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**Trustees:** Kathy Archer (electronically), Christine Bingham (electronically), Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe (electronically), Cam Galindo (electronically), Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller (electronically), Ray Mulholland and Paul Tut (electronically). **Student Trustees** Ethan Hesler, Skylar Seggie and Fatima Zakar.

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**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 #20-110:** Trustee Archer, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes – October 5, 2020**

The minutes were confirmed with one small change.

**Reports from Trustee Special Committees:**

**5. Audit Committee – September 24, 2020**

**RESOLUTION #20-111:** Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the Audit Committee – September 24, 2020 be approved including:**

- the Audit Committee appoints Trustee Dawn Danko as Chair of the Audit Committee for 2020-2021.
- that the “Annual Report to the Board of Trustees for the year ended August 31, 2020” be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for information.
- that the “Annual Report to the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Ministry of Education for the year ended August 31, 2020” be sent to the Ministry.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour

**Reports from Legislated Committees:**

**6. Special Education Advisory Committee – September 30, 2020**

**RESOLUTION #20-112:** Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee – September 30, 2020 be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour

**7. Committee of the Whole (Private) – October 19, 2020**

**RESOLUTION #20-113:** Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – October 19, 2020 be approved including the approval of the external audit plan for 2019/20.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour

Vice-Chair Danko assumed the role as Chair

**8. Written Notices of Motion – re: Anti-Racism Governance Review**

Notice of Motion: re – Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism Governance Review

Submitted by: Trustee Alex Johnstone

Seconded by: Trustee Miller

Whereas: HWDSB last reviewed our Governance policies and procedures on February 11, 2013.

Whereas: under the Education Act, school boards are responsible for student achievement and well-being, safe and inclusive school climates, ensuring effective stewardship of the board's resources and delivering effective and appropriate education programs for their students.

Whereas: school board governance establishes a framework for decision-making and holds leaders responsible for modeling and exercising ethical leadership (OPSBA's Guide to Good Governance, 2018).

Whereas: school board governance models are rooted in historic colonial and oppressive structures of governance.

Whereas: HWDSB launched an Equity Action Plan in September 2019 which applies anti-oppression and human rights perspectives and where one of the four priorities is Leadership, Governance, and Human Resource Practices,

Whereas: HWDSB requires a governance model that supports intersectional frameworks that include Anti-racism and Anti-oppression (AR/AO) and decolonization frameworks in order to ensure decision-making, outcomes, accountability and transparency that is responsive to the diverse communities we serve, especially black and indigenous communities.

Be it Resolved:

That a Governance Review be completed by an independent third-party consultant, specifically from an Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism (AO/AR) framework.

**RESOLUTION #20-114:** Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That a Governance Review be completed by an independent third-party consultant, specifically from an Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism (AO/AR) framework.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour

Trustee Johnstone resumed the position as Chair.

**9. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:**

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

There is nothing to report at this time.

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

The Home & School Association participated in a virtual meeting last week and had great success.

**C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)**

- The Foundation is currently accepting applications for Student Support Grants for the 2020/2021 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 student is eligible to receive a maximum of \$200.00 per school year and any HWDSB staff may apply on behalf of a student. A total of \$100,000.00 has been budgeted for Student Support Grants for the 2020/2021 year.
- The gala is the Foundation's signature annual event and is a critical means to engage supporters while celebrating the artistic talents of HWDSB students. In order to be able to continue to do so within the parameters of COVID-19, the gala will move from an in-person event to a virtual event for 2020/2021. More details will be shared shortly.
- The Foundation's Board of Directors participated in a leadership session led by Chris Wignall, Executive Director at Catalyst Foundation. The session was titled "The Six Hats of Board Member" helped bring clarity to the various roles of a volunteer board member.

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

OPSBA last met on September 9, 2020 for the Annual General Meeting. Trustee Johnstone shared legislative and COVID 19 updates. Trustees were reminded that modules are available through OPSBA.

**10. Adjournment and Resolution into Committee of the Whole (Private Session) as per the Education Act, Section 207.2**

**RESOLUTION #20-115:** Trustee Tut, seconded by Trustee Mulholland, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), as per the Education Act, Section 207.2**, this being done at 6:45 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Hesler, Seggie and Zakar voted in favour