

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2016

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, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. **Student Trustees** Hannah Tobias-Murray, Scott Robinson. **Regrets were received from Trustee Hicks.**

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #16-16: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes from January 25, 2016 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Human Resources Committee – January 21 and February 11, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-17: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the reports of the Human Resources Committee – January 21, 2016 and February 11, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

6. Finance and Facilities Committee – February 4, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-18: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – February 4, 2016 be approved, including:**

A. Hill Park Update Report

That staff do a feasibility study and public consultation with impacted groups and then bring a recommended action on the future use of the Hill Park site.

B. Westmount Update Report

- a) **That this report be referred to the Program Committee to review the equity of access of the current self-paced, self-directed program at Westmount and the viability of adding expanding the program;**

and

- b) **That staff bring back a report to initiate the planned boundary review for the secondary mountain schools & that staff identify secondary schools across the rest of the system that could accommodate a satellite self-paced option.**

C. Request for School Consolidation Projects

That the 2016 Ministry Request for School Consolidation Capital Projects and New Construction of Child Care report be submitted to the Ministry of Education as the submission from HWDSB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees**7. French Immersion Advisory Committee – January 20, 2016**

RESOLUTION #16-19: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the report of the French Immersion Advisory Committee – January 20, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Reports from Legislated Committees**8. Parent Involvement Committee – February 9, 2016**

RESOLUTION #16-20: Trustee Mulholland, seconded by Trustee, moved: **That the reports of the Parent Involvement Committee – January 19 and February 9, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

9. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #16-21: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 6:45 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

The open session resumed at 7:26 p.m.

10. Committee of the Whole (Private) – February 22, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-22: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – February 22, 2016 be approved, including:**

- **That the Human Resources Committee Reports from January 21 and February 11, 2016 be received.**
- **That the Finance and Facilities Committee Report from February 4, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustees Scott and Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

9. Oral Reports**A. City/School Board Liaison Committee**

Chair White advised that the committee's next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, noting all trustees are welcome to attend. Key items for discussion will include City/Board shared properties and agreements and the Facilities Partnership Policy.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Pattison noted his attendance at the Association's January 18th meeting which provided him the opportunity to meet the members.

C. HWDSB Foundation

Trustee Danko attended the Foundation's February 10th meeting, advising the two Director positions will need to be filled. She also noted two upcoming Foundation events: (a) Prom Project Hamilton fashion show at Limeridge Mall on March 12th, (b) Prom Project Hamilton on April 16th, and (c) HWDSB Golf Classic 2016 on June 1st.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone's report included the following:

- Board of Directors' meeting which discussed the following:
 - OPSBA's audit and budget
 - Review of Child Care and Early Years Act
 - First Nations Education (update from the First Nations Director)
 - EQAO Advisory Committee (two current consultations, including Literacy Construct: EQAO Language Assessments and Well-Being)
 - Quebec government moving away from public trustee elections to appointments
 - Review of school board Collective Bargaining Act
- Upcoming events:
 - Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Conference on March 31-April 1 in Toronto
 - Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health on April 7 and 8 in Toronto
 - OPSBA's Annual General Meeting on June 9-12 in Ottawa

E. Umbrella Board of Family & Child Care Centres

Trustee Beattie reported that the Umbrella Board met on Jan 27th and a key discussion was on its final budget process. He noted that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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