

## Board Minutes September 16, 2019

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

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller, Ray Mulholland and Paul Tut. Student Trustees Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi.

#### 1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The Chair of the Board welcomed Trustee Maria Felix Miller and Student Trustee Ahona Mehdi to the Board.

#### 2. Oath of Allegiance – Trustee, Ward 3

Maria Felix Miller declared the Oath of Allegiance as Trustee, Ward 3 under the guidance of Attorney Mark Zega.

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

**RESOLUTION #19-108:** Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the agenda be approved.** 

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

#### 5. Confirmation of the Minutes – June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019

The minutes of June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019 were confirmed.

#### 6. Correspondence: Waterloo Region DSB re: Letter to Minister of Education

**RESOLUTION #19-109:** Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the correspondence:** 

Waterloo Region DSB re: Letter to the Minister of Education be received and filed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Reports from Legislated Committees**

#### 7. Parent Involvement Committee – June 11, 2019

<u>RESOLUTION #19-110:</u> Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the Parent Involvement** Committee Report – June 11, 2019 be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Reports from Community Advisory Committees**

### 8. Human Rights & Equity Community Advisory Committee – June 24, 2019

<u>RESOLUTION #19-111:</u> Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That Human Rights &** Equity Community Advisory Committee Report – June 24, 2019 be approved including that the advisory committee be permitted to continue beyond the mandated 2018-19 academic year and continue under the Community Advisory Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

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#### **Reports from Staff**

#### 9. Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission Report

Staff shared that they were very excited when they received news in August that the Ministry has now opened business case submissions for Capital Priorities from Boards across the Province until September 30, 2019. The Capital Priorities Program (CPP) provides school boards with an opportunity to identify and address their most urgent pupil accommodation needs, including:

- accommodation pressures;
- replacing schools in poor condition;
- supporting past consolidation decisions;
- providing facilities for French-language rights holders in under-served areas; and
- creating child care spaces in schools.

The priorities are in the following order:

- 1. Rousseau New School
- 2. SJAM Hub New School
- 3. Sherwood New School
- 4. Binbrook II New School
- 5. Upper Stoney Creek New School

<u>RESOLUTION #19-112:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the 2019 Capital Priority** Projects report be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by the required deadline of September 30, 2019.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### **Appointment to Board Mandated Committee**

10. Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) – 1 member to join until end of term (November 30, 2019)

RESOLUTION #19-113: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: That Trustee Penny Deathe and Maria Felix Miller be appointed to the SAL Committee for the remainder of the term (November 30, 2019).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

#### 11. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

<u>RESOLUTION #19-114</u>: Trustee Tut, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:59 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:59 p.m.

#### 12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – September 16, 2019

Trustee Danko shared that there was no report at this time.

#### 13. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

#### A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The Committee will meet on October 10, 2019 at the Education Centre. Details will be shared closer to the meeting date.

#### B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Danko shared that on September 26, 2017 the Home & School Association will be hosting an event "Understanding Budget Impact" from 7:00-8:30 p.m. They will provide an understanding of the recent Provincial cuts and the effect that they have on HWDSB programming.

#### C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Paikin Miller shared the Foundation highlights which included:

- In August 2019 an operating agreement was made between the Foundation and HWDSB.
- The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the fall cycle of the School Support Grants until October 4, 2019. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for School Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year.
- The Foundation will open the application portal for Student Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year on October 1, 2019. Student Support Grants are available to HWDSB students throughout the school year to help overcome extraordinary or emergency financial obstacles during their education journey. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for Student Support Grants for the 2019/2020 year.
- heARTS Wide Open Gala will take place at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

#### D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared the following updates:

- Legislative Updates included:
  - PPM 163 on Service Animals HWDSB has a policy in place however all Boards must have a
    policy in place.
  - o EDC the Ministry is conducting a survey and awaiting the feedback.
  - o A Federal election has been called to take place on October 21, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.