

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2016

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 Trustee** 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 6:10 p.m.

2. Swearing in Student Trustees 2016-2017

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray provided some background information about the newly elected Student Trustees Tory Dockree and Elizabeth Wong. Their swearing in as Student Trustees for 2016-2017 then followed.

Approval of the Agenda

3. RESOLUTION #16-64: 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.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes from the April 18 and 25, 2016 meetings were confirmed.

6. Correspondence

- Bluewater District School Board – OFSAA Transfer Policy

RESOLUTION #16-65: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That HWDSB send a letter to the Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) expressing support to the motion from Bluewater District School Board (BDSB) regarding OFSAA Transfer Policy, with a copy of this letter to BDSB.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

7. Finance and Facilities Committee – April 20 and 28, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-66: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – April 20, 2016 be approved, including:**

- That HWDSB focus priorities for the Secondary Facility Benchmark Strategy on Science Labs, Playing Fields, Learning Commons and Gym Floors; and
- That capital needs related to Technology Labs be funded by the Secondary Program Strategy component or the Annual School Renewal component of the Multi-Year Capital Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #16-67: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the report of the Finance and Facilities Committee – April 28, 2016 be approved, including:

Secondary Facility Benchmark Strategy

- (a) That the Secondary Facility Benchmark Strategy report be approved; that staff prepare a multi-year implementation plan to deliver the priorities related to the Secondary Facility Benchmark Strategy over a 5-year period; and that, on an annual basis, staff bring the specific plan related to the \$11 million set aside annually for the strategy back to the Board for approval as part of the capital budget.
and
- (b) That the Guiding Principles for the Multi-Year Capital Strategy be approved.

2016-17 Budget Development

- (c) That staff bring back a report providing the cost to provide transportation to any Westmount Secondary School student that resides outside of the walking distance; and
That staff bring back a report providing the cost to provide HSR passes for any secondary student attending Westmount Secondary School that would be eligible for HSR passes to their home school.
- (d) That the Board approve a budget reduction of \$1.5 million to temporary assistance as year one of a two-year plan to reduce the costs related to providing temporary assistance through a 6-pronged approach provided by staff that includes:
- Creating a positive work environment
 - Supporting staff through the Total Attendance Support program
 - Making improvements in Human Resources to provide better tracking, follow up, communication and training with regards to sick leave
 - Supporting employees who have a pattern of absences
 - Following up on potential abuse of sick leave when suspected
 - Ensuring that the Board is following the collective agreements and terms and conditions with regards to providing replacement coverage;
 - and that staff be required to bring back a quarterly monitoring report to the Finance and Facilities Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

8. Human Resources Committee – April 19, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-68: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: That the report of the Human Resources Committee – April 19, 2016 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustees Johnstone, Mulholland and Student Trustee Tobias-Murray were not in the room during the vote.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray, Trustee Mulholland and Trustee Johnstone returned to the meeting.

Reports from Legislated Committees

9. Special Education Advisory Committee – April 27, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-69: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – March 30, 2016 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Beattie was not in the room during the vote.
Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Trustee Beattie returned to the meeting.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees**10. Rural Schools Committee – April 21, 2016**

RESOLUTION #16-70: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Rural Schools Committee – April 21, 2016 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

Reports from Staff:**11. Naming of the New Track at Sir Allan MacNab School**

RESOLUTION #16-71: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Mulholland, moved: **That the new track at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School be named Mark Graham Track and the field be named Paul Brown Field.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

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

RESOLUTION #16-72: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 7:45 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Trustee Tobias-Murray voted in favour.

The open session resumed at 9:00 p.m.

13. Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 9, 2016

RESOLUTION #16-73: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 9, 2016 be approved, including:**

- (a) **That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 28, 2016 be approved including entering into Phase I of the Property Disposition process for Mountain Secondary school after June 30, 2016 and that revenue received from the leasing of parking spaces around Tim Horton's Field be provided to the HWDSB Foundation for the 2016-17 fiscal year.**
- (b) **That the Human Resources Committee report from April 19, 2016 be received.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour (8) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland, Van Geffen, White.

Opposed (2) Trustees Bingham, Pattison.

14. Pupil Accommodation Q&A – East Hamilton City 2 and Lower Stoney Creek**Presentation of Answers (from last meeting)**

Trustees received answers to questions on the East Hamilton City 2 and Lower Stoney Creek accommodation reviews.

New Questions (to be presented next meeting)

None received.

15. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees**A. City/School Board Liaison Committee**

Chair White highlighted the following:

- Last week's meeting went very well; Trustees Beattie, Deathe and Student Trustee Tobias-Murray were in attendance.
- The committee's Terms of Reference was finally finished after many years of discussion; thanks to Mayor Eisenberger for his support and assistance. The Staff Liaison Committee had discussion on properties and also completed its Terms of Reference. Both Terms of Reference will go to the Governance Committee.

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- Trustee Deathe provided an update on HWDSB's ongoing accommodation reviews in East Hamilton City 2 and Lower Stoney Creek.
 - Director Figueiredo updated the City on the Green Bin pilot at Westmount Secondary School with the plan of extending this initiative to other secondary schools then to elementary schools. Some issues have to be addressed in terms of the collective agreement with CUPE.
 - An update on HWDSB's Strategic Directions process was provided.
 - The City informed Board staff on its directions, undertakings and general capital projects. A City presentation to HWDSB has been scheduled at the June 6th Board meeting regarding its strategic directions and budget process.
 - A motion was passed requesting staff of both HWDSB and City an inventory list of agreements which may have been approved in the past with the intent of categorizing these agreements.
 - Trustee Deathe's motion regarding student representation on City/Board Liaison Committee was passed. A Student Trustee or Student Senate representative or any secondary school student can attend the committee's meeting on a rotation basis.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Pattison advised of the forthcoming May 16th Annual General Meeting of the association. He also alluded to June 17th Leadership Day in Hamilton.

Noting that two schools in the Ancaster area have been busy with their Home & School Associations, Trustee Pattison requested that the directory of HWDSB's Home & School Associations on the website be kept up to date.

C. HWDSB Foundation

Trustee Danko reported the following:

- The Foundation's next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11th.
- The next big event is the HWDSB Golf Classic 2016 on June 1st at Willow Valley Golf Club in Hamilton.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone's report included the following:

- OPSBA's recent Directors' meeting confirmed all actions and decisions passed regionally.
- Good news regarding the Copyrights Consortium: school boards will not be required to pay certain copyright licenses in light of enhancements introduced for educational copyrights. This results in huge gain for schools boards on what would have been a major expense in terms of copyrights.

Trustee Johnstone clarified for Trustee Pattison that copyrights relating to movie nights in schools may not fall into this new direction but she offered to check this out.

E. Umbrella Board of Family & Child Care Centres

Trustee Beattie advised that the Umbrella Board's Annual General Meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, May 11th, 4:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Club in Hamilton.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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