years Celebration** – 10-year anniversary (Best Start Network)
- **Industry Education Council (IEC) Crowd Sourcing Campaign** – October 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Hamilton Community Foundation Social Financial Speaker Event** – October 13<sup>th</sup>
- **My Path, My Way** – October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Education Centre; welcomed over 650 Grade 7-10 students and their parents/guardians
- **Transform Learning Everywhere (TLE) in HWDSB** – 2015-2016 Action Plan includes Phase 1 (began in September 2014) and Phase 2 (beginning September 2015)

#### C. Chair's Report

Chair White highlighted the following:

- HWDSB's Strategic Directions process is moving forward.
- Policies are going before the Board on time.
- There have been ongoing labour negotiations with employee groups.
- There is positive feedback, support and cooperation from staff with the continuing job action.
- HWDSB schools are currently doing Halloween for Hunger in support of local food banks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.