

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2016

LOCATION: Trustee Board Room, 20 Education Court, Hamilton, On L9A 0B9 (Education Centre)

Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White. Regrets were received from Trustee Kathy Archer and Student Trustee Hannah Tobias-Murray.

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. He noted that subsequent Board agendas will include the agenda item "Pupil Accommodation Question & Answer – East Hamilton City 2 and Lower Stoney Creek".

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Staff

The Director introduced the reports and Superintendent Gillies reviewed the key details of each report.

Trustee Van Geffen joined the meeting.

3. Pupil Accommodation Review – Lower Stoney Creek

Suggestions from the trustees for further review and clarifications were noted on the following areas:

- Multi-plan submission to the Ministry of Education; funding of more than one new schools in one area
- Occupancy numbers for new builds
- Implementation costs, including short-term accommodations during new school construction
- Priority in terms of timelines for multi-school buildings
- What governs HWDSB designs for new elementary schools

RESOLUTION #16-62: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That Trustees receive the Lower Stoney Creek Accommodation Review Final Report and defer a final proposal to the Ministry of Education at least 10 calendar days after the public delegations as per the Board's Pupil Accommodation Policy and Ministry of Education guidelines.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Pupil Accommodation Review – East Hamilton City 2

Suggestions from the trustees for further review and clarifications were noted on the following areas:

- Cost components associated with making 2 schools accessible
- Process for changing boundaries between review areas
- French Immersion students at Glen Echo and Glen Brae Schools; a map showing French Immersion student population
- Future developments in the review area

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following were general questions/requests from the trustees for further review and clarifications which pertain to both of the above pupil accommodation reviews:

- A summary of Ministry benchmarks for various capacities for different schools including dimensions for gyms and playing fields for all schools in both review areas
- The list that trustees asked for to be included in the Pupil Accommodation Review report

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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