

Board Minutes June 12, 2017

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Student Trustees Tory Dockree, Elizabeth Wong.

Regrets were received from Trustee Pattison

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. A. Recognition of Staff and Students

Superintendent Jeff Gillies shared the story of a grade one student whose life was saved by the quick actions and heroics of staff from Billy Green School. He acknowledged each and every staff member involved and gave thanks for their part in saving this student who is now happy to be back at school. The Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board also shared their thanks to the staff of Billy Green School:

- Roseanne Cunningham (E.A.)
- Rich Taylor (Teacher)
- Pam Winter (E.A.)
- Karly Hill (Teacher)
- Brandon Berketa (Principal)
- Janet Adler (Vice-Principal)
- Karen Humphreys (Administrative Assistant)

B. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following students and staff, outlining the contributions and achievements that they provide to fellow students, staff and the community at large.

Students:

- Gachi Issa Westdale student Nelson Mandela Award
- Isaiah Williams Westmount student Youth Achievement Awards

Staff:

- Kristin Roy Human Resources Legacy Scholarship from the organization Thinking Collaborative
- Aaron Puley Sir Winston Churchill Sharon Enkin Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education
- Chrisanthy Nicolaides Glendale 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Gabriela Covaci CCE 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Diana Panton Westdale 2017 Women of Distinction Awards
- Marie Robbins CCE Citizen of the Year

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3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #17-109: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes from May 29, 2017 and June 5, 2017 were confirmed.

6. Correspondence

A. Thames Valley DSB re: Funding for Children with Special Education Needs **RESOLUTION #17-110**: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

B. Thames Valley DSC re: Realignment of Funding process and policies for school consolidations **RESOLUTION #17-111**: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

C. Thames Valley DSB: First Nations Student Trustee

<u>RESOLUTION #17-112</u>: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the correspondence be referred to the First Nations Métis Inuit Committee and Student Senate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Program Committee – June 1, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-113:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Program Committee – June 1, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

8. Finance & Facilities Committee – June 7, 2017

The items of the report were voted on separately.

A. 2017-18 Budget Estimates

<u>RESOLUTION #17-114:</u> Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Finance & Facilities Committee – June 7, 2017 be approved, including:

1. That the Board approve the 2017-18 Operating Budget expenditures in the amount of \$558,749,514 and that the Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds (refer to Appendix C).

2. That the Board approve the 2017-18 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$149,418,425 and that the Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds (refer to Appendix D). The Executive Superintendent of Board Operations and Treasurer is further authorized to secure short-term financing of project expenditures until such time as permanent funding is secured, if required.

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

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Mulholland

B. Surplus Carry-Forward – School Budgets and Other Initiatives

<u>RESOLUTION #17-115:</u> Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the requests for school budget surplus carry forward into the 2017/2018 school year be approved (refer to Appendix A) and that the balance remaining at August 31, 2017 from funding for Major Capital Projects and Other Initiatives; if any, be transferred to working reserves on a temporary basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

C. Long Term Facilities Master Plan – Annual Update 2016-17 (Revised)

Trustee White took over as Chair reading out the Finance and Facilities report item C.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-116:</u> Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the Accommodation Strategy Schedule be approved as:

- West Mountain (West of Garth) in 2017/18
- West Mountain (East of Garth) in 2017/18
- Moratorium in 2018/19
- Dundas in 2019/20
- East Mountain (North of Linc) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (South of Linc) in 2019/20

Trustee Danko requested that the vote be split separating out the amendments – the movement of West Mountain (East of Garth) and the scheduled grade reorganization at James Macdonald Elementary School.

Amendment to the original motion:

<u>RESOLUTION #17-117</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That an amendment be made to the motion, to move West Mountain (East of Garth) from year 2017/18 to year 2019/20.

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

In Favour: (7) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (3) Trustees Beattie, Van Geffen and White

A second amendment, to schedule a grade reorganization in 2017/18 for James Macdonald Elementary School was brought forward by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Deathe.

This amendment FAILED on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (5) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Deathe, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (5) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Johnstone, Van Geffen and White

To the original motion as amended: That the Accommodation Strategy Schedule be approved:

- West Mountain (West of Garth) in 2017/18
- Moratorium in 2018/19
- Dundas in 2019/20
- West Mountain (East of Garth) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (North of Linc) in 2019/20
- East Mountain (South of Linc) in 2019/20

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

In Favour: (6) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (4) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Van Geffen and White

Trustee Hicks took over as the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee to complete the remainder of the report

D. 2017 Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission

<u>RESOLUTION #17-118</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That Hess Street School be removed from the list of priorities.

<u>RESOLUTION #17-119</u>: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That an amendment** be made to the motion, to move Sherwood Secondary School up on the priority list to #4.

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

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, and Mulholland, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustees Beattie

To the <u>original motion as amended</u>: That Hess Street School be removed from the list of priorities and that Sherwood Secondary School be moved up to #4 on the priority list.

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

In Favour: (9) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Hicks, Mulholland, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Beattie

<u>RESOLUTION #17-120</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: That the remainder of the report (monitoring items E-I) be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

9. Audit Committee – June 8, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-121:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the report of the Audit Committee – June 8, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees:

10. Special Education Advisory Committee - May 31, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-122:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

<u>RESOLUTION #17-123:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That data be collected** to review the impact of extra supports in the classroom to try to discern the appropriate level of resources (i.e., EAs, LRTs, etc.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

11. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017

<u>RESOLUTION #17-124:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the report of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – May 31, 2017 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

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

<u>RESOLUTION #17-125</u>: Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Dockree and Wong voted in favour

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.