
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen and Todd White. Student Trustees Morghen Jael and Ruby Hye.

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #17-188: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes – November 13, 2017 and November 20, 2017

The minutes of November 13, 2017 and November 20, 2017 were confirmed.

5. Correspondence – Grand Erie DSB re: process used to address fairness in executive compensation

RESOLUTION #17-189: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the correspondence - Grand Erie DSB re: process used to address fairness in executive compensation be received and filed.**

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

6. Program Committee – November 16, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-190: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the report of the Program Committee – November 16, 2017 be approved including that staff explore and report back to Trustees, opportunities to enhance two-way communication with parents/guardians/caregivers of students with special needs in order to improve service and programming.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committee

7. Parent Involvement Committee – November 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-191: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee – November 14, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committee

8. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee – June 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-192: Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the report of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee – June 14, 2017 be approved including that Board meetings begin with the HWDSB Land Acknowledgement.**

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

In favour (10) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Johnstone, Pattison, Van Geffen and White. Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Opposed (1) Trustees Mulholland,

9. Rural Schools Advisory Committee – November 23, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-193: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Rural Schools Advisory Committee – November 23, 2017 be approved including the Election of the Chair, Amanda Fehrman.**

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

RESOLUTION #17-194: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 7.27 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

The open session resumed at 8:25 p.m.

11. Committee of the Whole (private) December 4, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-195: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – December 4, 2017 be approved including:**

- **That the staff report from December 4, 2017 be approved including that staff continue to advance the development of the Downtown Community Hub inclusive of a new K-8 elementary school, on the Sir John A. Macdonald site with the following 5 potential capital partners: City of Hamilton, East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc., Hamilton Community Foundation, Hamilton Health Sciences and YMCA Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Van Geffen was not present for the vote
Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

12. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Trustee White did not have an update at this time.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Pattison did not have an update at this time.

C. HWDSB Foundation

Trustee Danko shared that the recent Foundation Gala was a great success and thanked all of the volunteers and folks who contributed to a very successful event. The Foundation is in the process of finding a new Foundation Officer and thanks was given to Julie Densham for her past service.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared that at the recent OPSBA meeting discussions of the following took place:

- Bill 174
- Education Development Charges
- School bus driver shortages
- Shortage of FI Staff
- Increase in student enrolment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.