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

Regrets were received from Student Trustee Skylar Seggie.

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #21-74: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hesler and Zakar voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None received.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes – March 15 and 29, 2021 and April 6, 2021

The minutes were confirmed.

5. Correspondence:

- A. A. Smith re: External Investigation
- B. B. M. Morris re: Bell Times
- C. Rosedale Home & School Association and School Council re: Capital Priorities List – second phase renovation
- D. Rainbow District School Board re: remote learning

RESOLUTION #21-75: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed and item C being referred to the Finance and Facilities Committee.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hesler and Zakar voted in favour

RESOLUTION #21-76: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That a letter be written to the Ministry of Education expressing HWDSB's comments and concerns regarding the proposed permanent remote learning.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hesler and Zakar voted in favour

Student Trustee Zakar left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Governance Committee – March 22, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-77: Trustee Tut, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – March 22, 2021 be approved including that should the Chair and Vice Chair request the Director**

of Education to appoint an outside consultant to complete the undertaking of a formal Trustee Code of Conduct inquiry every effort will be made to first request that this work be completed by an Integrity Commissioner and in the case that this is not possible, another outside consultant will be appointed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

Trustee Galindo assumed the role as the Chair.

7. Audit Committee – March 25, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-78: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the Audit Committee Report – March 25, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

Trustee Danko resumed the role of the Chair.

8. Finance & Facilities Committee – April 1 and April 8, 2021

Finance & Facilities Committee – April 1, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-79: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 1, 2021 be approved including: That the Board approve the 2021-22 Accommodation Strategy Schedule.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

Finance & Facilities Committee – April 8, 2021

Trustee Johnstone declared a conflict of interest for item A: Preliminary School-based Staffing.

RESOLUTION #21-80 (item A): Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 8, 2021 be approved including: that the Board approve the preliminary allocation of the following full-time equivalent positions for the purpose of 2021-22 school-based staffing:**

- Elementary Teachers 2,042.10
- Secondary Teachers 909.70
- Early Childhood Educators 245.00
- Educational Assistants 654.00
- Principals/Vice Principals 155.00
- School Office Administration 196.50
- School Custodial 354.50

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

RESOLUTION #21-81: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the remainder of the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 8, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

9. Policy Committee – April 7, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-82: Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – April 7, 2021 be approved including the Procurement Policy and the Recruitment & Selection Policy and that the Human Rights Scoping Report be written as a pillar policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

10. Program Committee – April 6, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-83: Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the Program Committee Report – April 6, 2021 be approved including: that a letter be written by the Chair to Public Health as well as Ministry leads requesting that Hamilton Public Health provide formal, written correspondence regarding what conditions would prompt them to enact Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act and close our buildings. Further, that HPH provides specific details on how frontline education workers receive the vaccination and if this will factor into the decision to close or open schools.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

Reports from Legislative Committees:

11. Special Education Advisory Committee – March 31, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-84: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee Report – March 31, 2021 be approved and that a letter be written to the Ministry of Education supporting Durham District School Board's letter dated February 9, 2021, regarding online learning supports and universal design for learning.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Hesler voted in favour

12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 19, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-85: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – April 19, 2021 be approved including:**

- **That the Audit Committee report from March 25, 2021 be approved including that KPMG be retained as the external auditors for HWDSB for the 2021-22 school year.**
- **That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 8, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Hesler and Zakar voted in favour

13. 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 Ontario Federation hosted a meeting last month. There is nothing further to report.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)

- The Foundation was not able to meet this month. It was also noted that the Prom Project has been cancelled for this school year.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

- Legislative updates were shared.
- An update on Covid-19 was shared.
- OPSBA's speaker series is continuing on Thursdays.
- Board of Director's meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2021 with many discussions including the Province's proposal for remote learning, TDSB's Integrity Commissioner, a report from the Indigenous Trustees Council and the Provincial Budget.

The meeting adjourned to move into Standing Committee this being done at 8:20 p.m.