

Board Minutes June 18, 2018

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, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, 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 6:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #18-86: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hye and Jael voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Oral Reports from:

- A. Student Trustees' Report
- No new OSTA updates (last conference already happened), transitioning in new executive, sharing documents and passing on information
- Had our last Senate meeting on Thursday, was a fun and successful review of the year collected lots
 of feedback, some constructive, mostly overwhelmingly positive, about how Senate was run this
- In terms of Secondary, had a final productive but still very fun Senate meeting. The good draft of the constitution was finished for next year's senate and said goodbyes to one another. It was a bittersweet but very rewarding meeting.

B. Director's Report

The Director began his report with a quote from Max Eisen "public education must remember their role to educate not only the minds but the hearts of our students and staff." The Humans of HWDSB were based on the concept of the Humans of the Big Apple in 2010. Photographer and teacher, Connie Sun, created a project during Education Week 2016 with the Humans of Lawfield. Connie believes that the project is a way to build connections, celebrations of uniqueness and open dialogue. To view the Humans of HWDSB visit: www.humansofhwdsb.ca

We had the pleasure of hearing from four of the people (2 staff and 2 students) of the Humans of HWDSB:

- Michelle Balavia
- Cameron Yousif
- Jessica Compton
- Sadie Manns

The Student Trustees left the meeting.

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C. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke of the change coming with the newly elected government and the new Student Trustees. He spoke of how HWDSB has grown with the new additions and new schools being built. He shared his thanks to Ted McMeekin for all of his past support and welcomed in the new MPPs. The Chair gave a final farewell to Superintendent Michael Prendergast who is retiring and thanked him for his dedication and hard work. He ended by wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Audit Committee - May 31, 2018

It was noted that Trustee Van Geffen was not present for the Audit Committee meeting.

<u>RESOLUTION #18-87:</u> Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the Audit Committee Report – May 31, 2018 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Program Committee – June 4, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-88:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the Program Committee**Report – June 4, 2018 be approved including that following the fall TLE report update, that TLE, be a focus on the workplans for Program and Finance and Facilities to establish future directions beyond the current 5 year plan completion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Finance & Facilities Committee – June 6, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-89:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Beattie, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities**Committee Report – June 6, 2018 be approved including:

- that the requests for school budget surplus carry forward into the 2018/2019 school year be
 approved and that the balance remaining at August 31, 2018 from funding for Major Capital
 Projects and Other Initiatives; if any, be transferred to working reserves on a temporary basis.
- That commencing in the 2019/20 school year, HWDSB Rental Department implement an annual increase to rental rates that is tied to the annual rate of inflation.
- Once every 5 years a full review of the rental rates occurs to ensure that the rates remain at cost recovery. First full review scheduled for 2022.
- that the Chair of the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education, with a copy to surrounding school boards, outlining transportation concerns that are both shared across the province by school boards and those unique issues being faced presently by HWDSB.

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

In Favour: (10) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Johnstone, Pattison, Van Geffen and White.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Mulholland

Reports from Legislated Committees

8. Special Education Advisory Committee – June 4, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-90:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee – June 4, 2018 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

9. French As A Second Language - May 30, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-91:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the French As A Second Language Advisory Committee – May 30, 2018 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

<u>RESOLUTION #18-92</u>: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 6:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The open session resumed at 9:07 p.m. Trustee Danko did not return to the meeting.

11. Committee of the Whole (Private) June 18, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-93</u>: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – June 18, 2018 be approved including:**

- That the deferred motion from the February 26, 2018 CTW Meeting regarding a Finance & Facilities Committee report be approved including a land severance at Ancaster High
- That the Audit Committee report from May 31, 2018 be approved including that the 2017-18 Audit plan be amended to include the Health & Safety Audit and that the Internal Audit plan for 2018-19 include Back-Up Disaster and Recovery plan, and Capital Projects.
- That staff continue discussions with the City of Hamilton regarding the proposed Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Hub.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Written Notice of Motion – Trustee Van Geffen re: Naming a School in Part

Trustee Van Geffen presented his Notice of Motion to the Board.

Whereas:

The track & field at Dundas Valley Secondary School is currently under revitalization and will be completed in the fall of 2018;

Whereas:

Dundas Community members and DVSS staff have brought forward the suggestion of naming the new track and field after Dundas resident Art Samson; former Parkside Secondary School Principal, former Dundas Councillor, founder and volunteer of Dundas community initiatives like, but not limited to, the Routes Youth Centre and House League Basketball.

Be it resolved:

That a Naming A School In Part Committee be struck in at the commencement of the 2018/19 school year and that the final report to the Board of Trustees come no later than November 30th, 2018.

<u>RESOLUTION #18-94:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Notice of Motion – Naming of the track & field at Dundas Valley Secondary School be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.