

# Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, November 16, 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, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. **Student Trustees** Scott Robertson, Hannah Tobias-Murray. **Regrets were received from Trustees** Wes Hicks and Larry Pattison.

## 1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**RESOLUTION #15-154:** Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

**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 – October 26, 2015

## Reports from Trustee Special Committees

### 5. Human Resources Committee – October 29, 2015

**RESOLUTION #15-155:** Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the report of the Human Resources Committee – October 29, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Trustee Johnstone assumed the Chair.

### 6. Governance Committee – November 3, 2015

**RESOLUTION #15-156:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Governance Committee – November 3, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That the current Governance Bylaw related to the Organizational Board meeting be updated to reflect that Committee Chairs will be elected at the same time as Trustees appoint members to the Trustee Special Committees.**

To the motion, **CARRIED**, with the following division of votes:

- In favour (8) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Van Geffen, White.  
Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray.
- Opposed (1) Trustee Mulholland.

**7. Finance and Facilities Committee – November 4, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-157:** Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – November 4, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That Board staff bring back a plan that considers ways to address the accommodation pressures at Westmount Secondary School and the equity of access to the self-directed self-paced program.
- That Board staff bring back a plan that assesses the potential use of the Hill Park site for the short and long term.
- That Board staff bring back an update as to the cost estimates and possible solutions to be able to honour the motions made by the Board of Trustees in May 2012 for Sherwood Secondary School.
- That the secondary boundary review be initiated once Trustees have received the update reports on Sherwood and Westmount Secondary Schools.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

**9. Audit Committee – November 13, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-158:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the report of the Audit Committee – November 13, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That the 2014-2015 annual audited consolidated financial statements of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Trustee White resumed the Chair.

**Reports from Legislated Committees****10. Special Education Advisory Committee – October 28, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-159:** Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – October 28, 2015 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

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

**RESOLUTION #15-160:** Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 6:52 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

The open session resumed at 7:15 p.m.

**12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – November 16, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15-161** Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – November 16, 2015 be approved, including:**

- That the Human Resources report from October 29, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Trustees Johnstone and Mulholland were not in the room during the vote.)

Student Trustees Robertson and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

**13. Oral Reports****A. City/Board Liaison Committee**

Chair White noted that future meetings of the committee will take place sometime in the new year.

**B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association**

Chair White referred to the recent presentation from the Association regarding its work at a recent Trustee Information Session which was well received.

**C. HWDSB Foundation**

Trustee Danko reported the following:

- Funds received in support of students were close to \$160,000 last year.
- The Young Artists of Hamilton Benefit Gala was very successful with 300 attendees and funds raised were approximately \$25,000.
- The Foundation's next event will be the "Ugly Sweater" contest in December.

**D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee Johnstone noted the following:

- The OSSTF and ETFO teacher union groups have reached their respective agreements while other bargaining groups are still in negotiations.
- OPSBA's upcoming Public Education Symposium on January 28-30, 2016 in Toronto.

**E. Umbrella Board of Family & Child Care Centres**

Trustee Bingham's update included the following:

- The centres' operations across the system are doing quite well with reported 1,300 student enrolment.
- The impact of the new legislation (Child Care and Early Years Act, Bill 10) on child care centres.
- Lincoln Alexander School will offer full-day kindergarten and construction for this has started.
- Professional Development opportunities will be available on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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