# HWDSB

Board Minutes April 20, 2020

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

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

# **Regrets: Trustee Ray Mulholland**

**1.** Call to Order Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda:

**<u>RESOLUTION #20-31</u>**: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

## 4. Confirmation of the Minutes – March 9, 2020

The minutes of March 9, 2020 were confirmed.

# **Reports from Trustee Special Committees:**

5. Human Resources Committee – March 2, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-32:</u> Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the Human Resources Committee Report – March 2, 2020 be received including Employee Recruitment Update, Recommendation to deliver paid compliance training for all Board employees including occasional staff and Employee Attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

## 6. Policy Committee – March 4, 2020

**<u>RESOLUTION #20-33:</u>** Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Policy Committee Report** – March 4, 2020 be approved including the Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting Policy.

> **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

7. Finance & Facilities Committee – March 12, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-34</u>: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – March 12, 2020 be approved including that the 2020-21 Board Priorities be approved as:

- Improving Literacy
- Improving Mathematics
- School Revitalization
- Special Education
- Student Supports
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

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#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

<u>RESOLUTION #20-35:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 9, 2020 be approved including:

- That the Board approve the carry-forward of all school budgets that are left over from 2019-20 to 2020-21.
- That the Board approve the preliminary allocation of the following full-time equivalent positions for the purpose of 2020-21 school based staffing:

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Elementary Teachers	2,107.40
Secondary Teachers	890.50
Early Childhood Educators	270.00
Educational Assistants	632.50
Principals/Vice Principals	160.00
School Office Administration	195.50
School Custodial	361.75

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

**Reports from Legislated Committees:** 

8. Parent Involvement Committee – March10, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-36:</u> Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: That the Parent Involvement Committee Report– March10, 2020 be received.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Staff:

9. School Year Calendar – 2020-2021

<u>RESOLUTION #20-37:</u> Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: That the 2020-21 School Year Calendars be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

10. Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 20, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-38</u>: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – April 20, 2020 be approved including:

- That the Human Resources Committee report from March 2, 2020 be received.
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from March 12, 2020 be approved including Acquisition of Property in the Flamborough/Waterdown area for a future school site.
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 9, 2020 be received.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

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

- A. City/School Board Liaison Committee There was no update at this time.
- B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association There was no update at this time.
- C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success
  - Covid-19 Relief Fund: Hamilton Foundation for Student Success has established the COVID-19 Relief Fund. The COVID-19 Relief Fund is focusing funding to fulfill the nutritional and technological needs of students who no longer have access to in school nutrition programs and technology.
  - Hamilton Food Share and Kids Help Phone Donation: On Monday, March 23, the Board of Directors for the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success approved the motion to donate a total of \$35,000 towards student nourishment and mental health support. Hamilton Food Share was the recipient of \$25,000, and Kids Help Phone received \$10,000. Each of these organizations are wellequipped to address the needs of HWDSB students and their families during this challenging time.

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

Legislative Updates –

- 20 MPP's met on April 18, 2020 to approve the extension of the order until May 12, 2020.
- Bill 189 was passed to ensure school boards are permitted to continue to charge EDC's.
- MPP's are meeting every 28 days in order to re-evaluate the need to extend the order.
- There has been an extension to Essential Services daycare costs being covered.
- OPSBA and OSTA partnered to establish two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.