

Board Minutes Monday, May 11, 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, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller, Ray Mulholland and Paul Tut. Student Trustee Ahona Mehdi.

Regrets: Trustee Penny Deathe and Student Trustee Cameron Prosic.

1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #20-43: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes – April 27, 2020

The minutes of April 27, 2020 were confirmed.

5. Correspondence: from Hon. Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour re: Mental Health Week

RESOLUTION #20-44: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: That the Correspondence: from Hon. Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour re: Mental Health Week be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Finance & Facilities Committee – April 30, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-45:</u> Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities** Committee Report – April 30, 2020 be received including the 2020-2021 Budget Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

7. Human Resources Committee – May 5, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-46:</u> Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: That the Human Resources Committee Report – May 5, 2020 be received including the Employee Attendance update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

8. Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 11, 2020

<u>RESOLUTION #20-47</u>: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Mulholland, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – May 11, 2020 be approved including:**

- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 30, 2020 be approved including the
 Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Hub Proposal Phase 1 Community Centre Expansion for a
 Day Care Nursery Facility, to service the local community, with all Project costs and budget being
 entirely at the expense of the City of Hamilton.
- That the Human Resource Committee report from May 5, 2020 be approved.

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- 9. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:
- A. City/School Board Liaison Committee There was no update at this time.
- **B.** Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association The Annual General Meeting, scheduled to be held on May 14, 2020 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Covid-19 Relief Fund: Hamilton Foundation for Student Success' COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised \$67,600.00 towards the nutritional and technological needs of students who no longer have access to in-school nutrition programs and technology.

Under normal circumstances, the Foundation supports a variety of educational and daily student needs in schools. School closures, have resulted in a decline in demand for some of these school and student supports. During this time of uncertainty, the Foundation's Board of Directors has approved the reallocation of these funds thereby matching the donations to its COVID-19 Relief Fund.

To date, the Foundation has provided \$135,200.00 to HWDSB to be used to support the most immediate nutritional and technological needs of students.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Legislative Updates -

This is the 8th week of school closures. Trustees received a letter from the Minister on Friday regarding school closures and access to technologies. More information will be forthcoming from the Minister in the weeks to come. A letter was received regarding cancellation of Graduations and Proms and will be rescheduled in the fall. HWDSB has already gone ahead and done that.

On May 23, 2020 OPSBA will have a meeting and the Minister will be signing in and giving remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.