
Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong (electronically). Student Trustees Aisha Mahmoud and Gloria Li.

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #23-93: Trustees Tut/Miller moved: **That item #6 be moved to 15A. That item #13 A be added to the agenda as the Board will move into CTW to complete the CTW agenda items. That the agenda be approved as amended.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes: June 12, 2023, and June 15, 2023

The minutes of June 12, 2023, and June 15, 2023, were confirmed.

5. Correspondence – Mark Fisher: Unfunded Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan Expenses

RESOLUTION #23-94: Trustees Tut/Buck moved: **That the Correspondence – Mark Fisher: Unfunded Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan Expenses be received and filed.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Report from Trustee Special Committees

6. Program Committee – June 5, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-95: Trustees Graeme/Dahab moved: **That the Program Committee Report – June 5, 2023, be approved including: That we initiate a policy review of the Student Behaviour and Discipline policy 5.7 immediately following the 2024 Safe Schools Report for Suspensions and Expulsions.**

A motion was presented by Student Trustee Mahmoud, supported by Trustee Dahab/White moved: That HWDSB commit to consistent and accessible communication to families and community members about the release of the disaggregated suspension and expulsion data by translating reports into multiple languages, including but not limited to, the top 10 non-English languages spoken by families.

That HWDSB provide translated resources to families that includes a guide to the suspension and expulsion process, the appeal process, and the rights of all students and families during a suspension.

After discussion an **amendment** was made to the motion on the floor:

RESOLUTION #23-96: Student Trustee Mahmoud/Trustees Dahab/White moved: **That HWDSB commit to determining the feasibility of consistent and accessible communication to families and community members about the release of the disaggregated suspension and expulsion data by translating reports into**

multiple languages, including but not limited to, the top 10 non-English languages spoken by families, and sharing this with the Board.

That HWDSB commit to determining the feasibility of providing translated resources to families that includes a guide to the suspension and expulsion process, the appeal process, and the rights of all students and families during a suspension and sharing this with the Board.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour (9): Trustees Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, Tut, White and Wong.

Opposed (2): Trustees Archer and Mulholland

That the remainder of the report be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

7. Human Resources Committee – June 6, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-97: Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That the Human Resources Committee Report – June 6, 2023, be received including:**

- **Employee and Staffing Update**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

8. Governance Committee – June 7, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-98: Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – June 7, 2023, be approved including: That the DRAFT Fall 2023 Trustee Learning & Development plan be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #23-99: Trustees Tut/Miller moved: **A motion to recess this being done at 8:28 p.m.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

The Board resumed in public at 9:03 p.m. Trustee Mulholland did not return to the meeting.

The Chair moved to Trustee Miller.

9. Notice of Motion to Amend the September 2023 Board Meeting Date

RESOLUTION #23-100: Trustees Danko/Buck moved: **That the Board amend the motion passed on May 29, 2023, by striking September 18th, 2023, and adding September 11th, 2023.**

Motion from May 29, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-78: That the following Board meeting dates for 2023-2024 be approved as amended:

September 18, 2023*

October 2, 16 and 30, 2023

November 6 and 20, 2023 (November 20th, 2023, Initial Board)

December 4 and 18, 2023

January 15 and 29, 2024
February 12 and 26, 2024
March 4 and 25, 2024
April 8 and 29, 2024
May 13 and 27, 2024
June 10, 17 and 24, 2024

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Chair Danko resumed the position of Chair at 9:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION #23-101: Trustees Fehrman/Miller moved: **That the Board move into Private session under section 207 B of the Education Act the disclosure of intimate, personal, or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;** this being done at 9:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

The public session resumed at 10:04 p.m.

Reports from:

10. Committee of the Whole (private) – June 19, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-102: Trustees Miller/Tut moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – June 19, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That the Human Resources Committee Report from June 6, 2023, be received.**
- **That the Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services Executive Report from June 5, 2023, be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

11. Oral Reports from:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The Chair shared that they are actively working to get dates for the summer and at the latest in September 2023.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

The Chair shared:

- that there was no formal update for the Home & School Association.

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

Trustee Buck shared the following:

- HFSS meeting was held on June 14, 2023.
- There was a short continuation of the earlier AGM to address the auditor, KPMG, who has been selected.
- Discussion occurred around improving the land acknowledgment. System Principal Bailee made a few suggestions in line with our Indigenous Education Circle Action Plan.
- A summary of financial support was given.
- The Proposed budget for the 2023/24 school year was passed.
- Ms. Jennifer Hughes has been added to the Board of Directors.

- HFSS will be embarking on a brand-new signature like an Event in a Box. HFSS would be able to provide a ready-made fundraiser to schools interested in utilizing this resource. 50% of resources would go directly back to the school with the other 50% going to the Foundation. The hope is for 10 schools to pilot this new event option next year. The Foundation is looking at this as a school community building event wherein all students can participate.
- On June 2, 2023 the Hamilton Golf and Country Club hosted a lunch to present six students, from Ancaster High, Bernie Custis, Saltfleet, Sir Winston Churchill, System Alternative Education, and Westmount, who have demonstrated academic success, with \$5000 scholarships.
- PayDay PayOut was an overwhelming success, and the Foundation will continue with this fundraiser.
- Support for Students Fund Revenue has gone up.

D. Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)

- The AGM was held on June 8-10 in Collingwood and the presentations can be found of the OPSBA website.

12. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud shared the following:

- The HWDSB Student Senate had their final meeting on May 31, 2023, and shared and reflected on the year 2022/2023.
- Student Trustee Gloria Li shared the story of her own personal growth throughout the year. Thanks were shared with her mentors, staff, and Trustees for the opportunity to learn and grow.
- Student Trustee Aisha Mahmoud also shared her own personal journey. She has been a Student Trustee for the past two years and spoke of her growth over that time.
- Trustees Wong and Dahab thanked both Student Trustees and highlighted how they too inspired the work at the Board and fellow Trustees.

RESOLUTION #23-103: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved: **That the meeting be extended, this being done at 10:29 p.m.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared the following:

- Director Robinson Petrazzini highlighted that in the 2022-23 School year, she formally visited 25 schools.
- This year, a lot of time has been spent with Principals and Vice-Principals learning and unlearning together.
- HWDSB has launched the Human Rights Policy and Anti-Black Racism Policy and procedures that supports students and staff. HWDSB continues the exploration of the interconnections of well-being, equity and achievement in schools and the focus on learning recovery.
- She is looking forward to the next stage of our multi-year strategic plan process and shared her gratitude for the extensive consultation that we have done related to the development and implementation of new Board priorities.
- HWDSB progressed in the five Strategic Directions outlined in the 2022 Board Annual Plan: Positive Culture and Well-Being, Student Learning and Achievement, Effective Communication, School Renewal and Partnerships.
- The Director shared congratulations to HWDSB commencing students.

- She thanked students, staff, and the community for their dedication and commitment this year.
- On behalf of Executive Council, she wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared the following message:

- Chair Danko shared that it has been a journey this year with the election of a new Board and the first year with a new Director.
- The Board has been working on new ways of consulting with the public for the development of the Strategic Directions and have taken active roles.
- She spoke of the transformations taking place with the addition of the Human Rights Policy and the Whistleblower Policy.
- HWDSB passed a balanced budget with the least number of displaced employees due to the lack of funding from the Provincial government.
- We have just completed the first full in person year after the pandemic.
- The Chair thanked students, staff, and the community for coming together to get through this year despite all the bumps along the way.
- She shared a sad farewell to Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Engagement and shared the upcoming retirement of Associate Director Dunlop who will be retiring at the end of October 2023.

RESOLUTION #23-104: Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That a Staff matter be approved, be added to the Committee of the Whole Report, June 19, 2023.**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes.

In Favour (8): Trustees Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, Tut and Wong. Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud.

Opposed (2): Trustees Dahab and White

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

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