Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 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, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustee Hannah Tobias-Murray.

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

2. Profiling Excellence
Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following students and staff, discussing briefly their achievements:

Students
- Rahama Abdi Ahmed – Sir John A Macdonald
  - 2016 John C. Holland Youth Achievement Award
  - Finalist Hamilton Spectator Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
- Muneeb Muzaffar – Orchard Park – Hamilton Spectator Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
- Sarah Stephens – Orchard Park – McMaster Children's Miracle Network Champion 2016
- Rosie Leggott – Sir Winston Churchill – 2016 OSSTF Marion Drysdale Student Achievement Award, Provincial Winner Grade 9/10 Applied Poetry & Prose
- Alifra Frebrian – Sir Winston Churchill – 2016 OSSTF Marion Drysdale Student Achievement Award, Provincial Winner Grade 11/12 Visual Arts

Staff
- Naomi Chiarot – Sir Winston Churchill – Teacher in support of Alifa Frebrian – 2016 OSSTF Marion Drysdale Student Achievement Award
- Melissa Samad – Sir Winston Churchill – Teacher in support of Rosie Leggott – 2016 OSSTF Marion Drysdale Student Achievement Award

3. Approval of the Agenda
RESOLUTION #16-54: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
None.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:
5. Policy Committee – April 13, 2016
RESOLUTION #16-55: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: That the report of the Policy Committee – April 13, 2016 be approved, including:

   A. Procurement Policy
   B. Occupational Health and Safety Policy
   C. Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy
   D. Performance Appraisal Policy
   E. Professional Learning Policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.
6. Finance and Facilities Committee – April 14, 2016
RESOLUTION #16-56: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – April 14, 2016 be approved, including:

(a) That HWDSB adopt the multi-year capital strategy framework.
(b) That HWDSB approve the dollar amounts as set out in the multi-year capital strategy/framework for the 2016-17 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports from Staff:
7. Student Trustees 2016-2017
RESOLUTION #16-57: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the election by Student Senate of Tory Dockree, student at Westdale Secondary School, and Elizabeth Wong, student at Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School, to the position of Student Trustee be confirmed for the term of office August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Naming of New Ancaster Elementary School
RESOLUTION #16-58: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the new Ancaster Elementary School be named Tiffany Hills Elementary School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
RESOLUTION #16-59: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 7:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The open session resumed at 8:02 p.m.

10. Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 25, 2016
RESOLUTION #16-60: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 25, 2016 be approved, including:

- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 14, 2016 be approved.
- That the tentative collective agreement between Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECE) bargaining unit and HWDSB for the term September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017 be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Written Notices of Motion
A. Schools as Hubs
Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved:
A. That Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board write the Ontario Minister of Education, Liz Sandals, with a copy to be sent to Hamilton City Council, the Fix Our Schools Citizen’s Group and OPSBA, expressing our concerns over the sale of properties that were built for the use of public, community education and services, and;

B. That the intent of said letter would be to engage the Ministry of Education in a discussion regarding a possible temporary financial assistance program that would allow the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to delay property dispositions, and;

C. That it is the hope of the HWDSB that as a result of this discussion, the Province of Ontario would agree on an interim basis, to offset anticipated property disposition capital until such time that the Province has drafted their Schools as Hubs has model, and;

D. By taking the pressure of Boards, Municipal Councils and other government and community partners to rush together re-use plans or the sale of properties, communities can hopefully find some solace knowing that more thought and time will be put into the future of our neighborhood assets. The Government of Ontario can also enter into this interim agreement knowing that even through Community use of Schools planning, that proceeds of disposition will still occur albeit at a later date.

E. HWDSB also request that the Ministry update us as to its anticipated completion of the Schools as Hubs framework.

Amendment:
RESOLUTION #16-61: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the Notice of Motion – Schools as Hubs be referred to the Finance and Facilities Committee for the purpose of further discussion and advice to the Board.

CARRIED on the following division of votes:

In Favour (7) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Johnstone, Mulholland, Van Geffen, White.
Student Trustee Tobias-Murray.

Opposed (4) Trustees Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Pattison.

12. Oral Reports
A. Student Trustees’ Report – Local Activities and Ontario Student Trustees’ Association (OSTA)
Student Trustee Tobias-Murray reported the following:
- She looks forward to working with and providing some guidance to the newly elected student trustees.
- The Student Tagline Challenge (part of HWDSB’s Strategic Directions process) will take place at the April 27th Student Senate meeting. Students are quite involved and looking forward to this exciting event.
- The Student Senate and student trustees will participate in the upcoming We Create Change social justice event. HWDSB trustees are welcome to attend.
- OSTA’s Annual General Meeting will be held on May 26-29, 2016 in Toronto and will be observing its 15th year anniversary with several activities, including a gala.
- OSTA recently released the annual Ontario Student, Parent and Educator survey which asks students, parents and educators ten simple questions about education. These questions reflect key areas which are of concern to students. The goal is to achieve 5% student population response in order to create an individual report for discussion. Key partners to this survey include People for Education and Scholarships Canada.

B. Director’s Report
Director Figueiredo highlighted the following in his report:
- Hamilton Jewish Federation 18th Annual Student Symposium (April 12th at Mohawk College)
  ➢ Well attended by HWDSB students
  ➢ Karen Dick (Westdale Secondary School teacher) received the Sharon Erskine Award, an award presented to a teacher who has demonstrated a commitment to teaching students about the Holocaust and its important lessons for humankind.
Prom Project Hamilton, an HWDSB Foundation event (April 16th at Sir Allan MacNab and Delta Secondary Schools) - Many thanks to the hard-working steering committee, volunteers, many sponsors and our entire community for the donations and support of this second annual Prom Project Hamilton.

School Visits:
- Bennetto Elementary School – Grade 7 students showcased a scale model of their sustainable neighbourhood that the class worked together, with support from local architects, to build over a 4-day program - No. 9 Contemporary Arts and the Environment (My Sustainable City Program).
- Strathcona Elementary School – visited the Kindergarten classroom (winner of Holiday Card contest).

The Director was pleased to observe an excellent example of what our educators are doing.

System Learning
- Work on Cross Panel Math Strategy has continued. One half day of Math learning occurred in all elementary schools on the April Professional Development Day.
- Grade 1 teachers (Early Number Sense) and Grade 4 teachers (Fractions) continue to work in both larger group and smaller in school sessions linked to inquiries at the school level.
- ESL/ELD Secondary Program and Services Review focused on ensuring conditions and supports for success are in place for student success and graduation.
- All Students Reading by the End of Grade One – Capacity builders (coaches and program staff) have been learning about assessments and interventions in Early Years, based on Dibels Literacy.

An Equity training for system leaders was held last March 23rd.

Chair's Report
Highlights of Chair White's report included the following:
- Governor General David Johnston addressed Hamilton students at a celebration of ABACUS (a Hamilton Community Foundation initiative to increase post-secondary access) last April 20, 2016 at Cathy Wever School. He was greeted by student ambassadors, HWDSB Board Chair Todd White and Terry Cooke, President and CEO of Hamilton Community Foundation. Director Figueiredo, some Board Trustees and Superintendents were also in attendance.
- Students are very much involved with the Student Tagline Challenge event (opened to middle and secondary school students), including organizing mini advertising themes. Submissions will go to Student Senate and then before the Board.
- The City/Board Liaison Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- HWDSB will hold its Quarter Century Employee Recognition event on Thursday, April 28th, 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Centre.
- The recent Board’s Profiling Volunteer Excellence Awards event was a success. Thanks to the efforts of Superintendent Stephanian and her group. Trustees Archer, Danko, Deathe and Mulholland were in attendance.

On behalf of the Board, Chair White expressed thanks and appreciation to former Student Trustee Scott Robertson for his efforts and contributions at the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.